

Houghton University Equestrian Camp - Girls Residential Camp

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Camp Director Contact Info.: Hannah Williamson (360) 869-2535

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

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

Sunday Registration and Drop Off:

5:30-6:30pm Check-In & Move-In

Check-In-Campus Center

Move-In: Residence Hall TBD

1 Willard Avenue, Houghton, NY 14744

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

Friday Morning Lessons:

Houghton University Equestrian Center

9823 School Farm Road Houghton, NY 14744

(located just 2 miles from main campus)

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 a month before scheduled camper start date.
- For camper cancellations received between 2-4 weeks prior to your camp start date, 50% refunds will be made.
- **NO REFUNDS GIVEN WITHIN 2 WEEKS OF SCHEDULED CAMPER START DATE.**
Special consideration will be given if withdrawal is for medical reasons.

REGISTRATION DAY: Registration starts on Sundays at 5:30pm in the Campus Center

- Campers will check-in and meet camp staff, turn in technology, receive their camp t-shirt, meet with the summer medical staff.
- Once checked in, campers will be directed to designated residence hall to move into their rooms.
- **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.
- At 6:30PM, after getting settled, campers and families will say their goodbyes and campers will head up to the Equestrian Center for camp orientation and evaluation rides.

FRIDAY LESSONS & CAMPER PICK-UP:

FRIDAY MORNING LESSONS: You are invited to watch your camper on Friday morning to see what they've been learning in their lessons.

- Campers will either ride between 9:00 – 10:30AM or 10:00 – 11:30AM depending on lesson group.

FRIDAY LUNCH: Lunch is provided for campers on Friday. Families and friends may pay to join your camper for lunch prior to leaving at the Houghton University Dining Services.

CAMPER PICK-UP: If you are unable to make it to see your camper's Friday lesson or lunch, please plan to pick up your camper by 1:00pm or arrange a late pick-up with the Director. Late pick ups will be charged accordingly.

EARLY ARRIVALS & AIRPORT/BUS SHUTTLES:

EARLY ARRIVALS/LATE PICK-UPS: \$75

- Early Sunday arrivals or Late Friday pick ups can be arranged with camp director.

AIRPORT / BUS SHUTTLES: BUFFALO OR ROCHESTER: \$100 EACH WAY

- ALL ARRIVAL TIMES MUST BE EARLIER THAN 3PM SUNDAY
- ALL DEPARTURE TIMES MUST BE AFTER 3PM FRIDAY
- Campers may arrange for transportation to or from the airport or bus station in either Rochester or Buffalo with a camp staff member.
- As many other campers use these services, please check with the Camp Director prior to ticket purchase to see if travel plans can be coordinated.

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

- Cell phones and other technology (mp3 players, iPods, tablets, etc.) are turned in at registration so they don't get lost, dropped in a water bucket, or stepped on by a horse AND to promote camper relationships and community.
- Campers will have the opportunity to speak with their family twice during the week for a short check-in and to confirm their riding time on Friday. If campers do not have their own phone, they are welcome to use a staff member's phone. Monday and Wednesday evenings are the days that campers get to call home.
- Families are welcome to contact the Camp Director if updates are needed or necessary.

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, 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 twice 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.

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-riff 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). HUEC 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 needs, please adjust depending on camper's length of stay. Laundry facilities are available to those staying for more than one week. Please bring laundry detergent and label clothing and items with camper's name. Campers stay in University dorm rooms which includes a dresser and desk. Bathrooms are in the rooms or in the hall.

Clothing for Afternoon & Non-Riding Activities

- Shorts
- Jeans or long pants
- T-shirts (no mid-riffs)
- Sports tanks (no spaghetti straps)
- Underwear
- Socks
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt
- Jacket
- Rain jacket
- Bathing Suit

Footwear

- 1 pair of sneakers (must be closed toed, **crocs do not count**)
- 1 pair of sandals or water shoes for creek-stomping (old sneakers or waterproof sandals)
- Flip flops for shower use or pool time
- Rubber muck boots – *optional*

Other Items

- Toiletries
- Bed Linens - twin size or Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Towels – showering and pool

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

- 2-4 pair riding breeches/tights or jeans
- 4-6 pair tall socks
- 1 pair of low or tall boots with a defined heel (Ex. Paddock or Cowboy boots)
- ****Riding Helmet** – ASTM-SEI Approved (5 or less years old)
- ****Safety Vest** for Cross Country Course

Miscellaneous

- Spending Money (\$50 suggested)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Pony Games outfits – fun, crazy clothing to dress up! (Ex. Hawaiian shirts, crazy socks, tutus, hats, etc.)

BRINGING YOUR HORSE TO CAMP INFO SHEET

Houghton University Equestrian Center

9823 School Farm Road, Houghton, NY 14744

1. You may bring your horse to the Houghton Equestrian Center **BETWEEN 3:00-5:30pm** on Sunday of check-in. Staff will be there to assist you and show you where your horse will be staying for the week. Once your horse is settled, you can join the rest of the campers down in the designated residence hall for camper registration.
2. **Be sure your horse is up-to-date on Coggins test, rabies inoculation, & a 5 way vaccine (EEE/WEE, Flu/Rhino, Tetanus. Emailed files or hard copies of certificates/vet paperwork can be used.**
3. Pack your horse's grain in labeled zip-lock bags with amount of grain and any supplements or medications pre-measured and included in the appropriate meals so staff know exactly what your horse receives for each feeding. EXAMPLE: MONDAY AM: Star, Suzy Jones, MONDAY PM: Star, Suzy Jones, etc.
4. Bring your saddle with fittings, bridle, halter and lead rope, and any splint boots, etc. you normally use with your horse. Bring several saddle pads, so you have dry or fresh saddle pads for your lessons. (We do have washer and dryer at the barn, to launder saddle pads, but cannot get 18 to 36 pads washed and dried EVERY day). It is strongly recommended that you have everything labeled with your name, so it does not get mixed up with other campers' gear!
5. Bring a couple of bales of hay, to keep your horse munching happily during times he/she is in a stall.
6. Bring 2 water buckets and a feed bucket for your horse.
7. Bring fly-spray and/or a fly mask for your horse.
8. Each stall at the Houghton University Equestrian Center has a vertical clear plastic sleeve for a stall sign. We will have one made for you but feel free to make a vertical paper sign (standard typing paper size) with photos and information about your horse to go on the front of the stall! That will help the other campers and the camp staff get to know your horse.
9. Be sure your horse's feet are in good shape, appropriately shod or trimmed and ready for work. He or she will get ridden 8 times during your week at camp, and you don't want your horse to be unable to keep up because of tender feet!
10. There is parking space at the equestrian center for trailers to be left during the week of camp, if desired.
11. Picking forks, wheelbarrows, and shovels are available at the equestrian center, as is sawdust/pellet bedding. You do not need to bring those with you. There are paddocks for limited turnout available, so your horse can nibble grass and blow off steam