

SUMMER 2008

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Mill Creek's summer program. Enclosed is a summer schedule, which begins Tuesday June 24, 2008. All riders should arrive at Mill Creek each week at the time indicated on the attached schedule.

We are looking forward to another wonderful summer. Our trainers have lots of terrific lessons and activities planned and we're looking forward to a fun-filled summer.

All students need to have a current liability release form filled out and signed by both the rider and their parents. The four page form can be requested and we are happy to mail it to you. The copy on our website is for review only it is not an acceptable copy to turn in.

Parents need to fill out an enrollment form and return it to the office with payment to confirm a space for their child in the summer program.

Prices: \$80.00 per day for 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th level and \$50.00 per day for the 1st level Sunday class. Checks should be made payable to Mill Creek and payment for your child's individual summer schedule should be received with an enrollment sheet in the office as soon as possible. Week 1 must be paid no later than May 15, weeks 3, 4, & 5 must be paid no later than June 15 and weeks 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 must be paid no later than July 15.

This summer we are offering the following schedule: Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday 11:30 to 2:00 for 1st level students. Wednesday, Friday & Saturday for 2nd level. Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday for 3rd level Wednesday, Friday and Sunday for 4th level:

Please realize we have a limited number of school horses. These horses are reserved in advance and therefore we require that cancellations be made to the office before 12 noon, **the day prior** to your scheduled lesson, to avoid being charged..

For your child's safety and comfort please provide the following:

- Long pants or riding breeches
- Appropriate footwear (tall or short boots)
- ASTM- SEI Approved riding helmet with a chin strap (provided by Mill Creek for those who don't have their own)
- Safety vest recommended
- Riding crop
- Spray bottle with water
- Lunch, preferably in a small cooler
- Change for the pay phone (kept in their pocket)
- Layered clothing (everything should be labeled)
- Insect repellent / sunblock

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Friday, July 4th Mill Creek will be closed. We will not be offering camp on July 1st – 6th but will be available for private and semi-private lessons. These private/semi-private lessons can be scheduled on or after June 15 using our monthly lesson request form available at www.millcreekequestriancenter.com or at the office.

There is a small refrigerator located in the school horse area to hold drinks. There are also soda and water machines with drinks and snacks.

We regret that Mill Creek is not considered a day care facility and may not be used for a tax write-off.

If you have any further questions please call Lisa, Sally or Lori in the office.

Riding apparel can be purchased at:

Calabasas Saddlery in Calabasas, (818) 591-0292
European Equestrian Supply in Malibu, (310) 456-1454
Dominion Saddlery at LAEC, (818) 842-4300

P.S. Some summers (but not all) an ice cream truck came by daily around 11:30. Most of the items cost \$1.00 - \$1.50. Hopefully he will be back this summer.

Please keep the following rules in mind when visiting Mill Creek:

1. **STUDENT HOURS:** Tuesday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Closed Monday.
2. **FOOTWEAR:** All students must wear appropriate footwear at all times while working around and riding horses. Appropriate footwear is a hard-soled shoe with a heel. Absolutely no tennis shoes.
3. **HELMETS:** All students must wear a riding helmet at all times when mounted. Mill Creek recommends all riders purchase and wear an ASTM-SEI approved riding helmet with a full harness and chin strap and a safety vest for jumping.
4. **LESSON CANCELLATIONS:** Students (or parents) are financially responsible for all lessons not canceled before 12 o'clock noon the day **PRIOR** to the scheduled lesson. Cancellations must be given to the office, **NOT** the instructor.
5. **PAYMENT:** Mill Creek accepts cash or checks only, not credit cards for lessons. Cash or checks made payable to Mill Creek should be given to the instructor or dropped off at the office before the start of each class. If students wish to pay for their lessons in advance, accounts can be opened in the office with a minimum deposit of \$100.00.
6. **RETURNED CHECKS:** There is a \$20.00 charge for any returned check.
7. **TELEPHONE:** There is a pay phone available in the big barn.
8. **PARKING:** Please, please drive in and out very slowly. There are often children and animals in the driveway. Do not park in front of walkways or corral gates.
9. **CHILDREN:** Supervision of children on Mill Creek premises is the responsibility of the parent or a supervisor appointed by them. Mill Creek employees supervise your children only during a scheduled lesson. If a minor is being "dropped off" for a lesson, please pick them up at Mill Creek when the lesson ends.
10. **GROUP & PRIVATE LESSONS:** Please schedule with the office each group and private lesson you wish to attend at least 24 hours prior to the lesson to see if there may be a horse available. We prefer to have a monthly lesson schedule submitted in writing. Schedules are available on the 15th of each month for the following month both on our website and at the office.
11. **RUNNING OR SCREAMING:** No Running or screaming in or around the stable areas.
12. **JUMPING:** No one is allowed to jump without an instructor.
13. **PETS:** Dogs are allowed, but **ONLY** in our dog park area on the right hand side when you drive in our driveway. Dogs must always be on a leash in the parking lot and never in the barn or arena areas. Please don't bring your dog if they are persistent barkers or don't get along with other dogs.
14. **FEEDING HORSES:** Please do not feed the horses. Even the best horses sometimes bite.
15. **RAIN:** In the event of rain, call the office as near to your lesson time as possible on the day of your lesson to find out if we are planning to teach. (It may be raining at your house and not at Mill Creek.)
16. **NO SMOKING** in and around the barn areas, shavings or hay.

