Tiger Talent Equestrian Camp
Informational Packet

at the Clemson University Equine Center
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*While intended for reference, this is not the complete application packet. Application packets will be posted on the website prior to registration opening.
General Information and Rules

Purpose: To provide high school riders with an opportunity to improve horsemanship and equitation skills while meeting like-minded equestrians from across the state and country. The camp is designed to increase the knowledge, horsemanship skills, and showing techniques of the advanced rider, as well as to introduce beginner riders to the basics of horsemanship and correct riding practices. Riders will learn about Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) competition format while riding daily with Clemson coaching staff.

Dates: TBA - watch for updates on our website and Facebook page!

Location: Clemson University Equine Center.......................Riding/horsemanship activities
           Clemson University On-Campus Housing.................Overnight camper accommodations

Cost: Camp tuition is $900.

Camp fees include all meals (from dinner on Tuesday through lunch on Saturday), lodging, insurance, a variety of horses/ponies to ride, use of all tack/equipment, recreation, riding and classroom instruction.

Interested riders are encouraged to apply early as the camp is limited in riding slots.

Camper Eligibility: Open to riders between the ages of 14 and 16: rising 9th graders through rising 11th graders. Camp is limited to 12 participants total. Hunt Seat only. Riders among all IHSA riding levels will be accepted. Participants do not bring their own horse or tack (other than saddles, if desired) to camp.

Registration: Registration opens annually on February 15th at 8 a.m. and is first come, first served. Beginning February 15th, registration can be made online following the link at https://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/equine-center/outreachresearch/index.html under the Tiger Talent Equestrian Camp heading.

Once registered using the online link, campers must submit the rest of their completed forms no later than June 1.

Health Requirement: A Participant Health Form is included in the camp informational packet. It is very important for campers and parents to alert the camp staff in regard to any physical limitations or allergic reactions camper may have to specific medicine(s), insect stings, food, etc. Any special conditions/limitations should be given in writing to the camp director. This is to ensure the health and safety of participants. Each participant must present documentation of a physical exam performed by a
licensed medical provider indicating that the youth is physically fit enough for participation in an intensive horseback riding camp.

**Horses:** Participants will ride Clemson Equestrian Team horses. Horses are allocated for specific IHSA levels and disciplines. Riders will be assigned an appropriate mount prior to each riding session with specific consideration given that each rider has the opportunity to ride a variety of horses. This variety will more fully prepare riders for participation in a collegiate riding program or team.

**Equipment:** Clemson will provide all required horse tack and equipment. Campers are responsible for providing appropriate riding attire. Although it is not required, campers may bring personal saddles. Coaching staff and management will have the final say on whether the saddle is appropriate for use on our horses. Personal saddles will be safely locked each night in a tack room at the Equine Center.

**Insurance:** All campers must have primary insurance for illness and accidents.

**Overnight Housing and Transportation:** Campers will be transported using 12-passenger vans or university vehicles when shuttling between the dorms and Clemson University Equine Center. Overnight accommodations will be at the dormitories on main campus.

Campers will be assigned a roommate based on age appropriateness and availability. Roommate requests will be accommodated, as long as the camp director has been notified of requests by June 1 by both parties.

**Departure Procedures:** Parents are requested to arrive for pick-up of campers on Saturday, the final day of camp, at 1:00 PM. Pick-up is at the Equine Center, where parents and riders can enjoy a brief closing ceremony prior to departure. **No camper will be allowed to leave until they are officially signed out with the camp director.** Luggage will be transported from the dormitories to the Equine Center by campers and camp staff prior to departure of campus Saturday morning, and can be collected by parents at the Equine Center at the time of check-out.

**Activities:** The bulk of the camp activities include riding instruction. Other horsemanship activities may include the following hands-on demonstrations and workshops:

- Equine career opportunities
- Stable management demonstrations
- Collegiate riding formats
- Tack, equipment, or horse care techniques
- Video review of riding sessions

**Behavior Policy:** Safety will be emphasized at all times. To ensure a safe atmosphere, campers must strictly adhere to camp personnel and policies. Failure to adhere to these rules will result in the camper being sent home at the parents’ expense. The following misconduct WILL result in a camper being sent home:

- Deliberate cruelty to animals
• Deliberate destruction of facilities or equipment
• Possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs
• Blatant discourtesy to camp personnel
• Disregard of camp personnel
• Disregard of camp personnel requests to obey rules and regulations
• Disrespectful or dangerous behavior towards other campers
• Unacceptable or dangerous conduct
• Possession or use of fireworks
• Use of inappropriate language

The following items are not allowed at camp:

• Tobacco
• Alcohol
• TVs and/or electronic games
• Illegal drugs
• Knives, guns or other weapons
• Fireworks

**Family/Guest Visitation:** In order for campers to get the most out of their camp experience, no parent, guardian, family member or guest may visit the campers during camp unless pre-approved by the camp director. Please be sure all the supplies the camper needs during camp are delivered and stored before you leave on arrival day. We ask that you do not bring supplies during the week if at all possible. If you are concerned about your child or just want to check in with camp staff, please feel free to contact the camp director, Mary Schultz-Rathbun, at cuec@clemson.edu or 864-646-3554.

