

23 Years of Horse Camps at Anchorage Farm

Anchorage Farm has taught classical horsemanship at 12889 S. Parker Avenue since 1981. Summer horse camps have taken place there every year since 1992.

Horse Camps started as a way to teach kids

- the responsibilities of horse ownership,
- horse care,
- safety ,
- basic horse knowledge (colors, markings, breeds, tack) and
- a correct foundation for riding.

We have always used more advanced juvenile students to help operate Horse Camp. This is due to the founder's belief that learning how to teach, supervise, plan, delegate and work together are critical life skills. In 2006 the operation of Horse Camp was transferred to Centaur Rising, a non-profit 501-c-3 organization.

Centaur Rising seeks to restore man's connection with Nature through the teaching of classical horsemanship, thus instilling confidence, communication, compassion and commitment for all living things.

In this light, we focus on demonstrating compassion for the horse and learning to communicate with him. We do not use apathetic desensitized horses rendered dead to the world around them. Each camper adopts a horse, which means that the camper is responsible for horse turnout, stall cleaning, grooming, tacking and learning to ride his adopted horse. We fervently intend that each child develop a relationship with his horse, to understand his individuality, to never dismiss the horse as bad or stupid, but rather to understand the horse's unique view of the world. It must work! In 23 years we have a 100% safety record in our camps!

The horses we use have generally been with us for 10-20 years. Many of our counselors have been with us for 10 years or more.

At the end of each three-day (Tues-Thurs) camp, campers are quizzed about what they have learned in a "Horse Bowl". Campers receive an educational notebook to take home with them. Many campers return year after year after year – often forgoing birthday parties and Christmas gifts. Camp means that much to them!

Camps are all based upon the teaching of classical horsemanship. This means that we try to impart a sensitivity for the horse as a living feeling creature and the ability of humans to learn two-way communication with them.

We offer five types of camps: Little Kids' Camp (ages 5-7), Basic Horse Camp (one lesson/day), Intensive and Advanced camps (two lessons/day) and a Dressage Camp (August 4-7, 2015). Nic Sigler, an FEI level instructor/trainer/competitor from Evergreen will be co-instructor of the latter camp, geared to both adults and more advanced young people. The Dressage Camp will be followed by a Rocky-Mountain-Dressage-Society-sanctioned dressage show, which will include classes in Western Dressage.

Centaur Rising offers riding instruction year-round, including an after-school program. We are hosting three dressage shows and a number of clinics in 2015. Please check www.CentaurRising.org/page/events.html for a full listing.