

The Riding Instructors

Shaya

Shaya Basnett has been instructing at North Country Stables since November of 2013. She moved to Yellowknife from Olds, Alberta where she went to school for two years receiving her Diploma in Equine Science Business & Event Management. Shaya has been riding for over eighteen years and has been teaching for six years. She received her Equine Canada Instructor of Beginners coaching license in 2012. She has instructed at several stables all over Alberta and BC and specializes in the English discipline but is experienced in both English and Western disciplines. She has shown in the provincial Bronze level in Alberta and has received several show awards over her many years of showing.

Caroline

Caroline Sugawara has been riding for the last 24 years. She graduated from the Kemptville College/University of Guelph's Equestrian Certificate program in 2000 and has her English and Western Level 2 instructor certification from the Certified Horsemanship Association since 2009. Caroline moved up to Yellowknife in August of 2013. Caroline says she likes to have fun in her lessons and enjoys teaching both adults and children.

Although both instructors are new to Yellowknife, they both are extremely excited for the summer season. Teaching is their passion and they both love to help nourish and further increase the younger generation's interest in horseback riding. They can't wait to meet the new children for summer camps!

Both instructors are equipped with their first aid.



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2014 Summer Camp Programs



A Great Sport Experience For all ages

North Country Stables

North Country Stables has been established since 1997. The stable now has 22 horses, some which are privately owned and others, which are used as Lesson Horses. Regular lessons go on year round in our **HEATED** indoor arena, and camps are held during the summer months.

North Country Stables is located on Highway #3, 2.5 km south of the airport. A large red horse carriage appear at the entrance, on the right side of the highway.

Why Summer Camps?

Summer camps are an interactive way for kids to be able to learn new passions and hobbies. At North Country Stables they will not only have the experience of working with horses but they will learn a new hobby with new friends and in a fun, safe environment.

Camps are a great place for children of all ages to interact with each other in a low key, no-bullying setting. They learn not only how to ride and handle horses, but we play many games and do many activities.

Camps consist of kids riding usually twice a day, having trail rides, water fights and learning how to properly take care of horses. It is a good introduction for kids to horses, in case your child has been bugging you for years for riding lessons, it is a good way to tell if your child really wants to commit to riding long term.

When the kids have their riding lessons in the camps, they will be placed in groups no greater than six riders per lesson and the lesson will go for about an hour and a half.

The North Country Stables Schooling Horses

Sugar, Daisy and Omar - This trio of small but hardy ponies are truly hard ponies to beat. Each has their own unique personality but they share the patience for all riders they come across. They are great for our beginner riders and are the ponies we turn to for our small of stature riders.

Mickey - This horse is one of our smaller sized animals, we believe to be a Welsh pony – Percheron cross, Mickey loves to be handled. Patient and willing, he is for our intermediate riders, but can and will be ridden by our beginner riders if needed.

Charles – the newest addition to our lesson program, Charles still has a few kinks needing to be worked out of his system but we have great hopes for this small sized horse. He loves being groomed and having attention and is a good horse for our intermediate riders.

Norman - This gentle giant is a Spanish Norman, where his name comes from. It means that he is Percheron-Andalusian cross. He is big but don't be worried, this boy is more than happy to challenge all levels of riders – from beginners to advanced, he has a little something for everyone.

Mack – Norman's younger brother he is a more energetic form of his brother. Patient enough for small children to ride and yet when having an advanced student on his back he becomes exactly what each rider needs. He loves to jump and has brought many young riders forward, giving them courage to face the challenge of jumping.

Blackie and Lacrete – Mother and son, our miniatures are the horses that the kids can learn the fine art of driving. Equipped with their small but strong attitudes and a miniature carriage, these two like nothing better than to go for a drive.

What a Student Needs

Summer Camp Necessities:

- Shoes need to be heeled boots (hiking boots acceptable). No running shoes allowed and heels need to only be 1 ½" high.
- Jeans, riding pants or yoga pants are acceptable.
- Riding helmet (helmets can be provided by stables)
- Gloves are optional but encouraged to keep riders from getting sores on their hands.
- No baggy clothes (sweat pants, large hoodies, etc.)
- Hair must be pulled out of the face and held back in ponytails or braids.
- A lunch each day
- Plenty of water
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- A sweater
- A rain jacket

Prices

Camp Package _____ \$600.00

(Note: Prices do not include Taxes.)