**Clemson University Policy on Headgear Safety Equipment:** The Clemson University Equine Center policy requires that all riders wear protective headgear that meets or surpasses current applicable ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards while riding. The headgear must be properly fitted, properly worn on the top of the head, and worn with the strap or harness securely fastened.

It is the responsibility of the rider, and the parent or guardian of the rider, to confirm that the headgear worn by the rider complies with the safety standards set forth above; is properly fitted and fastened; and is in sufficiently good condition that it would protect the rider in the event of an accident. The Clemson University Equine Center, Clemson Equestrian Team, Clemson University and the camp personnel and volunteers associated with the camp program are not responsible for providing headgear and are not responsible for checking headgear worn by riders in order to comply with this rule.

All Campers are required to wear a helmet as described above regardless of riding level or discipline.
Camper Needs for Equestrian Camp

Personal Items:
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Clothing (as designated below)
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Personal toiletry items
- Bedding (twin XL sheets or a sleeping bag, and pillow)
- Shower shoes
- Money for souvenir shopping
- Towels
- Laundry bag
- Water Bottle

Riding & Stable Area Apparel: Show clothes are not needed, but all campers are expected to ride in neat and professional looking apparel. Fitted shirts, polo shirts, or other fitted riding tops are preferred, tucked in to breeches along with tall boots or paddock boots and half chaps. Overly worn clothing with holes is not appropriate. Shorts, wide leg pants, halter tops and other unsuitable clothes will not be acceptable. Tank tops should have a minimum of a 1” strap, and may only be worn during recreational times. Rider must also provide a personally owned helmet in compliance with the previously outlined Clemson University policy on headgear.

General Apparel: Shorts, jeans, t-shirts, blouses, tennis shoes, etc. are acceptable away from the barn area. Revealing clothes are not allowed even during recreational activities at the dormitories or on campus.
- Light jacket
- Ample underclothes
- Clothes and swimsuits (tentative) to participate in recreational activities/games
- Rain gear
- Sweat shirt
- Ball cap/sun hat
- Ample socks

Please do not bring expensive jewelry, cameras, radios, coolers, or excessive amounts of money to camp. We are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
Food and Snacks: Campers will be provided with breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as snacks to take to dorms in the evenings. Personal snacks from home are permissible but must be disposed of properly in acceptable trash receptacles. Snacks/drinks may also be purchased from vending machines in the dorms. Campers with food allergies or dietary restrictions should let camp personnel know by June 1 so appropriate arrangements can be made.
Tentative Schedule of Activities

Tuesday (Day 1)
4:00 - 5:00 PM  Check In/Move In - on-campus dormitory
5:00 PM  Orientation meeting for campers & parents
5:30 PM  Parents dismissed
6:00 PM  Equine Center tour and orientation
          Dinner and evening activities
9:00 PM  Return to campus
10:00 PM  In rooms for lights out

Wednesday through Friday
7:00 AM  Roll call in lobby; depart for CUEC
7:30 AM  Breakfast
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM  Morning riding sessions & auditing of riding sessions
12:00 PM  Lunch, followed by afternoon recreation activity & free time
5:00 PM  Depart for CUEC
5:30 - 8:00 PM  Riding lessons, practical instruction, & auditing of riding sessions
          Dinner served around riding sessions
9:00 PM  Return to campus
10:00 PM  In rooms for lights out

Saturday, July 21, 2018
7:00 AM  Roll call in lobby and load vehicles with luggage
7:30 AM  Breakfast at CUEC
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM  Last riding session - Fun show or other special activity
12:00 PM  Lunch at the Equine Center
1:00 PM  Parents arrive, load luggage
1:30 PM  Closing ceremonies
2:00-2:30  Camper check-out and departure
Applications must be postmarked by **June 1**. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply early as space is limited to 12 campers. Please be sure to have the following information available to register online at [https://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/equine-center/outreachresearch/index.html](https://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/equine-center/outreachresearch/index.html) under the Tiger Talent Equestrian Camp heading.

