# 2018 Western Horse Camp Information

## Registration for Western Horse Camp is now open at ut.4honline.com

**Registration Deadline June 25, 2018**

**Three days of horse instruction, demos, crafts, and fun!**

* Horse Camp is July 11 - 13, 2018.
* Mandatory Stall set up evening July 10th
* Western horse camp is available to all Cache County 4-H Horse project members in at least the 4th grade or older, Juniors (grade 3-5) must attend First Step camp the year prior to attending Horse Camp and complete Tenderfoot Ranks. Intermediate and senior age campers must completed the Tenderfoot Ranks and must be able to walk, trot, and lope with proficiency. New riders in the intermediate or senior age groups must pass off riding skills with the camp directors or a designated leader and have completed the Tenderfoot I and Tenderfoot II rank advancements.
* Youth must be a registered 4-H member and pay $10 registration fee at 4-H office or online.
* Please register for Western Camp online at [https://ut.4honline.com](https://ut.4honline.com/)
* No applications will be accepted after the registration deadline of June 25, 2018.
* You can pay online or pay at the office. The cost is $75. There is an additional $50 fee for Working Ranch to cover the cost of the cattle.
* Certified Equestrian Helmets are required for all riding groups.
* First Year Campers are required to take Horsemanship.
* Youth may sign up for any of the follow instructions after your first year:
	+ Horsemanship
	+ Reining
	+ Speed events (If we have an instructor)
	+ Two-Hand
	+ Working Ranch Horse
* Classes are limited by space. It is a first sign-up first serve basis.
* All horses should be safe to ride with other horses and riders must be able to control their horse all times. **Camp Directors and instructors reserve the right to move a camper to a class that better fits the camper’s abilities and ability of the horse.**
* Two-hand horses must have 60 days of riding on them before attending camp for the safety of all riders.
* Parents must put in some volunteer time. It is **mandatory** and we can work with all schedules. There is a lot to do to make this program run. Please call with questions.
* Camp Rules must be followed at all times!

Please feel free to contact the 4-H extension office (435) 752-6263 or the Camp Directors, Tera Maughan or Camia Haslam

**Qualifying Requirements for Western Horse Camp:**

## First Step Camp

First Step Camp is designed to provide an educational experience for 4-H members new to the horse project. While all 4-H members in his/her first year of Horse 4-H are strongly encouraged to attend First Step Camp, it is required that all junior division youth must complete First Step Camp prior to attending Western Camp. First Step provides a good experience for younger members to learn about the project, pass off the Tenderfoot 1 and Tenderfoot II ranks, and gain more skills before doing other activities. First Step provides social interaction with other 4-H members and an understanding of the overall 4-H experience. First Step Camp is a one day camp normally held the third Monday of June.

## Juniors (grade 3-5)

All 3rd grade 4-H members are encouraged to attend First Step Camp and are not eligible to attend Western Horse Camp.

Juniors in grades 4-5 must have attended First Step Camp in previous years and must have passed off the Tenderfoot 1 and Tenderfoot II Rank Advancement to attend Horse Camp. Youth must be able to proficiently walk, trot and lope on the horse to be used at camp. Fourth and 5th grade Junior division members cannot attend Western Horse camp in the same year they attend First Step Camp. In extreme situations where the 5th grade youth can demonstrate exceptional ability and skills; an exception to this rule may be granted with approval of the Western Horse Camp committee.

All first year campers must take the Horsemanship class at Western Camp. Juniors who are second year Western Campers are encouraged to take Horsemanship, but may sign up for another course with approval of the Camp Committee.

## Intermediates (grades 6-8)

Intermediate age youth may attend Western Horse Camp for the first time if they have passed off the Tenderfoot 1 and Tenderfoot II Rank advancements, and can proficiently walk, trot and lope his/her horse. If an intermediate age youth has not attended First Step Camp or Western Camp in the past, he/she will be required to pass off the required skills to attend Western Camp on the horse to be used at camp with the Camp Director or a designated leader other than a parent of the 4-H Member prior to registering for Camp. Intermediate age youth attending Western Camp for the first time must take the Horsemanship class.

## Seniors (grades 9-12)

Senior age members who have passed of the Tenderfoot I and Tenderfoot II ranks may attend Western Horse Camp if they can proficiently walk, trot and lope his/her horse. Any senior age youth who has not attended Western Camp in the past, and has not attended First Step Camp will need to pass off the required skills on the horse to be used at camp with the Camp Directors or a designated leader other than a parent of the 4-H member prior to registering for camp. Senior age youth must participate in the Horsemanship class in his/her first year at Horse Camp, unless they have significant experience and receive approval from the Camp Committee or designee to register for another class.

 **4-H Horse Camp Rules and Regulations**

* **RESPECT:** Campers are asked at all times to respect your leaders, teachers, belongings and property, horses, and those around you! Foul language will not be allowed. NO drama please.
* **NEVER GO ANYWHERE ALONE:** Use the buddy system. At all times, especially after dark and from stalls to sleeping quarters.
* **YOUR HORSE COMES BEFORE YOU:** You will not be served food, be allowed to attend classes / games /etc., until your horse is fed, watered, and stall is clean.
* **ON TIME:** You need to be on time and on task! Do not be late!
* **NO LEAVING THE FAIR GROUNDS WITHOUT AUTHORIZED PERMISSION:** All campers are asked to stay at camp at all times. If for any reason a camper needs to leave they must be released by the camp chairpersons. A signed release must be given to a camp chairperson prior to camp by the parent stating reason for leaving camp and estimated time of departure and return to camp. Campers found to have left camp without permission will not be allowed back to camp.
* **HELP:** Help all those around you. We all need help at times, especially the younger members.
* **OPEN MINDED**: Campers are asked to be open-minded and participate in all activities presented at camp. Parents/leaders may not always agree with what instructors are teaching but please respect the instructor and allow all youth to try different approaches and methods.
* **APPROPRIATE ATTIRE:** Appropriate clothing is to be worn at all times. Must have pants, boots with heels, shirts must have sleeves, and a helmet MUST be warn at all times while on horseback. No clothing with tobacco, alcohol or drug references or inappropriate messages will be allowed. (If in doubt, don’t wear it)
* **RESPECT FACILITIES:** No horses or horse trailers on grass. Please Park your trailers on pavement. We are non-paying guests of the fairgrounds so please take care of all facilities.
* **CLEAN UP:** Everyone must participate in cleaning stalls, putting up and taking down stall panels, making sure that all areas of fair grounds are clean.
* **HAVE FUN:** We want everyone to have fun and make a memorable experience!

I have read the Rules and Regulations for Horse Camp and agree to abide by these expectations. Violation of Camp Rules may result in dismissal from camp and may result in being banned from future participation in camps or shows. No refund of fee will be given to those individuals dismissed from camp for rule violations.

Camper’s Signature Date

As the parent/guardian of I have read the Rules and Regulations and will support the individual in charge in enforcement of these rules.

Parent/Guardian Signature Date

**Please return this form with signatures to the 4-H office or have with you at camp check in.**