

Houghton University Equestrian Camp - Girls & Boys Day Camp

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

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Safety and Security: 585-567-9333 (on duty 24-hours a day in the event of an emergency)

IMPORTANT ADDRESS:

Monday Registration and Daily Drop Off/Pick Up:

Houghton University Equestrian Center

9823 School Farm Road, Houghton, NY 14744

(located just 2 miles from main campus)

<https://www.houghton.edu/admission/visiting/campus-map/>

PAYMENTS AND FINAL BALANCES:

- All payments are completed online through your UltraCamp Registration.
- You have the option to pay in full or make smaller monthly payments.
- Payment amount or changes can be adjusted by contacting equestriancamp@houghton.edu

EQUESTRIAN CAMP REFUND POLICY:

- Refunds, minus a \$200 non-refundable deposit, will be made for camper cancellations made prior to one month before campers scheduled start date.
- For camper cancellations received between 2-4 weeks prior to your camp start date, 50% refunds will be made.
- **NO REFUND WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF CAMP START DATE.** Special consideration will be given if withdrawal is for medical reasons.

REGISTRATION MORNING: Registration runs on Monday from 8:3-9:00am at Equestrian Center

- Campers will check-in and meet camp staff, receive their camp t-shirt, meet with the summer medical staff, and get ready for a fun first day of camp.
- **ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE THROUGH ULTRACAMP PRIOR TO ARRIVAL**
 - Medical Forms – A physician's signature must accompany each medication, both prescriptions and over the counter, must be turned into the camp health director at time of check-in/registration.
 - Copy of Insurance Card
 - Camper Riding Release
- Bring all of your over-the-counter and prescription medications labeled and in their original containers with you.

CAMPER DROP-OFF & PICK-UP:

- **CAMPER DROP-OFF:** From 8:30-8:45am each morning campers should be dropped off at the Equestrian Center and will meet in the Event Center Atrium to get ready to start off their day.
- **CAMPER PICK-UP:** At 3:30 each afternoon campers will need to be picked up at the Equestrian Center and will be ready in the Event Center Atrium with their things to head home.

THURSDAY MORNING LESSON:

- You are invited to watch your camper on Thursday morning to see what they've been learning in their lessons throughout the week.
- Campers will either ride between 9:30 – 10:30AM or 10:30 – 11:30AM depending on their lesson group.

RIDING LESSONS:

Our philosophy for teaching and training is based on the principles of classical dressage and flows into every style of riding we provide.

Lesson groups are separated into the various riding disciplines and designed to meet each camper's personal riding goals and their skills and ability demonstrated to best meet the rider's goals, challenge them in areas of skill and knowledge, and to provide the opportunity to learn more about their discipline of interest.

- Lesson groups may be just 1 rider or up to 5 riders to best meet goals and provide individual attention.
- Campers ride once a day, usually working on foundational groundwork in the mornings, and moving on to jumping, patterns, and/or advanced work in the evening lessons.
- Rider-horse pairs are chosen by staff after a short evaluation ride to try to best meet the camper's goals and abilities.

CAMPER CELL PHONE POLICY (CAMPER HAVE LIMITED ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY):

- Cell phones and other technology (mp3 players, iPods, tablets, etc.) are not allowed and should be left at home for the duration of each camp day. This is so they don't get lost, dropped in a water bucket, or stepped on by a horse AND to promote camper relationships and community.
- Camp Photos and updates will be posted regularly on the *Houghton University Equestrian Program* Facebook & Instagram pages
- Families are welcome to contact the Camp Director if updates are needed or necessary.

HOUGHTON UNIVERSITY EQUESTRIAN CAMP RULES:

Houghton University Equestrian Camps are intended to be an educational experience aimed at the whole person – physical, intellectual, social and spiritual – set within a fun, enjoyable and safe environment. Structure and mutual respect are essential to accomplishing this goal. The following rules are intended to create just such an atmosphere.

- Demonstrate EXCELLENCE in all that you do.
- Look for ways to encourage others.
- Clean up after yourself in the dorm and at the equestrian center, including tack and equipment.
- Campers will wear their seatbelt in the vans or cars on ALL rides to and from the Equestrian Center.
- Helmets are required to be worn anytime on a horse and must be within 5-years of the manufacturing date (located on the inside panel of the helmet, often under the padding)
- Campers will have a change of footwear to wear to and from the Equestrian Center
- Cell Phones will be used to call family for a short update and to inform them on their Friday ride time.
- Foul language will not be tolerated.
- Campers will dress appropriately and modestly for afternoon activities and for being at the equestrian center. No spaghetti strap tank tops, mid-drift tops, or crop-top shirts.
- No alcohol, drugs, vape pens, tobacco products are allowed on campus. Immediate dismissal without a refund will be issued.
- All injuries must be reported when they occur.
- Do not enter anyone else's room unless they are present AND invite you in.
- Respect other people's property. Vandalism and theft will result in immediate dismissal without a refund.
- Campers are responsible for their personal items and valuables (which may be turned into Equestrian Camp Staff). HCEC will not be responsible for lost or stolen articles/money.
- Keep your room clean. Use the garbage cans on each floor.
- Directors and camp staff may inspect your room at any time without advance notice.
- Lights out will be enforced.
- Damage to University property will be billed to the camper and parents.
- Treat other campers, staff and community members the way you would want them to treat you. Demonstrate the respect and value that you would want shown to you and that exemplifies the Houghton University Equestrian Program.
- Please keep the restrooms (dorm and equestrian center) and shower areas presentable.
- No food or drinks are to be taken into the pool area.
- Gum chewing is restricted at the Equestrian Center
- Do not pet, feed, or bother the cats at the Equestrian Center.
- Have a great week and get everything out of camp that you can. We are here to help and we encourage you to get to know all of your camp staff.

"The Houghton University Equestrian Camps are committed to providing top quality, professional instruction and exposure to the Christian life in a setting that emphasizes individual attention and maximum participation at an affordable price."

HOUGHTON UNIVERSITY EQUESTRIAN CAMP PACKING LIST:

The following packing list is provided for your convenience. This list refers to general clothing and footwear needs that each camper might like during their day at camp.

No additional clothing needed Monday. Staff will share what is needed for next day of camp at the end of the day

Clothing for Riding & Afternoon Non-Riding Activities

- Jeans or long pants
- Shorts
- Extra T-Shirt/Tank Top (no mid-riffs/spaghetti straps)
- Sweatshirt
- Jacket
- Rain jacket
- Bathing Suit

Footwear

- Boot with small heel needed for riding (don't have to buy horse specific branded boots)
- 1 pair of sneakers (closed toed shoes, crocs do not count)
- 1 pair of sandals or water shoes for creek-stomping (old sneakers or waterproof sandals)
- Flip flops for pool time
- Rubber muck boots – *optional*

Riding Equipment - *Can be provided by HU Equestrian Center*

- Riding Helmet – ASTM-SEI Approved (5 or less years old)
- Safety Vest for Cross Country Course

Miscellaneous

- Insect repellent