Name ___________________________________________ Birthdate ______________________________
Address ___________________________________________ Age _____________________________
City___________ State____ Zip__________ Phone (_______) _______________________________ Male
_____ Female ______ Email _____________________________________________________________

Parent’s Name ____________________________________________________________________________

T-Shirt Size (unisex) (circle one): S  M  L  XL  XXL

Do you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions or preferences? Yes or No
If so please describe:
________________________________________________________________________________________
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Riding Level:
Please fill out the IHSA Placement Form below and let us know which class it determines your rider to be eligible for:
________________________________________________________________________________________

Please give a brief description below of your rider’s most recent goals and accomplishments in lessons and/or showing so we know at what level he/she would fit best into during camp:
________________________________________________________________________________________
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I approve of my child participating in the Tiger Talent Equestrian Camp. I understand that my child has agreed to abide by the rules of camp, and if a problem arises, I will make arrangements for him/her to be picked up within reasonable time following notification. I agree that I will pay for any damages caused by my child to the arena, dorms, or other damages caused by my child while at camp.

_________________________________________  _____________________________________________
Parent or Guardian Signature          Date
IHSA INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP PLACEMENT FORM

IF YOU HAVE COMPETED IN “recognized shows” – for IHSA purposes that is USEF and USEA for hunter seat, AQHA, NRHA, and APHA for WESTERN – you must submit a printed copy of your competition/points record along with this form. See Rule 8101.A and 9101.A for details.

Student must summarize weeks and/or years of experience in each discipline and category:

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Please refer to the IHSA Rule Book for full descriptions of class requirements. This form indicates suggested placement, but the IHSA Rules always takes precedence in matters of placement.

NOTE: Because of the YES/NO format of this form, the questions in each section are NOT INTENDED to always match the class description of that same section. Rather, a “YES” answer in a section in many cases is affirmation of your being OVER-qualified for the class description of the next lower class.

The FIRST division in which you answer “yes” will indicate initial rider placement.
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED FOR BOTH HUNTER SEAT AND WESTERN DIVISIONS, EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY COMPETING IN ONE DIVISION. Please refer to Rule VIII, 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202 of IHSA Rules for exact class qualifications. Note that there is no crossover rule – flat, fences, western are placed by this form independently of each other based on the rulebook. Novice fences riders must be originally placed at least in novice flat level.

Notes: (from IHSA Rule Book Rule 8101)

☐ Recognized competitions for Hunter Seat riders include any competition that is sanctioned by BOTH United States Equestrian (FEF) and United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA); or by both USEF and the United States Eventing Association (USEA); or by both USEF and the United States Dressage Federation (USDF). Recognized competitions for Western riders include any competition that is sanctioned by the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA); National Reining Horse Association (NRHA); and/or American Paint Horse Association (APHA) only in classes in which National point records are kept.

☐ RE: “instruction”: any number of lessons taken within a week (Monday-Sunday) constitutes a week of instruction.

☐ References to “hunter seat equitation classes” are any classes that are judged on hunter seat equitation specifically – NOT hunters (or jumpers).

☐ For any association jumping class that is run within a height range, the maximum allowable height will be recognized for IHSA (placement purposes)

☐ References to “international competitions” are for riders who are entering the IHSA with only International experience will need to (follow the corresponding fence heights and ribbons won from competitions that are recognized/sanctioned by that country’s governing body.

☐ References to “academic year” for IHSA purposes means any two consecutive semesters.

☐ Open Flat and Fences Hunter Seat riders may not be placed lower than Novice Western Horsemanship.

☐ All class descriptions refer to the guidelines specified in Rule VIII 8100-8202 and Rule IX 9100-9202.

☐ Rule 1202B: ALL hunter seat riders MUST be members of USHJA – at least at the “collegiate” level.

Class 8 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences (Open riders over fences are those who have won more than 6 classes over fences 3’6” or higher in recognized competitions.)

Have you won more than six blue ribbons in classes over fences 3’6” or higher in recognized competitions (refer to the above description of “recognized” competitions)? (YES NO)
Class 7 – Open Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat (Open riders on the flat are those who have won more than 10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.)

Have you won more than 10 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions? (YES NO)

Class 16 – Reining Are you eligible for Class 15 Open Horsemanship? YES NO

Class 15 – Open Western Horsemanship Open Riders are those who have finished in Top Five in ANY non-gaited breed National/World Championship, or finished in the top 10 of the AQHA/APHA/NRHA World/Congress Championship in a western class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes.

