



El Dorado County 4-H Horse Camp
July 30th through August 2nd 2008



We are very excited to offer a very fun and educational week at the El Dorado County 4-H Horse Camp!

Campers and the horses will be spending four days and three nights at the El Dorado County Fairgrounds in Placerville. Campers will sleep in the Marshall Building and there will be panels set up for each horse. During the 4 days campers will be responsible for the total care of their horses. We will have scheduled ride times twice a day with crafts and educational activities throughout the day. We will also be working on a fee-in-kind project to benefit the fairgrounds. In return this will help to cover our cost of renting the fairgrounds, resulting in a huge savings to the Horse Project. Camp will end on Saturday afternoon after the campers perform on horseback for the parents and everyone enjoys a delicious family lunch.

Staff for camp overall will be volunteers, with the support of the University of California Cooperative Extension 4-H program staff. There is a need for additional adult volunteer assistance. In order to volunteer at camp you must be fingerprinted, orientated and enrolled as a 4-H Adult Volunteer. The 4-H office can help you take care of this. They can be reached at 530-621-5503. Help is needed each day with time slots between 2 to 4 hours. Please see the attached 4-H Adult Volunteer Time Chart & Sign Up Sheet to volunteer.

Mark your calendars for the **MANDATORY** parent and 4-H camper meeting to be held on July 22nd at 7 pm. Please meet at the Placerville fairgrounds horse arena so we can go over the final details for camp and answer any questions that you might still have.

In the event of an emergency, we reserve the right to cancel camp. The fairgrounds are used as a fire emergency station, so if there is a wild land fire in the area, camp might have to be cancelled. Forecasted extreme heat could also cause us to cancel camp.

Campers need to arrive at camp on Wednesday, July 30th between the hours of 9 am and 11 am. Parents will be expected to help the camper unload their horse and set up their stall. Campers might also need help with their water bucket and shavings along with helping with their tack. After the horse is settled, campers might need additional assistance moving their gear into the Marshall Building. Departure from camp will be on Saturday, August 2nd after our "Family Lunch" served at noon. Each family will receive 4 tickets for the lunch when the camper checks in. If you need additional tickets, they can be purchased for \$5.00 each. (Please use the Meal Tally order form included in your packet.)

Remember that all horses going to camp must be current on their vaccinations and dewormed prior to arrival.

We will require two separate checks at the time of enrollment:

- 1) Horse Camp Enrollment Fee of **\$150.00** (made out to 4-H County Council). Please include any meal fees with this check, as well.
- 2) Stall and Cleaning Deposit of **\$20.00** (made out to 4-H County Council), which will be returned at the end of camp when the 4-H camper has been checked off as completed the cleaning of their horse's stall and their sleeping area.

Enrollment packets and fees can be either dropped off at the El Dorado County 4-H office, or they can be mailed to:

El Dorado County 4-H Office
311 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667
Attn: Christine

Camp registration is due on **Tuesday, July 15th**. For more information, please call Kim Thompson, Horse Resource Leader at 530-333-2734 or Carol Martin 4-H Youth Development at 530-621-5507.