

Wonderland Farm

22nd Annual Horseback Riding Camp

ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS WELCOME
BEGINNER~INTERMEDIATE~ADVANCED

WHAT IS ENGLISH RIDING?

There are many different styles of riding for different purposes. Here at Wonderland Farm we teach English Hunt Seat Equitation. It is riding by balance, not by sheer strength or force. This kind of riding includes riding on the flat in a ring, jumping, & riding in the open such as on trails. With a good basis in a balanced seat, a rider can adapt to any style of riding.



BENEFITS OF RIDING

Riding can have great benefits for children & families.

Riding is a healthy outdoor sport; it can be enjoyed alone, in a group, as part of a team, or as a family activity. This enjoyment can be lifelong. Children are naturally attracted to animals and to the challenge of riding. Riding & caring for a horse or pony can teach them kindness, patience, responsibility, & perseverance. Taking instruction and working with other young riders can help instill self-discipline, good sportsmanship, & self-esteem. Of course, these virtues don't come automatically from taking lessons; they require guidance & leadership. Our camps provide an enriching experience in exploring the equine partner.

At camp, your child will be immersed in all aspects of riding from basic care of their pony to honing their skills in the saddle. Safety is taught from the very beginning & is emphasized in all aspects of camp. Our hands-on approach in all of our activities allow each individual child the chance to connect with these wonderful, intelligent, & affectionate animals.



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General Information & Frequently Asked Questions

Why Wonderland Farm?

Truly Superior Staff! Highly trained & experienced in horseback riding instruction. Owner & Head Instructor has a B.A. Degree in Equine Studies. Low child to instructor ratio for more individual attention & focus. Over twenty years conducting successful & fun camps at our 106 acre farm. Year after year the buzz is that this is a favorite among the kids! Diverse & interesting activities that are educational, active, fun, & hands-on.

What are the child to instructor ratios?

Mounted instruction is 3 to 1. Activities on the ground around horses is 5 to 1. There is always at least one adult on lifeguard duty while swimming ponies in the pond.

What are your certifications, accreditations, & training?

Owner & Head instructor has a B.A. Degree in Equine Studies from Virginia Intermont College. Recipient of Outstanding Teaching award upon Graduating. She has over twenty years experience teaching and training. Assistant instructor has been with us several years and specializes in teaching children.

Do you have suitable horses for riding?

We own over 15 different horses & ponies. Several are tried & true oldies that have happily taught many a child & adult to ride. With our large variety, there is something suitable for every skill level.

What is Wonderland Farm's safety record?

We have an impeccable safety record with zero accidents or incidents. Safety on the farm & while working around the horse is always stressed.

How many years experience do you have conducting camps?

This is our twenty second year offering summer horseback riding camps. Director & owner of Wonderland Farm has over 30 years experience with youth camps.

Do you have late pick-up service available?

There is a fee for this service & prior arrangements must be made through registration. The latest pick-up time is 5:30pm. The cost is \$75 per week or \$20 per day if only certain days are needed. An hourly charge of \$10 an hour can be arranged if only a short time is needed.

Questions? Call (910) 655-5735 or e-mail us at karen@wonderlandfarm.net

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Wonderland Farm Summer Camps 2018

2018 Camp Dates

Week #1 June 11th - June 15th

Week #2 June 18th - June 22nd

Week #3 June 25th - June 29th

Week #4 July 9th - July 13th

Week #5 Tiny Riders July 16th -20th

Week #6 July 23rd - July 27th

Week #7 July 30th - August 3rd

Week #8 Tiny Riders Aug 6th - Aug 10

Summer Horseback Riding Camp

Located just 10 minutes west of Wilmington, off highway 74/76 nestled away on a 106 acre horse farm full of fun and learning activities for kids!

Horseback Riding! Learn how to catch & lead your horse or pony & become responsible for the care & grooming of your horse. Learning the different tack used to saddle up & ride, studying the parts of the horse, & identifying the different breeds of horses are just a few of the areas covered. Students receive English Hunt Seat instruction on an individual & group level. Students will learn how to ride & maintain control of their horse or pony.

All levels welcome from 1st time beginners through advanced.

Beginners receive 1 on 1 instruction; Intermediate & Advanced riders receive 1 on 1 & group instruction.

Instructor to student ratio is 1 to 3.

Classes limited to 10 students for quality instruction



Bareback Riding! Learn what it feels like to ride a horse bareback.

Games on Horseback! Hone your riding skills while playing mounted games.

