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# Summer Camp 2025 at Belle Wood



## Our Program

**Our Summer Camp Program was created with a focus on safety, horsemanship and fun!**

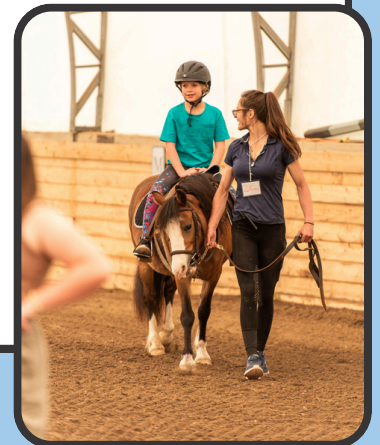
Camp Belle Wood has been developed to closely follow the Equestrian Canada Learn to Ride program, which focuses on safety, horsemanship and building a strong riding foundation.

Campers will participate in two riding lessons a day with our instructors. Our instructors group campers accordingly to their age and experience level. Our brand new beginner riders will learn the basics of riding with the goal to master Starting, Stopping and Steering in the walk by the end of the week and gain experience in the trot. Riders with previous experience will work towards advancing and improving their riding skillset.

When campers are not on a horse, they will be participating in horsemanship activities and stable management to create a strong foundation for students with safety around horses, grooming techniques, general horse care and understanding tack and equipment.

Campers will also have horse-related crafts and game time during lunch.

The week will conclude with a parent's show to showcase everything they have learned at Camp Belle Wood for you!



## Dates & Prices

**Please note: All prices are subject to HST**

Camp runs from Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Each week is \$645 plus HST.

Sign up before March first and enjoy our early bird rate of \$595 plus HST.

Extended care is available from 8:00 am - 9:00 am and 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm for an additional \$25.00 per morning or afternoon.

Extended care arrangements can be made daily with a credit card left on file with our office. Please note: Extended care does not extend your camp day, it is simply extra supervised time at Belle Wood in the event you are unable to pick up or drop off at our camp start and end times.

### Helmets & Boots

Helmet Rental is \$30/week.

ASTM approved riding helmets for equestrian use are mandatory to be allowed on a horse as well as boots with a 1/4 inch heel (rainboots, Blundstones). Please do not send hockey or bike helmets as these are not certified for equestrian use.



## **Dates & Prices**

### **2025 Dates**

**Session 1: July 7th-11th**

**Session 2: July 14th-18th**

**Session 3: July 21st- 25th**

**Session 4: July 28th-Aug 1st**

**Session 5: Aug 11th-15th**

**Session 6: Aug 18th- 22nd**

**Session 7: Aug 25th-Aug 29th**



## What to Bring

- Properly fitted ASTM-approved for equestrian use riding helmet (or rent a helmet from us!)
- Boots with a 1/4 Inch heel (Rainboots, Blundstones)
- Riding pants, leggings, and jeans are suitable for riding. No baggy sweatpants, as they can be a safety hazard and could get caught on equipment.
- Riding gloves to protect hands from leather reins
- Running shoes for games & shorts
- Bathing suit towel and crocs/fliflops for unicorn sprinkler day
- Sunscreen, bug spray, hat
- Lots of water! We are on a well so please send a couple of large water bottles with your camper!
- We ask campers to do their best to bring a "Litter-less" Lunch!

If you wish to purchase equestrian items for your camper please check out Greenhawk (Whitby, Stouffville) or Picov's (Ajax) to get fitted!

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## Daily Schedule

*\*Schedule is example only and there may be slight changes to day to day\**

**8:00 am - Early Drop-Off Commences.** During this time, students are engaged in activities related to horsemanship and stable management

**8:45 - 9:00 am: Campers begin to arrive**

**9:30 - 10:45 am: Group 1 Lesson**

**10:45 - 11:30 pm: Group 2 Lesson**

**11:30 - 12:15 pm: Group 3 Lesson**

**12:15 - 1:15 pm: Lunch & Games**

**1:15 - 2:00 pm: Group 1 Lesson**

**2:00 - 2:45 pm: Group 2 Lesson**

**2:45 - 3:30 pm: Group 3 Lesson**

**Pick up at 4:00 pm**

**Late pick up: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm**



When not on the horse, the other groups will be participating in horsemanship and stable management activities based on the Long Term Equestrian Development Plan and Equine Canada Learn to Ride programs.

(We hope you are in the sport for life after your week at camp!) as well as equine themed arts and crafts.



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## FAQ

### **How old does my child have to be?**

We start our camp at ages 7+.

### **What are your bathroom facilities?**

We have two port-a-potties deep cleaned weekly! We do have running water to wash hands.

### **What happens if it is a heat warning or over 25 degrees?**

The lessons on horseback will be cancelled and replaced with either a trail ride around the property or learning how to do ground work with the horses. This is for the safety of our horses and our campers.

### **What is your max amount of kids per week?**

Our max amount of campers is 20 per week with 5 students maximum per riding group.

### **Will campers ride the same horse everyday?**

No, campers will get to experience many different horses and ponies throughout their week. Meet all our horses on the website homepage.

### **My camper has experience can they still participate in camp?**

Absolutely! We group our riders by riding experience for riding groups, then by age to create the best camp environment for learning and fun!

## Basic Horse Questions

### **What is the difference between horses and ponies?**

Horses are measured in “Hands” 1 Hand = 4 Inches. We measure a horse’s height from the bottom of their front foot to the top of their wither. A horse that is 14.3hh and over is considered a horse. Any equine 14.2hh and under is considered a pony. Ponies are not baby horses- they are just small horses! That is as big as they are going to get!

### **Do you do racing?**

No we do not! In fact, most english lesson barns have nothing to do with the racing industry expect owning re-trained thoroughbreds! After thoroughbreds retire, they go on to have second careers in many different parts of the horse world and make fantastic horses!

### **Do you do Western?**

Although we will teach riders how to do some modified western games, we ride in english tack.

### **What is the difference between Hunters and Jumpers?**

Hunters is all about how your horse moves, the rider’s position (aka Equitation) and staying in one consistent pace while putting together the perfect course over jumps.

Jumpers is all about keeping jumps up and having the optimal time or fastest time.