Have you ever finished in the Top Five in ANY non-gaited breed National/World Championship in a western class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes? YES NO

Have you ever finished in the Top Ten of the AQHA/APHA/NRHA World/Congress Championship in a western class excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes? YES NO

Class 6 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences Intermediate riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences at 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than a total of 6 blue ribbons in classes over fences 3', 3'3", 3'6" or higher in recognized competitions? YES NO

Class 5 – Intermediate Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat Intermediate riders on the flat are those who have won 6-10 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you won more than 5 hunter seat equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions? YES NO

Did you answer “YES” to any question in the “Class 8” section above? YES NO

Class 14 - Advanced Western Horsemanship Advanced riders are those who have won more than 5 blue Western Horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions in classes of five or more riders, or have earned 26 or more points from any breed association, or have competed in an AQHA/APHA/NRHA World Championship or finished in the Year end Top three in state or affiliate AQHA/APHA/NRHA association, in a western division in western classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes.

Have you won more than 5 blue western horsemanship ribbons in recognized competitions in classes of five or more riders? YES NO

Have you earned 26 or more points from any breed association in western classes excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or “novice” division classes? YES NO

Have you competed in an AQHA/APHA/NRHA World Championship in a western division excluding roping,
Have you finished in the Year End Top Three in state or affiliate AQHA/APHA/NRHA association in a western division excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship or novice classes?  YES  NO

NOTE: TO BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN IHSA NOVICE OVER FENCES DIVISION, YOU MUST HAVE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS CONTINUOUS AND PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION OVER FENCES WITHIN THE PAST YEAR.

Class 4 – Novice Hunter Seat Equitation over Fences

Novice riders over fences are those who have won no more than 6 classes over fences 3’ or higher in recognized competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 3’ in ANY competition, recognized or not?  YES  NO

Class 3 – Novice Hunter Seat Equitation on the Flat

Novice riders on the flat are those who have won no more than 5 equitation classes on the flat in recognized competitions.

Have you had at least 6 months continuous professional instruction over fences within the past year? (Answer does not by itself place you into Novice.)  YES  NO

Have you competed in a “recognized” USEF and/or USEA competition?  YES  NO

Have you competed over fences higher than 3’ in ANY competition, recognized or not?  YES  NO

Did you answer “YES” to any question in the “Class 6 or Class 4” sections above?  YES  NO

Class 13 – Novice Western Horsemanship

Novice riders are those who have competed in mounted classes in recognized competitions to include any western class and who have not earned more than 25 points from any breed association in western classes, excluding roping, games, halter, showmanship, non-tering classes, or ”novice” division classes.

Have you competed in mounted classes in a “recognized” competition?  YES  NO

Did you answer “YES” to any question in Class 7 or 8 above?  YES  NO

Class 2B – Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter Seat Equitation

Walk-Trot-Canter riders are those who have not competed in any over fences higher than 3’ in any competition, nor have these riders competed in recognized USEF and/or USEA competitions.

Have you competed over fences higher than 18” in ANY competition?  YES  NO

Class 2A – Beginning Walk-Trot-Canter Hunter Seat Equitation

Beginning Walk-Trot-Canter riders are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to jump more than eighteen inches.
Have you had more than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline?  YES  NO

Have you ever competed in ANY mounted competition that required you to canter or lope?  YES  NO

**Class 12B - Intermediate II Western Horsemanship** Intermediate II riders for class 12B are those who have competed in non-recognized competitions which required them to lope or canter.

Have you competed in any mounted competition that required you to canter or lope?  YES  NO

**Class 12A -- Intermediate I Western Horsemanship** Intermediate I riders are those who have had more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to lope or canter. Once the Intermediate I rider has accumulated 18 points, s/he must move to Intermediate II.

Have you had more than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline?  YES  NO

**Class 1 – Walk-Trot Hunter Seat Equitation**

Walk-Trot riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition that required them to canter or lope. Riders have two years of eligibility starting with their initial completion of the online individual membership form.

Have you had less than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline?  YES  NO

**Class 11 -- Beginner Western Horsemanship** Beginner riders are those who have had no more than 24 weeks of instruction and who have not competed in a mounted competition which required them to canter or lope. Not open to new IHSA riders eligible for Class 2A or above.

Have you had less than 24 weeks of instruction in any discipline?  YES  NO

*NOTE: If you compete at a canter in one IHSA discipline you MAY NOT START in the walk-trot division in the other discipline. (Rule 8102B)*