

# Ridge Rider Horsemanship School

This is a unique horsemanship program for youth ages 13 to 18 and adults 18-25. Rider candidates apply to participation in this program. Weekly, monthly, riding, training, science classes and service work are all part of their schedule. Classroom instruction is combined with physical instructional and actual work application. The students are evaluated, tested and awarded levels of achievement based on their knowledge of a subject and their ability to put it into practice. Work ethics, Christian values and leadership skills are all part of the curriculum. As the student advances in levels they are given more responsibility and more opportunities to gain experience in Equine Facility Management, Herd Management and Horse Training. Members from this group may qualify to become part of the Market Horse Program, Equestrian Team, Summer Camp Staff and may become eligible for Instructor or Equine Management Certifications. Annual Commitment required. Average of 25 hours per month.

This program offers the opportunity to concentrate in different areas or on many areas, depending on the student's interest.

## Skill Objectives:

- q Equine and Barn Management
- q Western and English Riding Skills
- q Handling, Breaking and training
- q Equine Sales and Marketing
- q Teaching and communicating
- q Diligence and Discipline
- q Respect and Leadership
- q Selflessness and Humbleness
- q Sportsmanship
- q Progressive Program

## Method:

- q Life Skills with Spiritual emphasis
- q Structured Study
- q Observation
- q Actual work experience
- q Competitions
- q Field Trips
- q Service Work

## Application:

- q Young leaders, who are hardworking and conduct themselves at above average levels.
- q High expectations from leadership, with reasonable and attainable goals.
- q Individual programs set up to succeed.
- q Prepare and train these young leaders to fill RRR Wrangler positions during summer camps and year round group programs.
- q Young leaders who are confident and competent in skills that the equine industry and the work force will find valuable.

## Graduates of the program may receive:

- q certificate of completion at each level, documenting skills achieved
- q Annual Awards and Level Achievements
- q Documented Hours of work experience
- q Letters of recommendation
- q Documented Vocational Training by Certified Instructors
- q Instructor and/or Trail Guide certification Program Eligibility

This program will provide a firm foundation for continued growth and advancement in the Equine Industry, Spiritual Ministry, or any related service oriented industry.

Tracks of Concentration, progressive with levels of achievement and responsibility with in each level:

q **Track 1 Herd/Barn Manager ( required )**

q Herd health and Maintenance

q Basic Ground Training

q Advanced Grooming

q Horse responsibilities

q Barn Duties

q **Track 2 Instructor**

q Ground/Classroom and Riding Instruction

q Guest Group Organization and Duties

q Trail Guide Certification

q Instructor Certification ( 18 yo)

q **Track 3 Exerciser/Trainer**

q Advanced Ground and Riding Classes

q Project Horse

q Level 2 Riding Ability

q Market Horse

q Level 3 Riding Ability.

Group II and above may qualify for the following programs:

q Market Horse Program ( Horse is purchased for rider to train and care for 1 year , and then market)

q Project Horses or Herd responsibilities ( Health care and maintenance on current RRR horses)

q Equestrian Team ( Competitive team different events, assign specific horses to care for and ride)

q Volunteer & Paid Summer Camp Positions

q Instructing experience ( 14+ yo assist with guest groups)

q Trail Guide Certification ( RRR Trail Certification , to teach , assist or supervise guest groups 14-18yo)

q Paid Trail Guide and Instructor Positions ( must be 18 ) Possible Certification Paid (18 yo)

q Off site Field Trips

Qualifications and Requirements RR Candidate Training

q Be between the ages of 13 & 24

q Exhibit proper behavior at all times

q Be willing to work hard, get dirty and take direction

q Fill out Application and submit with a 1 page essay to Directors

q Interview with directors

q All home work turned in on due dates

q 20 Documented Volunteer Hours within 12 weeks

RR Candidate Graduate Qualifications and Requirements

q Sign Time Commitment Contract and Annual Contract

q Tuesday night Science , Training classes and Barn night

q 2 inch 3 ring binder required

q Scheduled Weekly Riding Lesson

q Work 1 guest groups event per month

q 1 weekend training class per month

q Quarterly & Holiday Community Service Projects

q Minimum of 60 documented volunteer hours per year ( approximately 5 hours per month)

q Monthly Barn Chores, Guest Group and Feeding Assignments

q Horse Assignments