



Cloud 9 Ranch Day Camps – Summer 2024

Youth Riding Day Camps for riders 7-17 yrs old (21 for Level 3)

9:00 am-4:00 pm **\$380 plus GST**

<u>Beginner Camp</u>	July 8-12 th	August 19-23 rd
<u>Level 1 Camp</u>	July 15-19 th	July 29-August 2 nd
<u>Level 2 Camp</u>	July 22-26 th	August 26-30 th
<u>Level 3 Camp</u>	August 12-16 th	

Riding Day Campers will ride every day under the supervision of quality certified instructors. They will learn riding skills as well as all about horses through fun activities including horse watching, vaulting (gymnastics on horseback), driving draft or miniature horses and participating in team discovery. Campers will be taught how to communicate effectively with horses in a way that is easy to understand and apply. Safety is important and always our #1 priority. Having Fun is a close 2nd! They will learn about tack, horse behavior, markings, etc.

IMPORTANT! Too many campers are registering for camp in a level higher than what their comfort level is which holds back those that can ride at the said level. It is a much more productive and fun week when riders are in the correct level. Most camp weeks have ten horse/riders, and although we have assistants, riders do need to be able to complete tasks appropriate for their level and be able to ride without assistance, in the group of 10 horses, in Level 1 and higher. It is much better for horses, riders and instructors when parents register campers in a lower level week, rather than too advanced. It is no less fun and still a jam packed week of activities!

Beginner camp is for first time riders or those who only ride a few days a year and need to relearn the basics. This week is good for timid riders who like to take things slower.

Level 1 camp is for those who have been in lessons or camp before and know the basic cues for walk and jog/trot reverses and circles. There will be a lot of jogging this week.

Level 2 camp is for riders already loping/cantering who are more independent with catching/grooming/tacking. This camp is also good for riders well balanced and confident at jog/trot and ready to lope/canter OR if they just want to stay at jog and are proficient in all related skills. We have a few young riders who aren't comfortable at lope/canter but are showing and great walk/jog/trot riders. This level would be good for them.

Level 3 camp is for riders developing their showing and training skills. These riders have a balanced and effective seat and are working on lateral movements as well as refining timing and feel in higher level/faster maneuvers. Includes short trail ride with highline tie, roping, lunging, jumping and driving draft horses. Riders in this level can be up to 21.

Campers can ride both English and/or Western throughout the week and bareback.

We teach the skills to ride with confidence, but full day campers must be physically able to ride a horse without side walker for assistance, pay attention and obey instructions in order to remain safe. If your beginner rider is unsure of horses then consider a few private lessons first so that

they are more comfortable in a camp setting. Our well trained and seasoned horses are a big part of a camper's positive experience!

We supply the horses and tack. Riders must wear closed toe boots with a minimum 1/2" heel, shirts and long pants. Rubber boots are sufficient so long as they have the heel required. Do not wear noisy clothing. We supply helmets which are mandatory for students under 18 years old. Students may bring their own certified horse riding helmets.

Be Prepared! Sometimes we cool off with water fights so it's a good idea to send along a pair of shorts, sandals and t-shirt! Campers need to bring their own lunch, snacks and drinks. Please provide method to keep lunches cool if needed. Send along a water bottle marked with the camper's name.

Friday afternoon performance at the end of each week is where campers decorate their horses and show off their skills which looks different depending on riders interests and abilities. It does always include family participation for fun games like bubble gum or juice box races, and our favorite the hunter (horse) and hare (runner) where horse/rider chases family member over 3 jumps with fastest time winning! Keep that afternoon open and wear closed toe shoes so you can participate. Family and friends welcome.

Payable online. Contact tara@cloud9ranch.ca for sign up info. Registration is open now and closes once the horses are all assigned, up to a maximum of 10 campers. For info contact Tara at 204-392-6308 www.cloud9ranch.ca

