Tiger’s Choice
Equestrian Camp

Clemson University Equine Center

Informational Packet
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*This is for reference purposes only. The complete application packet includes additional forms. The complete packet will be posted on the website prior to registration opening on February 15th.
General Information and Rules

**Purpose:** An intensive riding camp that gives riders the chance to experience what it’s like to ride for Clemson University’s IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) Equestrian Team. Campers ride Clemson University Equestrian Team horses in IHSA format daily, while also experiencing the culture of Clemson University from a student perspective and meeting like-minded equestrians.

**Dates:** TBA. Look for updates on our website and Facebook page!

**Location:** Clemson University Equine Center

Clemson University Campus

**Cost:** Camp tuition is $750. Camp fees include breakfast and dinner daily, lodging, insurance, a variety of horses/ponies to ride, the use of all tack/equipment, recreation, riding instruction, and a college experience.

**Camper Eligibility:** Riders must be at least 16 years of age and at least a rising high school junior.

**Registration:** Registration opens annually on February 15th at 8 a.m. Registration is first come, first served. Campers are encouraged to register early, as spots are limited and fill quickly. Registration can be made online following the link at https://www.clemson.edu/cafls/departments/equine-center/outreachresearch/index.html under the Tiger’s Choice Equestrian Camp heading.

Once registered, campers have until May 1 to submit the completed application packet. This can be submitted by email to cuec@clemson.edu, or by mail to: CUEC, 815 W Queen St, Pendleton SC 29670.

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

**Horses:** Participants will ride Clemson University 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 University Equine Center will provide all necessary tack and equipment. Riders are responsible for providing appropriate riding attire. Although it is not required, campers may bring personally owned saddles. Coaching staff and management will have the final say on whether the saddle is appropriate or not to use on CUEC 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 vans or university vehicles when shuttling between the campus/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 both parties by May 1.

**Departure Procedures:** Parents are requested to arrive for pick-up of campers on Saturday, the final day of camp, at 1:00 PM. Pickup of campers and their luggage will be at the Equine Center, where parents and riders can enjoy a closing ceremony prior to departure. No camper will be allowed to leave until they are officially signed out with the camp director.

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

- IHSA Riding Format
- Video review of riding sessions
- Tack/equipment care
- Equine career opportunities
- Stable Management Demonstrations

Activities related to the student culture of Clemson University will include a student’s perspective of a freshman living situation, including staying in a campus dorm, touring campus, eating and shopping in downtown Clemson, and much more! This experience gives prospective and soon-to-be students a taste of what it is like to be a Clemson Tiger.

**Behavior Policy:** Safety will be emphasized at all times. To ensure a safe atmosphere, campers must strictly comply with 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’s 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:** No parent, guardian, family member or guest should visit the campers during camp unless pre-approved by the camp director. We understand this may be difficult, but for the camper to get the most out of the camp experience, parents and/or family members cannot be allowed to visit during camp. Please be sure all the supplies that the camper needs during camp are delivered and stored before you leave on check-in 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.

**Policy on Headgear Safety Equipment:** The Clemson University Equine Center requires that all riders wear protective headgear that meets or surpasses current applicable ASTM/SEI standards while riding. The headgear must be properly fitted and worn on the top of the head 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, fastened and work; and is in sufficiently good condition that it would protect the rider in the event of an accident. All campers are required to wear a helmet regardless of riding level or discipline.
Camper Needs for Equestrian Camp

Personal Items:
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Clothing (see below)
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Personal toiletry items
- Bedding (Twin XL sheets or a sleeping bag, and pillow)
- Shower shoes
- Money for shopping or snacks
- Towels
- Laundry bag
- Water bottle

Riding & Stable Area Apparel: Show clothes will not be required, but all campers will be expected to ride in neat and professional looking apparel. Fitted shirts, polo shirts, or other fitted riding tops are preferred tucked in to breeches or jodhpurs along with tall boots or chaps and paddock boots. Overly worn clothing with holes is not appropriate attire. Shorts, wide leg pants, halter tops, strappy tank 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.

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

Please do not bring expensive jewelry, cameras, radios, coolers, food or excessive amounts of money to camp. We are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.
Food and Snacks: Personal snacks from home are permitted but should be disposed of properly in acceptable trash receptacles. Snacks/drinks can be purchased on main campus from vending machines. Campers will also be provided with snacks daily to take back to the dorms overnight. Breakfast and dinner will be provided with breakfast and dinner daily at CUEC; up to two lunch meals will be eaten in town and campers should bring money to purchase. Campers with food allergies should let camp personnel know by May 1 so arrangements can be made.

Tentative Schedule of Activities

Wednesday (Day 1)

4:00 – 5:00 PM Check in/Move in – On Campus Dormitory
5:00 PM Orientation for campers/parents
5:30 PM Parents dismissed, Campers head to dinner at CUEC
6:00 PM Dinner, orientation, and evening activities at CUEC
10:30 PM In rooms for lights out

Thursday and Friday

7:00 AM Roll call in lobby
7:15 AM Depart for CUEC
7:30 AM Arrive at CUEC, eat breakfast
8:00 AM Prepare for riding assignments
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM Riding lessons & auditing of riding sessions
12:00 PM Lunch, followed by scheduled activities and free time
5:30 – 8:00 PM Riding lessons & auditing of riding sessions
8:00 PM Dinner served around riding sessions

Put up horses, clean tack, etc.
9:00 PM  Depart for campus
10:30 PM  In rooms for lights out

Saturday, June 15, 2019

7:00 AM  Roll call in lobby and load luggage
7:15 AM  Depart for CUEC
7:30 AM  Arrive at CUEC, eat breakfast
8:00 AM  Prepare for final ride of camp
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM  Mock horse show or other final riding activity
12:00 PM  Lunch at Equine Center
1:00 PM  Parents arrive
           Load vehicles with luggage
1:30 PM  Closing ceremonies
2:00 - 3:00 PM  Camper check-out and departure from CUEC
Application

Applications should be postmarked by May 1, 2019. Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply before the deadline as space is limited to 10 campers.

If you have questions regarding your IHSA placement form, contact us cuec@clemson.edu.

Upon confirmation of acceptance into the Tiger’s Choice Equestrian Camp, the following can be mailed, or remitted at camp check-in.

Name ___________________________________________ Birthdate ______________________________________
Address ___________________________________________ Age _____________________________
City ____________ State _____ Zip ___________ Phone (________) ________________________________
Male _______ Female _______ Email ________________________________
Parent’s Name ________________________________ T Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL
Do you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions/preferences? Yes or No
If so please explain:
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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:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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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 our camp:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
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I approve of my child participating in the Tiger’s Choice 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 take 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 (Federation (USEF) 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 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 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-loping 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)*