We hope that you will be able to join us for another fun and educational summer. Please inform the office of your child's summer schedule as soon as possible. We will be able to maintain the following schedule if five or more students have signed up for each day, 2 weeks prior to the camp date.

1st level schedule: Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 2:00 and Sunday from 11:30 – 2:00. 1st level camp is for students currently riding in our 1st level lessons (Thursday at 4:30 and/or Sunday 12:00 – 2:00, or at an equivalent level). In addition to the Sunday lessons we are adding a full day of camp on Tuesday and Thursday's throughout the summer. The Thursday 4:30 lesson will discontinue for the summer and will resume again in September.

Tuesday & Thursday:		1 st level Sunday:	
9:00 – 9:30	groom & tack up		
9:30 – 10:30	riding lesson	11:30 – 12:00	groom & tack up
10:30 – 11:00	untack, clean horses and school horse area	12:00 – 1:00	riding lesson
11:00 – 11:30	lunch	1:00 – 2:00	activities
11:30 – 12:00	groom & tack up		
12:00 – 12:30	activities		
12:30 – 1:30	riding lesson		
1:30 – 2:00	untack, clean horses and school horse area		

2nd level schedule: Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 – 2:00 and Saturday from 9:30 – 2:30. 2nd level camp is for students currently riding in our 2nd level lessons (Tuesday at 5:00 and/or Saturday 9:30 – 2:30, or at an equivalent level). The Tuesday 5:00 lesson will discontinue for the summer and will resume again in September.

Wednesday & Friday:		2 nd level Saturday:	
9:00 – 9:30	groom & tack up		
9:30 – 10:30	riding lesson	9:30 – 10:00	groom & tack up
10:30 – 11:00	untack, clean horses and school horse area	10:00 – 11:00	riding lesson
11:00 – 11:30	lunch	11:00 – 11:30	untack, clean horses and school horse area
11:30 – 12:00	groom & tack up	11:30 – 12:30	lunch
12:00 – 12:30	activities	12:30 – 1:00	activities
12:30 – 1:30	riding lesson	1:00 – 2:00	riding lesson
1:30 – 2:00	untack, clean horses and school horse area	2:00 – 2:30	untack, clean horses and school horse area

3rd level schedule: Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 3:00 and Saturday 10:30 – 3:30. 3rd level camp is for students currently riding in our 3rd level lessons (Wednesday 5:00 group and/or Saturday 10:30 – 3:30, or at an equivalent level). The Wednesday 5:00 lesson will discontinue for the summer and will resume again in September.

