

We at Lang's Horse & Pony Farm are committed to providing a safe, educational, and welcoming environment for all our campers, patrons, volunteers, and staff. As a family run business, we are limited in the range of special needs we are able to properly accommodate; including but not limited to behavior management and certain health conditions.

If your child requires special assistance for educational, behavioral or medical needs at school or other programs you will need to contact our office directly before enrolling in one of our camps to ensure that placement is feasible. Please read the attached information for further details.

Camp Behavior and Medication Policy.

By registering for one of our camps you are agreeing to the terms set forth in our Behavior and Medication Policy. Failure to properly disclose your child needs may unfortunately result in them being asked to leave the program. NO refunds will be given if a child is asked to leave due to their behavioral or medical needs being too much for our staff to safely and effectively manage.

Horseback riding, by nature, can be a more dangerous than other sports that do not include a live animal. While our horses enjoy children and are in general very tolerant, they do not respond well to unexpected movements or noises, or harsh treatment. To ensure the safety of your child, we need to know in advance if your child will need extra help or supervision. If a child has difficulties in a group setting, impulse control issues, unusual medical conditions, or other special needs, we must be informed well in advance. Some needs with proper planning can be met at camp. However, we are not a special needs camp, and most of our staff are not trained in managing children who are in need of extra care. If we feel that for safety or any other reason your child's need will be best met with one on one coaching, we will recommend Private Riding Lessons in place of camp.

If deemed necessary families will be expected to provide, at their own expense, the additional supervision or care that is needed to ensure all parties involved have the opportunity to have the best possible camp experience. In most cases, a parent is not the best choice of an aid.

Behavior:

Campers are expected to act respectfully at all times when they are on our property or participating in our programs. Each camper is expected to treat all other campers, volunteers, staff, patrons, animals and property with care and respect. If a camper violates our code of behavior, they will be given a verbal warning. A second offence will result in calling home to discuss the matter with a parent or guardian. A third offence is grounds for immediate dismissal from camp. We will not tolerate bullying, hitting, destructive or other violent behavior. Campers have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner that is in the best interests of the camp program. We reserve the right at any time to dismiss any camper from our camp program without a refund if we feel placement is unsafe or interferes with the greater good of our other campers' experience.

We will not permit any language or actions that can hurt or frighten another person, or that falls below a generally accepted standard of conduct.

Specifically, this includes:

- Angry or vulgar language, including swearing, name-calling, and shouting.
- Physical contact with another person in an angry or threatening way.
- Any demonstration of sexual activity or sexual contact.
- Harassment or intimidation with words, gestures, body language, or other menacing behaviors.
- Behavior which intends to or results in the theft or destruction of property.
- Carrying or concealing weapons or devices that may be used as weapons.
- Possession or use of tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping devices, alcohol, marijuana, controlled substances or medication that has not had prior approval.
- Inhumane or harsh treatment of animals.

We ask campers and their families speak to a camp staff member immediately if they are uncomfortable with any experience during our program so that we may address the issue promptly.

Medical Needs/Allergies/Medication:

While we do our best to meet most of our camper's medical needs we do not have a nurse on staff.

If your child is attending day camp and needs assistance to take medication during camp hours, as the parent or guardian you will be responsible for coordinating with the camp staff so that you can administer the medication.

Overnight campers must turn in all medications to the office at time of check-in. Medications must be placed in a ziplock bag with camper's name on the bag. Medication must be in its original container with an appropriate dosage label and be clearly marked with the camper's name. Medication must include clear instructions and have the appropriate amount of medication needed for the duration of the camper's stay. Medication will be kept in the office or kitchen, and will be distributed at designated times.

Children are never permitted to share with the other campers over the counter medications, vitamins, energy drinks, or candy (because of nuts).

For campers that require an epi-pen, you will be expected to provide one. Also include the doctor's note listing the medical plan if an epi-pen is needed. Epi-pens must be kept on the child's body (in a fanny pack is best) during your child's time with us. Please make sure to list all allergies on the camp registration form.