



Summer Camp
2010





“Pony Farm has taught me much more than riding...
I am so coming back next year.” -Age 13

Pony Farm Celebrates Our 39th Summer

Pony Farm is proud to offer our 39th season of specialty summer riding camp for girls ages 8 – 14 years old. Our small size, excellent staff, friendly horses, structured programs and well-equipped facilities provide an unparalleled camp and riding experience.

Our carefully designed summer schedule offers something for every camper. All sessions include Carriage Driving, Vaulting, a Hunter Pace, an All Day Ride or Drive, a Camping Trip with the ponies, swimming with horses and an opportunity for parents to see their daughters ride. Some sessions include the opportunity to participate in a home or away horse show.

We invite you to visit our website to learn more about our farm, programs and staff:

www.ponyfarm.com



Session 1: 6/20 – 6/26 (One Week Session)

Session 2: 6/27 – 7/10

Session 3: 7/11 – 7/24

Session 4: 7/25 – 8/7

Session 5: 8/8 – 8/21

**Join us at our Camp Open House on January 3, 2010
between 1 – 4pm**



“I really like Pony Farm because I really like the small animals and the ponies. I also like being with my friends.” -Age 10

A Day at Pony Farm

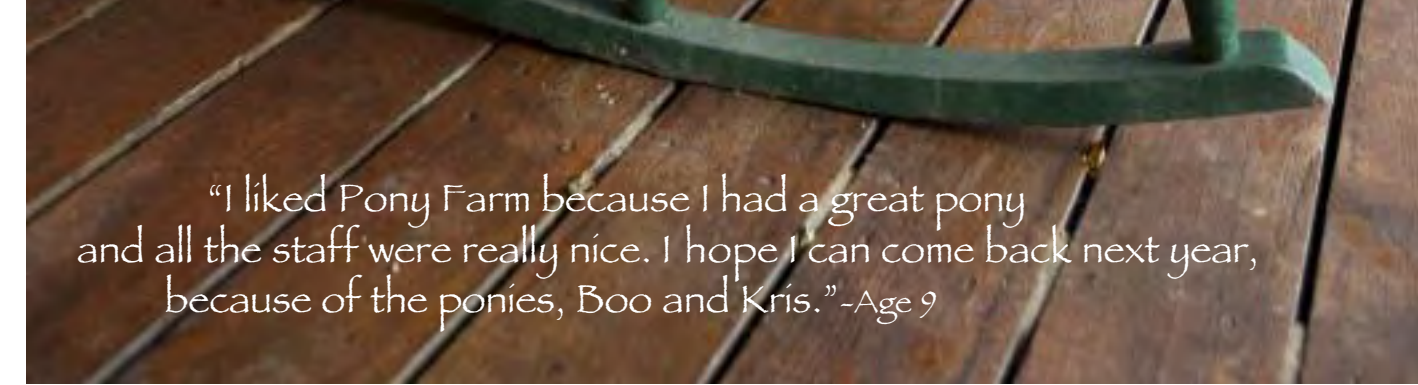
- 7:30am Wake up: Bring in horses from pasture and feed
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 Room clean up
- 9:15 Community Meeting – to announce day’s schedule, deal with any concerns, and give campers an opportunity to provide input
- 9:30 Groom and tack up horses
Riding lesson – Riders are placed in groups of six according to experience. A senior instructor and counselor-in-training work with each group. Lesson plans and progression for each group are planned on a daily basis by the riding staff.
Cool out horses, groom and feed
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 1:15 Rest hour – quiet time to chat, read, write letters
- 2:30 Afternoon activities – Campers choose an activity to participate in each afternoon. Activities come from campers’ “brainstorm” ideas for the activities they most want to have offered each week and always include lessons and trail rides
- 4:30 Feed horses, snack time for campers
- 5:00 Turn our horses in pastures, perform barn chores
- 6:00 Showers, free time
- 6:30 Dinner
- 7:15 Evening activity
- 8:30 Goodnight circle and Vespers
- 9:30 Bedtime

Riding Activities

- Riding Lessons –
Balance / Hunt Seat
Horse Show
Jumping Instructions
Swim with Horses
Outside (Hunt) Courses
Carriage Driving
Beginning Dressage
Games on Horseback
Trail Rides
Bareback Trail Rides
Picnic Rides
Hunter Pace
Videotape
Pony Farm Olympics
Vaulting
Pony Camping Trip
Stable Management

Non-Riding Activities

- Swimming
Small Farm Animal Program
Games
Field Trips
Camp Fires
Vespers
Arts and Crafts
Singing
Skits
Berry Picking
Talent Show
Gardening
Stable Management
Storytelling



“I liked Pony Farm because I had a great pony and all the staff were really nice. I hope I can come back next year, because of the ponies, Boo and Kris.” -Age 9

Pony Farm Staff: Cornerstone of Quality and Caring

The visionary force behind Pony Farm is Boo McDaniel, its founder. Boo infuses the camp with an energy and love that brings out the best in campers, staff and horses! Her dedication and passion has made Pony Farm the special place it is.

Kris Young serves as Co-Director of Pony Farm and brings 30 years of “kid wrangling” experience and a deep commitment to Pony Farm.

Pony Farm’s 2:1 camper/staff ratio ensures plenty of TLC for each child. The Pony Farm team has a core group of year-round staff members who combine experience at Pony Farm with specialized interests and skills.

