



O'Connor Equestrian Camp 2008 **Frequently Asked Questions**

- **When is the session being held?:** This session will be held from June 8 through June 13, 2007.
 - **Where is the camp held?:** This session will be held in Lexington, Virginia at Virginia Horse Center. Check out their website at www.horsecenter.org.
 - **How many campers do you accept?:** We generally take anywhere from 20-25 campers per session.
 - **Do I need to bring my own horse for the camp?:** Yes, you must supply your own horse for the week. If you don't have your own horse or one to borrow, we still invite you to audit the camp. Auditor's will still learn a tremendous amount.
 - **What level do you have to be at to participate?:** We accept everyone that is Beginner Novice equivalent up to Advanced. You do not have to have competition experience to attend, the camp's focus is on improving your horsemanship skills as well as riding. We welcome all riders, not just eventers.
 - **Is there an age restriction?:** We ask that all campers be at least 12 years and up, and all campers that are under 17 must have a responsible adult present with them for the full week. In the past, the camps end up being 50% older teens and 50% adults.
 - **How are the groundwork and riding sessions conducted?:** The riding is done in small groups of 4-5. We have a total of 5 instructors at the camp, which include David, Karen, and three of our journeymen, all of which are international CCI****-level riders. We also have numerous top level grooms to assist with the horsemanship and to answer any questions about stable management and horse care.
 - **When do we arrive and depart?:**
Please arrive between 1pm and 4pm on Sunday, June 10. Campers should plan to leave by 4 pm on Friday, June 15. Please contact us if you need to arrive or depart at another time.
 - **Where do we stay while we're there?**
Camp participants are responsible for their own lodging. There are several hotels within 4 miles. Camper hook-ups are available for those wishing to stay on grounds, please contact Penny Ross at 540-348-1152 for more information.
 - **Reliable Reservations** specializes in booking reservations for Virginia Horse Center events.
Phone: 1-800-919-9675 Website: www.reliablereservations.com.
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| Comfort Inn - ½ mi (540) 463-7311 | Holiday Inn Express - 1mi (540) 463-7351 |
| Best Western – ½ mi (540) 464-1500 | Travelodge - 4 mi (540) 463-9131 |
| Super 8 – ½ mi (540) 463-7858 | Ramada Inn - 4 mi (800) 228-2828 |
- **Where do the horse's stable?:** The stabling for the horses is included in the entry fee, and will be together with the instructors horses on grounds at the VA horse center. You must supply your own hay, feed, buckets, and stall cleaning supplies. Bedding will be available for purchase.
 - **Can I bring an extra horse?:** Unfortunately, due to space restrictions and insurance, we can only allow one horse per camper. That includes bringing your second horse along just to ride.

➤ **What do I need to bring with me?:**

- Approved helmet with chin strap (must be worn at all times while mounted)
- Riding breeches with half chaps and paddock boots and/or other riding boots
- Body Protector and Medical Armband (only if you have them, don't worry if you don't)
- Hay and feed for your horse (shavings will be for sale, or you may bring your own)
- Stall cleaning equipment, Feed/water buckets, stall guards, and snaps
- Your tack, boots, rugs, wraps, and tack cleaning/grooming supplies, just as if you were going to an overnight event.
- Warm, cool, and wet weather clothing for yourself and your horse

Equipment, feed, hay etc. may be stored in tack stalls. There are areas provided to wash horses and/or equipment.

➤ **Can I bring my dog with me?:** We all love taking our dogs to equestrian events, but please do not bring them to camp. Participants will not have time to care for them or have a place to keep them while riding and lectures are taking place.

➤ **What about food for us campers?:** The entry fee includes catered breakfast and lunch daily, as well as two dinners during the week.

➤ **What if you didn't answer my question here?:** No problem, just email us at oconnorequestrian@gmail.com. Thanks!