



## **Camps General Information**

### **Arrival & Orientation**

Please plan to arrive the day before your camp begins. You will be able to check in between 2-5 pm. so that you will have time to get your horse, feed, and tack put away before the orientation at 7:00 pm. There will be introductions at the orientation, and we will be going over the curriculum and what to expect along with answering any questions you might have.

### **Location**

The Horse Ranch is located 11 miles east of Fort St. John, BC.

Traveling in from Dawson Creek (Hwy 97) go through Taylor, turn right just before underpass, go around an “S” curve, take an immediate right onto the Baldonnel Road, go straight East 9 km. When you reach a sharp curve to the right in the pavement, instead of going around the curve go straight ahead and take an immediate left onto the graveled 243 Road. Go straight North 3 km and this road turns into a log gate at The Horse Ranch entrance.

### **Accommodation**

Self contained campers are welcome; we have sites available, shower facilities, and a large covered fire pit area for cooking with picnic tables for relaxing and evening gatherings around the campfires. We also have some spots with power hookups, if you would like one of these please let us know in advance. There are no sewer hookups. For those who do not have their own accommodation, we have a cozy Cabin Tent (sleeps 2) available with comfortable beds and wood stove; and another Big Cabin (sleeps 4) which has a fridge and microwave. Please bring your own sleeping bag, towels, food, dishes, and cooking surface. Challenge course, obstacles, bridge, tackshed, outhouses, round corrals, horse pens, miles of river valley trails with draws, hills, and coulees surrounded by crown land on three sides, trotting track, liberty complex.

### **Personal Photos**

Photos are meant to be for your personal use only, not for commercial purposes or public viewing. Please do not publish or publicly display any photos taken of the Stewart family, staff, or anyone or anything else at The Horse Ranch without written permission from The Horse Ranch and the people in the photo. Please no video cameras or recording devices.

### **Payment/Cancellation/Transfer Policy**

If payment is not made by due date, the next higher course fee applies or the reservation may be turned over to those on wait list. If the position can be filled from a waiting list a full refund less \$50 cancellation fee will be given. If the position cannot be filled from a waiting list 50% of the fee may be transferred to a future course within 1 year with the remainder non refundable.

### **General Information**

- Each rider spot includes one free spectator ticket. If the spectator has never been to a camp before, they must attend the orientation.
- Please do not bring stallions or unstarted horses.
- All applicants must be a minimum of 16 years of age; exceptions may be made on an individual basis and by approval only.
- Tackshed and individual 25 X 25 pipe pens provided. Riders are responsible for supplying feed for their horses. Water is provided. Please bring your own bucket.
- Please do not bring pets.
- Proof of valid negative Coggins test required upon arrival.
- All guests/family members must be registered and participating in the camp as either riders or spectators.
- You are welcome and encouraged to take each stage as many times as necessary to get your horsemanship to the standard you are looking for or to be able to pass the official assessment. Prerequisites: must have passed official assessment of the stage prior to the stage of camp you want to book into or be taking camps in succession.

Example – say you’ve passed Stage 2.

- If you are ready for the next step, can take Camp 3/Stages 3&4
- If you are ready for the next step and more of a challenge: take Camp 3/Stages 3&4, and Camp 4/Stages 4&5 as well.
- If you want to take Camp 4, you must take Camp 3 in succession with Camp 4, or have passed an official assessment of Stage 3 before the camp.
- If it’s been a while and you need some review, or just want to get what you already have going more solid: take Camp 2/Stages 2&3.
- If you want to make sure what you’ve already got is solid and then build on that take Camps 2/Stages 2&3, and Camp 3, Stages 3&4, and Camp 4, and 5...there is no limit.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **Question: What is the nearest airport and how far is it to town?**

The nearest airport is Fort St. John BC, and it is about half way between the ranch and town, which is 22 KM away.

### **Question: After I take a Camp, will I be certified as having passed the Stages in it?**

Camps are the study of the Stages, and are an opportunity to learn and try out many different techniques within each stage. The idea is that you take home what you learned from the camp and practice. Then you would submit a video taped assessment for that stage to become certified in it. ([See Stages Program](#)).

### **Question: I am booked for a succession of camps, what about staying in between?**

Yes, its fine and you are welcome. We will prorate the facility fee for you at the rate of \$12 per night. All that we ask is that you appreciate that this is Glenn’s time off and reserve any questions you might have for when the Camps are in session. You are welcome to use the facilities, arena, round pens etc; some areas might be closed off to encourage grass growth etc.

**Question: Can I check in early, before 2 pm, or late; after 5 pm, and can I arrive to the orientation late or miss it altogether?**

We really appreciate it when everyone follows the guidelines for check-in times and orientation; we schedule extra help, family time, sleep, meals, time away from home, and our horse development specifically to be able to give you our full attention during these times. Also it makes it very hard to teach and make the best use of every ones time when students are late. We understand that flat tires and accidents happen; but please schedule to be on time. Please give us a call if you know you will be late; 1 877 728 8987.

**Question: Do I need to bring more than one horse?**

You will only need one horse for the camp but if you want to ride a second one in the evenings or before class that can be arranged, if the pens are all full or needed, then you would to keep them both in the same 25 X 25 pipe pen. There is a \$8 charge per day for the second horse.

**Question: What is a valid negative Coggins Test?**

It is a test that the vet performs by drawing blood from your horse and growing a culture on it to prove that it does not test positive for Equine Infectious Anemia. It would need to be done anytime in the 180 period prior to your date of arrival. It can take up to two weeks to get the paperwork back from the vet, which you will need to bring with you and show before you unload your horses. It can be fast tracked but it depends on where you live.

If you have any questions you are welcome to give us a call at 1 877 728 8987.