

June 6, 7 & 8, 2011

Somervell County 4-H Horse Camp

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The Somervell County 4-H Clubs will be hosting their **23rd Annual 4-H Horse Camp, June 6, 7 & 8, 2011**. The training school provides a superb and most effective method of “hands on” type instruction. The school will be conducted by collegiate horseman, professional horseman, and very qualified 4-H leaders who teach and demonstrate functional horsemanship, and improve horse training skills, both of which are long range goals. These programs will help the 4-H member to learn effective techniques that last a lifetime.

In addition to the horsemanship instruction, we also have quite a few activities planned including swimming, games, and a dance each night. The camp will be held in the Somervell County Expo Center, located on Hwy 67 on the East edge of Glen Rose. This is an excellent facility including stalls and 2 fully enclosed arenas and an open air covered arena. Meal areas and designated sleeping areas are air conditioned.

A few things that you will need to bring are: your own horse, a swimming suit for cooling off after a long dusty day of riding, your own cot and bedding (or if you are really into “roughing it” You can just throw your bed roll on the ground and use your saddle as a pillow), and your personal toiletries. All children must have a chaperone or a parent present. All meals will be provided.

Cost of the camp is \$100.00 for Somervell County 4-H members and \$150.00 for out of county 4-H members (of which 25.00 is non-refundable/non-transferable). There will not be **any** refunds given to persons canceling reservations after **May 20, 2011**. * Pre registration is mandatory. Please mail to Kathy Singletary at the Somervell County Extension Office, by May 6, 2011. **Mail enrollment form, camp fees and release form. Registration is limited!** This camp is increasingly growing in popularity, so don't wait too long before returning your registration fee, enrollment and release forms.

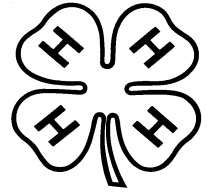
Enrollment will be suspended with the 60th application received and your check returned. A waiting list will be created for those subsequently received and returned. Registration will be Monday, June 6th, between 8:30 and 9:30 am with instruction beginning promptly at 10:00 am. Camp will conclude at approximately 4:00 pm, June 8th. Parents are welcome to stay and camp, a meal fee of \$35.00 will be charged for addition family members wanting to eat. We do require that all children have a chaperone or parent present.

Horse Camp is offered at an opportune time for 4-Hers to sharpen their skills before the District 4-H Horse Shows, we feel fortunate that we are able to offer this educational experience to 4-H members in such a timely fashion. Please fill out and return the enclosed forms by May 6 if you are planning to enroll in the camp. For more information, call the Somervell County Extension Office at (254) 897-2809.

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SOMERVELL COUNTY 4-H HORSE CAMP



Pre-registration Deadline: May 6, 2011

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Youth Registration Form

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Age: _____ Sex: Male Female

Email Address: _____

Please check category of your riding experience:

Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced _____

Will you (youth) be staying in the camps designated sleeping area or offsite (trailer, hotel, etc.)

Circle one: yes offsite

Name of chaperone or parent that will be present: _____

Make Checks payable to: **Glen Rose 4-H Clubs**

Note: The Expo Center has added several new RV sites, if you are interested and need to make a reservation, please call them at 254-897-4509.

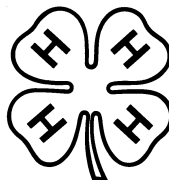
Return this form along with camp fee
and release form by May 6, 2011 to:

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Adult/Chaperone Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sex: (circle) Male or Female

Name of Youth(s) you are chaperoning:

Will you be eating meals with the camp? (circle) yes or no

Will you be staying overnight in the designated camp sleeping area? (circle) yes or no

If you will be sleeping on site, are you a currently screened through the Youth Protection Standards Program through your local county 4-H? (circle) yes or no

If yes, what county? _____

If no, please fill out the attached Volunteer Application Form and return to Kathy Singletary with your registration form.

The purpose of the Youth Protection Standards program is to provide a safe and secure environment for youth and adults involved in Extension programs, implementation of best practices related to management of volunteer service risk, protect the image and integrity of Texas AgriLife Extension Service and its associated groups. In order to serve as a volunteer, all potential volunteers who have direct, face to face contact with youth, must be screened through Youth Protection Standards Program. The criminal background check conducted is a national search of 48 jurisdictions, in addition to state and national sex offender lists.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration for receiving permission for _____ to participate in the TAE Summer Horseman-ship School Program, I or I/we, the parent/parents or legal guardian/guardians of _____, if participant is under the age of 18 (hereinafter referred to as "RELEASORS hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE Texas A&M University, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents, the State of Texas, their officers, servants, agents, volunteers or employees (hereinafter referred to as "RELEASEES") from any and all liability claims, de-mands, actions, causes of actions, whatsoever arising out of, or related to any loss, damage, or injury including death, that may be sustained by the participant, or to any property belonging to the WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, or otherwise while participating in such activity, or while in, on or upon the premises where the activity is be-ing conducted.

Releasors are fully aware that there are inherent risks involved in the equine activity. Such risks may include, but are not limited to:

The tendency of an animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm or even death to persons on or around them.

The unpredictability of an animal's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar ob-jects, persons or other animals.

Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions.

Collisions and contact with other animals or objects.

