

The *Collective*
EQUESTRIAN Academy

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Welcome to The Collective Equestrian Academy 2019 day camp!

We're thrilled you've chosen The Collective Equestrian Academy day camp as a summer equine experience for your child. This packet will help you send him or her prepared for a fun-filled week of camp. Please know that our intent is to foster a love of horses in a welcoming, supportive atmosphere. Your child will receive one-on-one mounted instruction each day, and we'll also engage them in on-the-ground horsemanship instruction, along with team building lessons and other activities around the farm.



Liz Crumbly

About us:

- **Academy owner Liz Crumbly** is a Berry College graduate and lifelong equestrian. She began riding at the age of eight and eventually became an open-level rider for the Berry College Equestrian Team, representing her school twice in national competition in both hunt seat equitation and Western horsemanship. She has shown horses extensively with the American Quarter Horse Association and United States Dressage Federation. She now makes it her commitment to provide your child with compassionate, experienced instructors and horses for a fun and educational horse camp experience.

- **The Academy** is housed on 50 acres of woods and pasture on John's Creek in beautiful Rosedale (or Everett Springs, depending on which local you ask). It's home to horses, cats and chickens.

- **Our lesson ponies**, Chey and Ava, are 19 and 15, respectively. Ava is a buckskin registered Quarter Horse, and Chey is double registered with AQHA and the American Paint Horse Association. Liz lovingly calls them her "retired lunch ladies," owing to their steady characters and vast experience. They have each had long and successful show careers, and they *think* they're retired! In reality, they work part time helping young riders learn the ropes of effective riding.



Ava



Chey

So, that's a little bit about us. Attached is our tentative camp schedule. We'll begin each day at 8 a.m., while the weather is still cool, and we'll end at noon. Parents are welcome to stay as long as they feel they need to after drop-off in order for their campers to feel comfortable in a new setting. In the event of rain, camp will still go on. We'll just move into the barn and work on unmounted activities. In the event of storms, we'll move into the farmhouse.

You'll also find several forms below. Please print and sign them (if applicable) and email them back to us (phone photos are fine — no need to scan these). You can follow the link in the email to make your deposit payment, which we'll need by June 1 so we can save a spot and order T-shirts. You can also mail a deposit check made out to Liz Crumbly to the address at the top of this page. Don't hesitate to call or text with any questions.

— *Liz*



Camp checklist

*** * * We understand this may be an introduction to horses for your child. For that reason, we don't expect campers to come fully equipped. For safety reasons, we do have a few guidelines. * * ***

- * Please have your child wear long pants, preferably jeans
- * Please have your child wear hard-soled shoes that are not soft on top (i.e. not tennis shoes - boots with a heel, preferably).
- * We'll have sunscreen available, but if you'd prefer to apply it at home, that works too.
- * Ideally, your child should wear a breathable, cotton, long-sleeved shirt for maximum sun protection. Short sleeves are OK, too, though, if they just can't stand long sleeves in the sun.
- * Consider having them bring a straw hat or baseball cap and sunglasses to wear for additional sun protection.
- * Feel free to send a water bottle with you child's name on it. We'll have water available here, too.
- * If your child has special dietary considerations, please let us know beforehand so we can plan accordingly. We'll have a heavy snack available once each day of camp.
- * Please review the attached releases and sign (if applicable).



Our (tentative) schedule

**** Individual riding lessons will run**

simultaneously to these activities in our enclosed round pen.

**** We will be using the HorseSense Learning Levels system for mounted and unmounted lessons. Your child will have a good start on the Rainbow or Red Level (depending on their age) by the end of camp. You can get an introduction to the system here:**

<https://www.horsesenseridingacademy.com/LearningLevels.htm>

*** Monday, June 10:**

- * Team building and camp guidelines - campers will get to know each other and work together to draft kindness guidelines that we will carry forward throughout the week.
- * Intro to horse safety. We'll use one of our school ponies to learn about horse safety on the ground.
- * Leading and handling horses on the ground
- * Craft and snack for campers
- * Equine learning games - these will include a mixture of memory tests on horsekeeping and general horse topics and unmounted relay activities involving the horses.

*** Tuesday, June 11:**

- * Camp guidelines review
- * Hike around the farm - we'll take a long walk around the farm and see things like the chicken coop and hay storage and meet Bob, the barn cat, and discuss his lack of motivation for catching mice!
- * Intro to horse nutrition/ feed room tour/ horses' morning snack time
- * Parts of the horse/ intro to horse grooming
- * Craft and snack for campers
- * Equine learning games

*** Wednesday, June 12:**

- * Camp guidelines review
- * Decorate a horse - campers will get to decorate one of our lesson ponies with handprints and paint, and we'll take a camp photo.
- * Unmounted horse handling/ intro to Showmanship
- * Loading a horse on a trailer/ horse trailer organization
- * Craft and snack for campers
- * Equine learning games

*** Thursday, June 13:**

- * Camp guidelines review
- * Intro to stable management - we'll clean a stall and talk about how to keep a barn safe for horses
- * Unmounted horse handling/ intro to Showmanship
- * Tack identification, tack cleaning and conditioning
- * Craft and snack for campers
- * Equine learning games

*** Friday, June 14:**

- * Camp guidelines review
- * Intro to pasture management - we'll talk about how to recognize vegetation horses should and should not eat and do a walk around the farm in search of these types of plants.
- * Advanced horse grooming - getting show ready
- * Craft and snack for campers
- * Equine quiz bowl - the culmination of the equine learning games. Campers will answer age-appropriate questions and compete for prizes to take home.



Social media release

We'll be taking photos at camp and would love to be able to share those on our social media pages (Facebook and Instagram). At the same time, we understand you may not want us to share photos of your children, and we completely respect your desire for privacy.

If we can use your child's photos on our social media pages, please sign below.

Signature

Date

T-shirt size

Please circle your child's t-shirt size below.

Child

XS S M L

Adult

XS S M L XL



Release of liability

In accordance with Georgia law, the following warning notice is hereby given:

WARNING

Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Without limitation by or to the above-cited laws, the undersigned, for and in consideration of the exchange of mutual promises and covenants and other good and valuable consideration and the use of the horses, facilities, or services provided by Elizabeth Crumbly and her successors, agents, assigns and employees, on behalf of self and the child or children named below and does hereby knowingly and voluntarily waive and release any and all rights to proceed against Elizabeth Crumbly in any action, at law or in equity, and hereby expressly covenants not to sue or bring any action, claim or demand, or seek damages of any kind of nature whatsoever, based on any facts, occurrences, omissions, or commissions by Elizabeth Crumbly, whether such action, claim, demand or claim of damage is based up on personal injury, property damage, medical expenses, hospital expenses or any other claim or claims, and hereby agrees, warrants, and declares that I shall, at all times, save and keep Elizabeth Crumbly free and harmless from and any and all losses, costs, damages, liabilities and expenses occasioned by, arising out of or incurred in connection with my use or my child or children's use of the horses, facilities, or services provided by Elizabeth Crumbly. I hereby agree, warrant, and declare that I shall indemnify and hold Elizabeth Crumbly harmless from any and all losses, costs, damages, liabilities and expenses occasioned by, arising out of, or incurred in connection with any event or occurrence causing injury to any person or property, whomsoever, whether due directly or indirectly to the existence, riding or use of the horses, facilities, or services provided by Elizabeth Crumbly. I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HAVE READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE WAIVER AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS SET FORTH HEREIN, AND I KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND PROVISIONS HEREOF.

This is given under my and hand seal this ____ day of _____ 20__

Signature