Tuesday & Thursday:		Saturday:	
9:00 – 10:30	(9:00 – 9:30 help 1 st level) groom & tack up	10:30 – 11:00	groom & tack up
10:30 – 11:30	riding lesson	11:00 – 12:00	riding lesson
11:30 – 12:00	untack, clean horses and school horse area	12:00 – 12:30	untack, clean horses and school horse area
12:00 – 12:30	activities	12:30 – 1:30	activities & lunch
12:30 – 1:00	lunch	1:30 – 2:00	groom & tack up
1:00 – 1:30	groom & tack up	2:00 – 3:00	riding lesson
1:30 – 2:30	riding lesson	3:00 – 3:30	untack, clean horses and school horse area
2:30 – 3:00	untack, clean horses and school horse area		

4th level schedule: Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 – 3:00 and Sunday 10:30 – 4:30. 4th level camp is for students currently riding in our 4th level lessons (Thursday 4:30 group and/or Sunday 10:30 – 4:30, or at an equivalent level). The Thursday 5:00 lesson will discontinue for the summer and will resume again in September.

Wednesday & Friday:		Sunday:	
9:00 – 10:30	(9:00 – 9:30 help 2 nd level) groom & tack up	10:30 – 11:00	groom & tack up
10:30 – 11:30	riding lesson	11:00 – 12:00	riding lesson
11:30 – 12:00	untack, clean horses and school horse area	12:00 – 12:30	untack, clean horses and school horse area
12:00 – 12:30	activities	12:30 – 2:30	activities & lunch
12:30 – 1:00	lunch	2:30 – 3:00	groom & tack up
1:00 – 1:30	groom & tack up	3:00 – 4:00	riding lesson
1:30 – 2:30	riding lesson	4:00 – 4:30	untack, clean horses and school horse area
2:30 – 3:00	untack, clean horses and school horse area		

Attn: Parents of new Mill Creek students,

The Mill Creek summer horseback riding program is designed to give our students “hands on” experience with horses. Our Sunday 1st level class is designed for children 6 years of age and older. They ride for one hour and have one hour of activities. The activities vary to include some grooming and tacking up of horses and emphasize proper care and horsemanship. The 1st level summer classes for beginning riders will begin on Tuesday, June 24. Each new student must take AT LEAST four, 45-minute private lesson prior to June 24.

1st level recommended for children 9 yrs. and older (children 6 – 8 years of age may participate with instructor approval, ½ days may be suggested)

Week 1: June 24 – June 29

Week 2: **NO CAMP** (July 1 – 6) we will offer private lessons

Week 3: July 8 - 13

Week 4: July 15 - 20

Week 5: July 22 - 27

Week 6: July 29 – August 3

Week 7: August 5 - 10

Week 8: August 12 - 17

Week 9: August 19 - 24

Week 10: August 26 - 31

To reserve a space in the Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Sunday 1st level program please fill out, sign and return the enclosed release form **and** enrollment form along with a check for payment, payable to Mill Creek, for each child. The summer program runs from June 24 until August . After this summer program there will be riding lessons available in the Fall for your child/children to continue riding.

Please call Lisa, Sally or Lori in the office at (310) 455-1116 if you have any further questions regarding our Summer Program.

Thank you,

Mill Creek

Enrollment Form
one rider per form

Name of Rider: _____

Mother: _____

Day Phone: _____

Eve Phone: _____

Father: _____

Day Phone: _____

Eve Phone: _____

Other emergency contacts & phone numbers: _____

Rider's level: _____

circle the individual dates your child will be attending:

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
		6/24/2008	6/25/2008	6/26/2008	6/27/2008	6/28/2008
6/29/2008	closed	No camp	No camp	No camp	No camp	No camp
No camp	closed	7/8/2008	7/9/2008	7/10/2008	7/11/2008	7/12/2008
7/13/2008	closed	7/15/2008	7/16/2008	7/17/2008	7/18/2008	7/19/2008
7/20/2008	closed	7/22/2008	7/23/2008	7/24/2008	7/25/2008	7/26/2008
7/27/2008	closed	7/29/2008	7/30/2008	7/31/2008	8/1/2008	8/2/2008
8/3/2008	closed	8/5/2008	8/6/2008	8/7/2008	8/8/2008	8/9/2008
8/10/2008	closed	8/12/2008	8/13/2008	8/14/2008	8/15/2008	8/16/2008
8/17/2008	closed	8/19/2008	8/20/2008	8/21/2008	8/22/2008	8/23/2008
8/24/2008	closed	8/26/2008	8/27/2008	8/28/2008	8/29/2008	8/30/2008
8/31/2008						

6/24 – 6/29 Total \$ _____

7/8 – 7/27 Total \$ _____

7/29 – 8/31 Total \$ _____