

YMCA Camp Wabansi

Horse Camp



Welcome to Camp Wabansi! The Purple Skies Stables are eager to provide a quality horse camp experience for our campers again this summer.

Please read the information below carefully. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sending a little camp love,

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Tentative Itinerary:

Monday:

Campers will meet their counselor and participate in regular camp activities today. They will also spend some time preparing for their time at the stables so they know what to expect for Tuesday.

Tuesday:

Horses galore! After arriving at camp, campers will ride the bus to Purple Skies Stables. After a basic safety orientation, campers will learn about the parts of the horse and tack. Next, it's hands-on instruction in grooming, saddling, and leading the horse. Campers will end the day by mounting up for a ring lesson.

Wednesday:

Another fun-filled day at the stables! Campers will try their hand at skills learned the day before. An obstacle course will be the highlight of the day.

Thursday:

It's time to sample more camp activities. Campers will create an arts & crafts project to commemorate their time with the horses. Tonight is also Family Night and the optional overnight adventure.

Friday:

Campers will join the rest of camp for traditional activities.

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Things to remember for horseback riding:

☒ Long pants

Capri-length pants are not sufficient. Campers may bring shorts to change into upon arriving back at camp if they would like.

☒ Sturdy shoes with a heel

Tennis shoes, 'crocs', and slip-ons are not sufficient. Campers without proper footwear will not be allowed to ride for safety reasons. There are no refunds for missed riding time due to improper footwear. If you have questions about footwear, please call the Camp Office.

☒ Tee shirt and/or sweatshirt

Please do not wear tank or halter tops to the stables.

☒ Bag lunch and a filled water bottle

☒ Sunscreen

☒ Hat or visor *(optional)*

☒ Sunglasses *(optional)*

☒ Camera *(optional)*

☒ Riding helmet *(optional; helmets will also be provided by camp)*

A note to parents:

Camp Wabansi **must** have a signed waiver on file for your camper **before** they attend any activities at the stables. Please send the enclosed waiver back to the Camp Office with your health form as soon as possible. Please make sure you fill out **ALL** of the information carefully on the waiver and sign the bottom. Campers without complete waivers will not be allowed to go to the stables. No exceptions will be made.

Most activities at the stables can take place rain or shine, but weather conditions beyond our control may impact the activity schedule. We will do our best to complete as many activities at the stables as possible.

Please remember that spending two full days with the horses means that campers will be able to complete some, but probably not all, regular camp activities on the days they remain at camp. Campers will always be back from the stables in time to ride the bus back to Green Bay at their regularly scheduled bus stops.

Please also take a moment to discuss good behavior with your camper before their session. Procedures are in place to ensure the safety of all participants. Campers will be expected to follow directions and display behavior that reflects the values of the YMCA. Counselors will discuss expectations with their campers, as well. Campers who choose not to follow behavior expectations or act in a manner that compromises safety will not be allowed to participate and may not be allowed to go to the stables. Please help us ensure a safe and fun time for all participants.

If you haven't already done so, please make sure that you read our Parent Handbook - available at www.CampWabansi.org. There is important general camp information in there for you to prepare for your camper's session. Also be sure that you send in your camper's health form at least two weeks before the first day of the session.

Here's to a successful camp season!