Our year-round staff is joined by summer staff, most of whom have “grown up” in the Pony Farm family, or who are majoring in equine studies at colleges across the US.

Counselors-in-Training are campers, 15 years of age or older, who add helping hands and gain experience in a staff role.



Pony Farm Is also Home to:

- Pony Farm Riding Lessons (winter, spring and fall)
- Horse Show Series (held May – October)
- Mother-Daughter Weekends
- Father-Daughter Weekends
- Family Fun Weekend
- Adult Riding and Driving Weekends
- Horse Power Therapeutic Horsemanship Program
- Horse Power Instructor Training School





The Facilities at Pony Farm

Pony Farm is located on a year-round working horse farm in the scenic Monadnock Region of southern New Hampshire. We offer:

- A “horse of your own” experience. Each girl will choose a horse or pony from among the 65 who call Pony Farm home and will ride and care for that horse or pony every day during camp
- An all-wooden, 72’x200’ indoor arena, with excellent footing, games and jumps. The arena is airy and well-ventilated for cool summer riding and unmounted fun on rainy days
- Recreational swimming pool
- Miles of wooded trails and dirt roads
- 4 fenced riding rings (3 lighted) with sand surfaces
- Round pen
- 3 outside (hunt) courses
- Safe, well-maintained pastures with board fencing
- Clean, comfortable stabling with stall mats
- Modern tack and equipment rooms
- Classrooms
- Small farm animal barn and gardens
- Carriage driving equipment and facilities
- Vaulting equipment

The Farm House was built in 1754 and was used as the Stage Coach stop between Boston and Montreal. It also served as the Birthing Room and the School Room for the area.

The main barn was built in the 1800’s from wood taken off the farm land. The first floor still has the original stonewall foundation and houses the horses. The second floor was where stagecoaches would switch horses. Today it houses two classrooms and is home to the oldest horses and ponies.

The Lodge at Pony Farm was built in 1977 and provides lodging for our summer campers.

The Lodge & Cottages at Pony Farm

We have two on-site cottages and the beautiful Lodge at Pony Farm available for our campers.

The Lodge was built in 1977 using locally-harvested, hand-hewn logs. A huge living room with a fieldstone fireplace, comfortable couches and wrought-iron chandeliers fosters a sense of warmth and closeness. Nine carpeted bedrooms open off the central room, housing younger campers and staff in comfort. Older campers stay in the on-site cottages, giving them a touch of freedom and independence.

Each room in the Lodge has bunk beds, a sink and a closet, and a shared bathroom with one shower. Campers are assigned four to six to a room, according to age. We make every attempt to room friends together, but cannot guarantee it.

The Lodge’s wide porch provides a perfect place for everyone to relax before dinner or have a peaceful chat. Its sparkling, modern kitchen provides attractive, healthy meals and tempting treats for dessert!



Letter from Boo, Pony Farm Founder and Director

Dear Parents and Pony Farmers,

One of the things I love best about running a small camp is that the staff and I come to know each and every child so well. I am continually touched and impressed by the concern, love and commitment shown by our camp parents. I feel grateful to be entrusted with your children. I am totally dedicated to working with you to provide them with the absolute best camp stay possible.

Toward that end, I want to encourage parents to share their hopes, concerns and goals for their children with me — as a team we can accomplish so much. Please feel free to call me before you enroll to make sure that Pony Farm is the right program for your daughter. You can also call during camp to discuss your daughter’s progress or adjustment.

I also would like to encourage new camp families to visit us, either at the off-season Open House on January 3rd from 1 to 4 pm, or better yet, during camp so you can see the program in operation. We are also happy to provide the names and phone numbers of other camp families as references who can help answer your questions.

Thank you very much for your interest in Pony Farm. I hope we will welcome you and your daughter at the farm this summer!

Sincerely,

Boo McDaniel, M.Ed.
ACA Certified Camp Director
Master Instructor, NARHA & CHA
NH Horse Person of the Year, 2004



Pony Farm Credentials

The American Riding Instructor’s Certification Program
Boo McDaniel is certified by the ARICP to teach beginner through advanced riders and has served on the national certification panel to test applicants. She was honored as ARICP Instructor of the Year in 1997.

American Camping Association Accreditation
Every three years, Pony Farm undergoes voluntary national inspection and evaluation of over 225 standards covering site, facilities, staff, program, training, safety, goals and philosophy. In 2005, we passed with an overall score of 100%. Boo has served on the New England Board of ACA for many years.

Camp Director Certification
Boo McDaniel is 1 of approximately 200 Certified Camp Directors in the United States.

New Hampshire Camp Director’s Association
Boo McDaniel has served as Treasurer, President and Executive Secretary of the NHCA, which promotes camping within the state of New Hampshire.

Certified Horsemanship Association
Membership enables Pony Farm to provide certified instructors for the camp riding program.

Pony Farm Staff
Our riding staff have been trained and certified in at least one of the following:

- Certified Horsemanship Association
- Accredited College Riding Program
- US Pony Club
- British Horse Society
- Pony Farm Counselor-in-Training Program
- Pony Farm’s recreational swimming program is under direction of Red Cross Certified Life Guards
- The Pony Farm Infirmary is staffed by a Registered Nurse who visits the camp daily and is on call 24 hours a day; doctors and nurses of Monadnock Pediatric Associates oversee our health care policies and are on call 24 hours a day
- All camp counselors are certified in First Aid and CPR



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