

Somerset County Park Commission Lord Stirling Stable



# Summer Workshop

## REGISTRATION



**Registration (online and in person) begins on Wednesday March 15th, 2017 – 7:30am**

In person at: Lord Stirling Stable

256 South Maple Avenue

Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

908 766-5955

or online at [www.somersetcountyparks.org](http://www.somersetcountyparks.org)

*Our Summer Workshops are an opportunity for junior riders to gain hands-on experience and to learn in a safe, friendly environment. Our goal is for the riders to have fun while gaining skill, knowledge and confidence.*

### Prices for Summer Workshops

- ☆ County residents - \$300 per week (a discounted rate of \$250 will be given for additional weeks or for a 2<sup>nd</sup> family member. Please note: The first week is always full price. The second and subsequent weeks will be at the discounted rate.)
- ☆ Non-residents of Somerset County - \$450 per week (a discounted rate of \$383.50 will be given for additional weeks or for a 2<sup>nd</sup> family member. Please note: The first week is always full price. The second and subsequent weeks will be at the discounted rate.)

All days include at least one riding lesson. As long as weather and scheduling permit, riders will ride a second time at least four of the workshop days. All activities and instruction are level and age appropriate. With the exception of the Fourth of July week, daily hours are Monday 8:15am – 1:30pm and Tuesday through Friday, 8:25am – 1:30pm. Riders must be on time.

Except for the Fourth of July week, all weeks will offer a unique opportunity for D-3 and higher level riders to participate in an extended day until 4PM. Riders will assist in the barn with grooming horses for lessons, cleaning tack, and helping the barn staff with various other tasks. Registration is limited to six riders each week and will require an additional fee of \$165 for the week. Sign up is available online (choose the Workshop with the 4pm dismissal time option) or in person. Payment for the extended day portion is by cash or check only, and will be collected after registration weekend.

Week 7 has the opportunity for D2 riders to stay for an extended day. Please refer to the Week 7 description for the extended day activities. Sign up is available online (choose the Workshop with the 4pm dismissal time option) or in person. Payment for the extended day portion (additional \$165 per week) is by cash or check only, and will be collected after registration weekend.

Grooming kits will be available for sale (cash or check only) each week to any riders who would like to have their own grooming equipment. Participants are always welcome to use the grooming equipment owned by the stable.

**Horse Requests for “My Own Horse” Weeks** - Riders will have a level-appropriate horse as “their own” for the week’s activities. Before the week begins, we will send out an email request for horse choices. Horse choices will be honored as much as possible; the assignments are made in order of registration with consideration for each rider’s level and weight. **New this year: Each “Horse of My Own” week will have its own individual theme.**

***D-3 riders:*** *For the safety of the rider, if a rider was promoted at the conclusion of the **SPRING** Session (2016) from D-2 to D-3, the rider may only participate at the D-2 level for Summer Workshops.*

To be considered for advancement to the next riding level, students must participate in at least two workshops. The two workshops do not need to be consecutive. Participation in multiple sessions does not guarantee advancement to the next level.

*Registration for the Summer Workshops will remain open until they are full or until the Friday preceding the workshop. Registration activity codes for each workshop can be found above each description.*



### **Week 1 - June 26th-June 30th**

#### **“A Horse of My Own!”**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83701-01 (1:30pm dismissal)**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83701-02 (4:00pm dismissal)**

D-3 and higher level riders will have a level-appropriate horse as “their own” for the week’s activities. Activities will allow riders to spend time with “their” horses. Lessons and trail rides will be on their special horse if possible. The first four days will also include an additional riding lesson or fun ride on a different horse. **Additional theme: horse conformation judging and what physical attributes to look for in buying a horse.**

#### **“Meet the Horses!”**

**D-1 level Activity # 83701-03 (1:30pm dismissal)**

D-1 riders will not be assigned a horse of “their own” but will focus on learning to ride and getting to know various horses. They will be taught basic grooming and given time to practice. Participants will learn the parts of the horse, breeds and elements of horse care. Fun activities will include a horse costume class and a trail ride.



### **Week 2 - July 3rd- July 7th**

#### **“Trail Week”**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83702-01 (2:45pm dismissal)**

**D-2 level Activity # 83702-03 (2:45pm dismissal)**

Each day riders will have a daily riding lesson and weather permitting, a trail ride. This week has extended days, due to the Fourth of July holiday (stable is closed). Fun activities this week include a trail obstacle competition, a costume class, and a hay ride, cookout and marshmallow roast at Lord Stirling’s new campsite. Each rider will make his/her own fly whisk.