Releasors hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said activity, and to enter the above named premises and engage in such activity knowing that the activity may be hazardous to the participant and its property. Releasors VOLUNTARILY AS-SUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISKS OF LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, IN-CLUDING DEATH, that may be sustained by the participant, or any loss or damaged property owned by them, as a result of being engaged in such an activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

Releasors further hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES from any loss, liability, damage or costs, including court costs and attorney fees, that may occur due to participation in said activity, WHETHER CAUSED BY NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

Releasors acknowledge that Texas A&M University or other sponsors of this event do not provide any sort of insurance should injury occur.

Releasors have read the attached "Safety Considerations," understand them, and agree to comply with them fully.

IN SIGNING THIS RELEASE, RELEASORS ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT they have read the foregoing Assumption of Risk and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as their own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the foregoing agreement have been made. Releasors execute this document for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set my/our hand on this _____ day of _____.

Participant

If participant is 18 years old or younger:

Parent/Guardian

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Safety Considerations

For all participants and parents or guardians of participants at the 2011 Summer Horsemanship Schools.

Parents or guardians are expected to ensure that their child or children attend the school on a horse that can reasonably be relied upon to be safe for that rider and safe around other people and horses. Please use reasonable care in matching horse and rider.

Horses with a known history of bucking, rearing, falling, kicking, running away, biting and any other serious behavioral problem should not be brought to the school.

Use reasonable care to provide safe tack and equipment.

Check before the school to be sure saddle blankets are somewhat clean and free of anything that could irritate the horse.

Be sure the saddle fits the horse and rider. Check all girths, cinches, latigo straps, breast collars, fender straps, etc. to replace any worn or potentially dangerous equipment.

Be sure the bridle (headstall, bit, chin strap, etc.) fits the horse, is free of worn materials and that this equipment allows the rider to adequately control the horse at all times.

Check stirrups to be sure they fit the rider's foot. Overly large stirrups that allow a boot to go all the way through a stirrup present a serious safety hazard, as do extremely small stirrups that could bind the rider's foot and boot. A large stirrup, even if let down will below a rider's foot, is still very dangerous. An inexperienced rider, trying to ride without stirrups, could slip off and get a foot caught in a dangling stirrup.

For young and/or inexperienced riders, saddles should be free of anything tied on hard and fast, such as a lariat rope, or halter and lead rope, that could allow a rider to become entangled while riding, mounting or dismounting. If a youngster wishes to carry a rope on the saddle that is certainly acceptable provided it is tied with a breakable string or band that will guarantee it will break loose.

All participants must wear boots or English style jodhpur riding shoes. Tennis shoes cannot be worn when riding.

The use of protective headgear is acceptable and encouraged, and is at the optional choice of the participant. If protective headgear is worn, ASTM/SEI helmets are recommended. It is the responsibility of the rider; and the parent or guardian to see to it that the headgear worn complies with appropriate safety standards for protective headgear intended for equestrians' use, and that the headgear is properly fitted and in good condition. The instructors are not responsible for checking that headgear worn is in compliance. The Summer Horsemanship school program, Texas Cooperative Extension, its faculty, staff, employees and instructors, make no representation on warranty, expressed or implied, about any protective headgear, and cautions riders that death or serious injury may result despite wearing such headgear as all equestrian sports involve inherent dangerous risks and as no helmet can protect against all foreseeable injuries.

Participants should wear clothing appropriate for riding and that will provide protection from weather conditions such as sun and heat.

Parents or guardians and/or volunteer leaders should be on hand to assist youth riders when not actually involved in a session. Many young riders will need some assistance at breaks and at other times throughout the day with such things as:

- Saddling and bridling

- Mounting and dismounting

- Haltering, watering and tying horses up

- Holding a horse momentarily

When riding, standing, or leading a horse around or with other horses, always maintain plenty of space between your horse and other horses. Always maintain at least one horse length, and more if possible, between your horse and others.

When going into the riding area or leaving the riding area, please be careful. Horses should always be in the rider's control. For this reason, please walk your horse when leaving a riding session (ex. During a break) or dismount and lead out. This is the optional choice of the participant.

During the horsemanship school, all participants will have an opportunity to practice a variety of drills, maneuvers and exercises. Some participants may feel uncomfortable with a certain drill, maneuver or exercise. If at any time, a rider feels unsafe, scared, confused or in danger, that rider is expected to:

- Communicate with the instructor and request that they not attempt the particular drill, maneuver or exercise.

- Make their own decision about whether or not to continue the remaining part of a particular drill, maneuver or exercise.

Instructors will work to help all riders improve their horsemanship abilities and the performance capabilities of the horses. Instructors will continually strive to create and maintain as safe of an environment as is possible regarding drills, maneuvers or exercises. However, each participant is expected to employ items 10a and 10b above. All participants are attending the horsemanship school of their own free will. Instructor will expect and encourage all participants to actively participate to the extent that a participant feels capable and willing from a safety standpoint.

The purpose of the horsemanship schools are to help riders learn-by-doing and also to have fun, while interacting with others of similar interest. There are certain inherent risks associated with any equine activity. All participants must recognize that there are certain dangers that exist when riding or being around horses. Safety is important, and with every person's help the horsemanship school can be a positive, rewarding experience for everybody in attendance.

Texas Equine Liability Law

The Texas Legislature passed a liability law, effective September 1, 1995. The law defines terms associated with equine activities and the people involved and includes a warning. It also requires that a sign stating the warning be posted in a clearly visible location where equine activities take place. Post this sign at all locations where 4-H riding practices and competitive events are to be held.