Afternoon Art Classes! Students receive instruction from a certified art instructor during a week long project exploring sculpture while making a clay horse with real horse hair. Make your favorite horse or pony!



Swimming on Horseback! Cool off in the pond with a pony!

Trail Riding! Enjoy the outdoors & experience nature as you ride through the forest on our 106 acres of beautiful wooded trails.



Tiny Riders Camp for Ages 3 1/2 to 5

We offer a week to introduce the younger kids to all the fun these furry friends have to offer. The days are shortened to 9:00 - 12:00, but are full of the same hands-on activities conducted in the older kids camp. Young riders will learn care of their pony & receive riding instruction during mounted activities while exploring the wonderful world of horses!



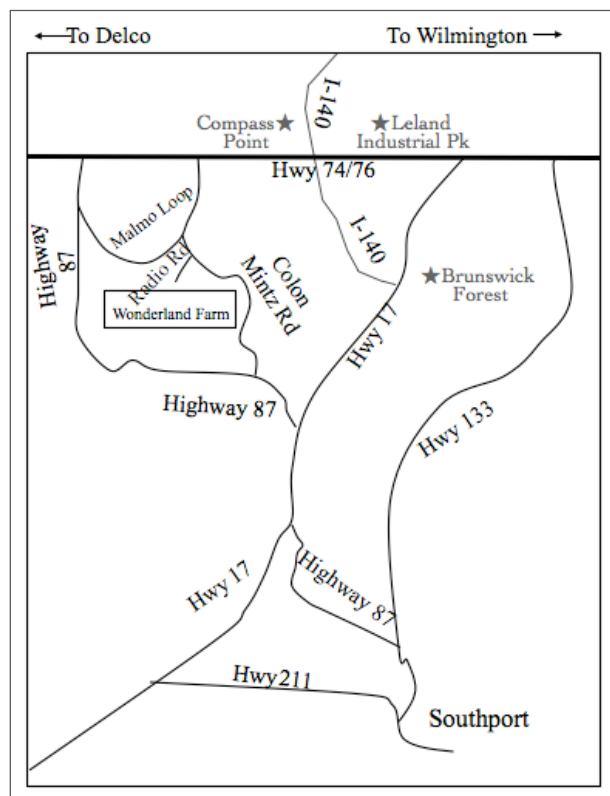
Head Instructor & Camp Director

Karen Halpryn Mealey

Karen received her B.A. in Equine Studies in 1990 from Virginia Intermont College. She also holds an Art education degree from Central Connecticut State University & Massachusetts College of Art. Karen had operated her own farm for several years at different locations before establishing Wonderland Farm located in Brunswick County. Her students range from the true beginner to those competing on the national level.



Wonderland Farm Summer Camps



Camp Times 9:00am - 3:00pm

Tiny Riders Week 9:00 - 12:00

Optional Late Pick-up at Farm

If you have signed up for this service, the latest pick-up time is 5:30pm at the farm.

What to Wear

Anyone participating in horse camp must wear long pants & a **sturdy shoe with at least a 1/2" heel** for safety. No sneakers!

This is mandatory, no exceptions.

No Capri pants & no sandals or flip flops!

Safety approved helmets are provided & must be worn when mounted

What to Bring

Shorts & sneakers can be brought for the afternoon.

Bag lunch

Sunscreen

Bathing suit & towel

Refillable water bottle, it gets hot!

Directions

From Wilmington:

Cross Cape Fear Bridge and Take Hwy 74/76 West approx 8 miles to Malmo Loop Rd. Turn Left on Malmo Loop (1st left after Compass Pointe), go 2 miles, turn left on Colon Mintz Rd. Go 1/4 mile and turn right at sign onto Radio Rd and follow to Barn.

From Southport:

Take Hwy 87 North, junction with 17N. Go 3.4 miles & make left on Hwy 87. Go 3.1 miles & turn right on Colon Mintz Rd. Go 2 miles & turn left at sign on Radio Rd. Follow to Barn.

From I-140:

Take the exit toward Hwy US 74/76W. Make a right turn onto Hwy US 74/76. Take first left after Compass Pointe onto Malmo Loop Rd. Go two miles and make left onto Colon Mintz Rd. Go 1/4 mile and make right at farm sign.

What to Expect

Spending time outdoors in fresh air

Hands on time spent with horses

Lots of Riding horses

Having fun while learning!

