

FACILITIES

Grove River Ranch LLC is a new 153 acre facility located in southwestern Banks County, about 10 miles northeast of Gainesville, Georgia. After 22 years at our previous location, our equestrian business had grown so much we needed more acreage to expand our programs. GRR features a 16,000 sq. ft indoor arena to allow for on-going lesson programs and events without regard to weather. The arena also contains 1200 sq. ft of classroom or meeting room space, a kitchenette, and ADA bathroom. Inside the stables is a round pen with viewing deck, great for training horses, riders, and spectators. The outdoor arena, located behind the stables, has stadium lighting. The ranch has props to equitation patterns, trail class obstacles, and jumping. The trail system surrounding the property has a wooden bridge, creek crossings and other challenges for training the new trail rider or the inexperienced trail horse. You can view photos of the facilities at www.GroveRiverRanch.com

STAFF

The resident Camp Director and facility manager has over thirty years experience with equine breeding, raising horses, training, showing, boarding, and instructing riders of all levels of ability. Beginners are always welcome. Although other disciplines can be taught, we specialize in western pleasure, hunt seat, and trail riding. Our staff members are carefully selected and screened to provide the highest level of professionalism and personal integrity. Staff members are required to complete in-house apprenticeship training. Because we are a specialized camp, our credentials and facilities exceed most of the guidelines required for general camp accreditation.

CAMP DESCRIPTIONS

HORSEMANSHIP

NOVICE Barn rules and safety, handling horses from the ground, grooming, tacking, basic horse care, riding basics and cue system for walk-trot.

INTERMEDIATE Standard review of novice subjects, in addition to horse psychology, lunging, riding with rhythm and balance, round pen exercises and cantering.

ADVANCED Brief review of intermediate subjects, then on to learning the finer points of hunt seat and western riding, plus the twelve resistance-free maneuvers for better precision and more controlled riding.

INTRO TO TRAIL RIDING AND HORSE CAMPING*

The appropriate level of horsemanship skills will be covered along with techniques for negotiating trail obstacles, what to pack for a trip, setting up camp, trail etiquette, protecting the environment, and "leave no trace" ethics. Intermediate riders only.

HORSE SHOW BASICS**

The necessary horsemanship skills will be reviewed, followed by fine-tuning skills as required for their chosen events. Fitting, show grooming and conditioning techniques will be taught, along with show ring strategy. Designed to prepare riders for competition in halter, showmanship, equitation, pleasure, and trail classes. Intermediate and advanced riders only.

**** FOR INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED RIDERS ONLY.**

SESSION DAYS & TIMES

Contact us for this year's session dates and rates. Ask about our discount for early registration, and the discount for siblings or "bring-a-friend". Full day camps are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and offered in 1, 2 and 4-day formats. Half-day rates are also available for 9 a.m. – 12:00. Overnight camps for 10-17 year olds are available in 1-6 night formats. Camp sessions are available during the week and on designated weekends. Camps can be organized for spring break, fall break, and Christmas break in addition to our regular June and July sessions. Enrollment is limited to 4-8 campers per session to assure the highest quality of individual attention and safety. We maintain a 4:1 ratio of campers to counselors. Resident camps are not coed. Contact us to receive a registration form, camp policies and procedures. We welcome the opportunity to give you a personal interview and tour of our facilities.

REGISTRATION

Mail in or drop off your completed registration form, liability waiver signed by both parents, and a non-refundable registration deposit. You can pay by cash or personal check. Balance must be paid no later than first day of camp. Parents will be sent a reminder about what to pack and check-in details the week before camp.

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE

Horses for Sale or Lease

Weekly Lesson Programs

"Pony" Parties

Mother-daughter weekends

Instructional Riding Vacations
Bring your horse or ride one of ours

Workshops & Clinics for adults and youth, can bring your own horse

4H, Girl Scout & Boy Scout Events
& Badge Workshops

Equestrian Retreats, Trail Riding,
Camping, River Cabin or Bunk House
Lodging. Bring your own horse, stabling
available.

Trail Riding Packages, advanced
riders only

Horse Boarding, Overnight Stabling

DIRECTIONS

This is a new address that does not yet appear on mapping services or navigational software. Visit our web site to view a local map and get driving directions from various points. If you do not have internet access, please call for directions.



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DAY CAMPS

(ages 8-17)

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

(ages 10-17)

Beginners Welcome!

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(ALL LEVELS OFFERED)

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