**Adult riders are eligible to participate in this Workshop.**



**Week 3 - July 10th – July 14th**

**“A Horse of My Own ”**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83703-01 (1:30pm dismissal)**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83703-02 (4:00pm dismissal)**

D-3 and higher level riders will have a level-appropriate horse as “their own” for the week’s activities. Activities will allow riders to spend time with “their” horses. Lessons and trail rides will be on their special horse if possible. The first four days will also include an additional riding lesson or fun ride on a different horse. **Additional theme: Horse veterinary care. One day will include a visit to an equine veterinary clinic.**

**“Hors’n Around”**

**D-1 level Activity # 83703-03 (1:30pm dismissal)**

D-1 riders will not be assigned a horse of “their own” but will focus on learning to ride and getting to know various horses. They will be taught basic grooming and given time to practice. Participants will learn about horses through fun activities such as scavenger hunts. Other activities will include games/competitions with ponies.



**Week 4 - July 17th - July 21st**

**“Grooming and Showmanship”**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83704-01 (1:30pm dismissal)**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83704-02 (4:00pm dismissal)**

**D-2 level Activity # 83704-03 (1:30pm dismissal)**

Pairs of riders will be given a horse to groom throughout the week in preparation for an end of week grooming/showmanship class. Riders will be taught various grooming and showmanship techniques and will be given lots of time to practice.



**Week 5 - July 24th – July 28<sup>th</sup>**

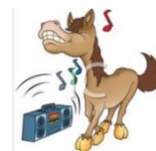
**“Drill, Dressage and Musical Ride”**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83705-01 (1:30pm dismissal)**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83705-02 (4:00pm dismissal)**

**D-2 level Activity # 83705-03 (1:30pm dismissal)**

This week will focus on riding to music and riding and designing drill patterns. Riders will put on a Friday drill performance for their family and friends!



**Week 6 - July 31st- August 4th**

**“A Horse of My Own”**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83706-01 (1:30 dismissal)**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83706-02 (4:00 dismissal)**



D-3 and higher level riders will have a level-appropriate horse as “their own” for the week’s activities. Activities will allow riders to spend time with “their” horses. Lessons and trail rides will be on their special horse if possible. The first four days will also include an additional riding lesson or fun ride on a different horse. **Additional theme: Equitation! Equitation!** For an additional fee riders will be sent an individual taping of their riding put to music.

**“Learn to Ride!”**

**D-1 level Activity # 83706-03 (1:30pm dismissal)**

D-1 riders will not be assigned a horse of “their own” but will focus on learning to ride and getting to know various horses. They will be taught basic grooming and given time to practice. Participants will learn many aspects of horse care. Fun activities may include unmounted pony relays, drawing on live horses and a trail ride or a “fun” ride.



**Week 7 - August 7th – August 11th**

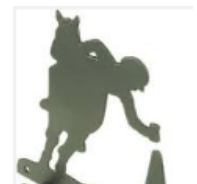
**“Play Time!”**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83707-01 (1:30pm dismissal)**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 8307-02 (4:00pm dismissal)**

**D-2 level Activity # 83707-03 (1:30pm dismissal)**

**D-2 level Activity # 83707-04 (4:00pm dismissal)**



Riders will participate in riding lessons, team games, activities and competitions, both mounted and unmounted.

The optional extended day for activity for D-2 riders will include a variety of activities, depending upon the interests of the participants. Choices may include horse photography and learning about breeds, tack and showing through the use of model horses and a model horse show.

**Week 8 - August 14th- August 18th**

**“A Horse of My Own”**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83708-01 (1:30pm dismissal)**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83708-02 (4:00pm dismissal)**

D-3 and higher level riders will have a level-appropriate horse as “their own” for the week’s activities. Activities will allow riders to spend time with “their” horses. Lessons and trail rides will be on their special horse if possible. The first four days will also include an additional riding lesson or fun ride on a different horse. **Additional theme: horses in the entertainment industry.**



**“For the Love of Horses”**

**D-1 level Activity # 83708-03 (1:30pm dismissal)**

D-1 riders will not be assigned a horse of “their own” but will focus on learning to ride and getting to know various horses. They will be taught basic grooming and given time to practice. Participants will learn many aspects of horse care. Fun activities will include a costume class and a trail ride or a “fun” ride.



**Week 9 - August 21st- August 25th**

**“Summertime Memories!”**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83709-01 (1:30pm dismissal)**

**D-3 and higher level Activity # 83709-02 (4:00pm dismissal)**

**D-1/D-2 level Activity # 83709-03 (1:30pm dismissal)**

This week’s workshop includes the most popular highlights from previous weeks, based upon rider suggestions. Activities may include a field trip, riding to music, trail riding, grooming or costume contests, braiding, horse chalking and bathing. **This week, adult riders may also sign up,** either alone or with a family member! It is a wonderful parent/daughter or son opportunity. Groups and activities will be designed based upon the mix of riders who register for the week.



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*If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call 908-526-5650 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable accommodations. Three weeks notice is required to ensure that appropriate accommodation can be provided*