Payment/Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cost:

Weekly Camps are \$325 per week

Early bird Special:

Only \$295 if paid by 4/15 you save \$30

There is a \$25 discount on any additional weeks added or siblings.

Payment is due at time of Registration to hold a space in the camp.

Cancellations will be subject to a \$100.00 Administration fee.

No refunds after May 25, 2018

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Summer Camp Itinerary

Monday

9:00 am	All students arrive at farm
9:00-9:15	Final registration & introductions to camp counselors
9:15-9:30	Safety briefing- How to be safe on the ground around horses
9:30-9:45	Students paired up & horses are assigned
9:45-10:30	Students are paired up with counselors & assisted in getting their horse Students are taught how to catch a horse in the field, put a halter on, & lead it to the barn. Students are shown various grooming tools & taught how to groom their mount. Students groom their horses & learn how to pick up its feet to clean the hooves. Tack(saddle, bridle, girth) that will be used on the horses is explained briefly. Students are assisted with tacking up their mounts.
10:30-10:45	Safety briefing- How to be safe when mounted on horseback
10:45-11:00	Students & horses go to riding ring & are shown how to mount
11:00-12:00	Formal instruction in proper position, balance, steering, & safety
12:00-12:30	Dismount & lead horses back to barn Students are shown how to untack their horse Students are assisted in untacking their mount Horses are groomed & hosed if necessary Students turn horse back outside with assistance of counselor
12:30-1:00	Students eat lunch
1:15-2:00	Horse Art Project
2:00-2:45	Horse anatomy- learn the parts of the horse.
2:45-3:00	Campers clean up & get ready for pick-up
3:00	Parents pick-up students at farm

Tuesday

9:00	All students arrive
9:15-9:45	Students & counselors catch & bring in assigned horses Students groom & tack up horses
9:45-10:00	Students lead horses to ring & mount
10:00-11:00	Formal instruction in proper position, balance, steering, & safety
11:00-11:15	Break for water/restroom
11:15-11:45	Musical stalls & Simon Says on horseback
11:45-12:15	Dismount & lead horses back to barn. Untack, groom, & cool out horses
12:15-12:45	Students eat lunch
12:45 -1:45	Horse art project & watch a horse related video
1:45-2:45	Learn what it feels like to ride a horse bareback. Students take turns riding in the round pen Cool off in the pool
2:45-3:00	Campers clean up & get ready for pick-up

Wednesday

9:00	Students arrive
9:00-9:30	Students & counselors catch & bring in assigned horses Students groom & tack up horses
9:30-9:45	Students lead horses to ring & mount
9:45-10:45	Trail ride on our 106 acres
10:45-11:00	Break for drinks/restroom
11:00-12:00	Second group heads out for trail ride
12:00-12:15	Dismount & lead horses back to barn. Untack, groom, & cool out horses
12:15-12:45	Lunch
12:45-1:15	Horse Art Project
1:15-2:30	Choice of swimming or bareback riding
2:30-2:45	Return to barn & change clothes
2:45-3:00	Campers clean up & get ready for pick up

Thursday

9:00	Students arrive
9:00-9:30	Students & counselors catch & bring in assigned horses Students groom & tack up horses
9:30-9:45	Students lead horses to ring & mount
9:45-10:45	Formal instruction in proper position, balance, steering, & safety
10:45-11:00	Break for water/restroom
11:00-11:30	Red light, green light & Egg/Spoon races on horseback
11:30-12:00	Dismount & lead horses back to barn. Untack, groom, & cool out horses
12:00-12:30	Students eat lunch & watch a horse related video
12:30-1:30	Horse Art Project
1:30-2:30	Bareback riding in the pond! Students get to experience bareback riding while horse swims
2:30-2:45	Return to barn & change clothes
2:45-3:00	Campers clean up & get ready for pick up or transport to mall

Friday

9:00	Students arrive
9:00-9:30	Students & counselors catch & bring in assigned horses Students groom & tack up horses
9:30-9:45	Students lead horses to ring & mount
9:45-11:30	Formal instruction/Games on horseback- Students are paired into two teams & play mounted games that show off their new riding skills
11:30-12:00	Dismount & lead horses back to barn. Untack, groom, & cool out horses
12:00-12:45	Students eat lunch & watch a horse related video
12:45-1:30	Finish Horse Art Project
1:30-2:30	Bareback riding in the round pen or swimming
2:30-2:45	Review anatomy, different breeds, colors, & marking of horses
2:45-3:00	Campers clean up & get ready for pick-up

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