



Hello Horse Extreme camper,

We are so excited to welcome you, first time campers or those of you returning, to Horse Extreme! Get ready for an unforgettable adventure filled with horseback riding, new friendships, and incredible experiences in the great outdoors. Whether you're an experienced rider or a first-time camper, we can't wait to see you develop new skills, challenge yourself, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

This week, you'll have the opportunity to bond with a horse, explore the beauty of nature, and grow in your confidence and ability as a rider. Alongside our passionate and skilled staff, you'll learn about horsemanship, teamwork, and responsibility in ways that go beyond the saddle.

Here are just a few things you can look forward to during your time at camp:

- **Horseback Riding:** From basic riding techniques to more advanced skill practice, we'll do our best to meet you where you're at and help you grow.
- **Equine Care:** Learn how to care for your horse through stall cleaning and grooming your horse, building trust and a strong bond with your new four-legged friend.
- **Fun Activities:** In addition to riding, we'll have games, challenges, and group activities designed to build teamwork, leadership, and just plain fun throughout the week both at the barn and around camp.
- **Campfire Memories:** End each day gathered around the campfire, sharing stories, singing songs, and enjoying the fellowship of your new friends.

Our staff is here to ensure you have a safe, fun, and meaningful experience. We encourage you to challenge yourself, try new things, and embrace the spirit of adventure. Above all, remember that Horse Extreme is about having fun, pushing your limits, and growing together as a community.

We're looking forward to our time together, and we can't wait to get started! There are a few additional items we would like you to bring and are listed below. Giddy up and get ready for an incredible week at BLYC Horsemanship Extreme!

Sincerely,
Andrea Bellino and the wrangler team

If you would like to bring your own horse, please contact Andrea Bellino, Big Lake's horsemanship director, at horsemanship@biglake.org to make arrangements.

If your parents need to reach you while you are away at camp, staff will always have a cell phone, and parents can reach them by calling 503.850.3562.

RAD Horse Extreme Packing List

(Items in addition to the basic packing list in the *Parent Pack*)

Item	Quantity	Notes
Sturdy Riding Pants	3-4	Jeans or breeches work well; thin leggings are not recommended as they don't protect legs on trail rides.
Boots/Riding Shoes	1	At least ½ inch heel is recommended for boots or riding shoes. We do have boots campers can wear if they don't have their own.
Tall Socks	5+	Recommended. Tall socks make wearing boots more comfortable by keeping the tops of boots from rubbing your calves. Tucking your pants into your boots can do the same thing.
Helmet	1	Equestrian helmet, ASTM-approved; we have helmets campers can wear if they don't bring their own.
Water Bottle	1	Liter or quart size recommended. Must seal well. No hydration packs or fanny packs due to risk of snagging on trees while on trail.
Masks / Bandanas	5+	Bring a clean mask or bandana for each day. We'll do as much as we can without masks, but they'll still be required sometimes.
Long Sleeves	2-3	Sun protection, layering in the mornings and evenings, also help protect arms from scratches during trail rides.
Rain Gear/warm jacket		A rain jacket or shell is helpful just in case precipitation happens and we have cooler weather.