

No Boundaries

Equine Eco-Adventures into Riding Mountain National Park

*HORSE COUNTRY! What is that? ...It's endless trails dimpled with the hooves of deer, elk, moose, and tracks of bear, coyotes, and many other wild animals. It's thousands of square kilometers of undulating forest, spotted with wetlands, and wide expanses of grassland prairies. That natural youthful daring and sense of adventure has free rein in such wild country. If you've ever thought about hearing the rhythmic crunch of your horse's hooves on natural turf, seeing sunsets in technicolor on the clearest of horizons, hear coyotes yip and howl in stereo, and feel the warm glow of campfire lighting up the faces of fellow riders, then a horseback adventure into Riding Mountain National Park at **ADVENTURER YOUTH HORSE CAMPS** may just be what your youth is ready for.*

***ADVENTURER YOUTH and TEEN HORSE CAMP sessions** have been run at Trailhead Ranch adjacent and into RMNP area by Anne Schuster, staff, and volunteers, for over 23 years. Anne uses her skills as horse trainer, naturalist, credentialed teacher, and Federal Parks Canada Guide and Outfitter to provide a very "hands-on" and exciting outdoor adventure program. Teamwork takes on a whole new meaning, for both horse and rider. Ridership is non-competitive. Small group size limit of 10 allows for very personalized coaching. No experience is necessary. A certificate of accomplishment is provided at the completion of each camp session. Older teens are welcome to apply their new skills to leadership training initiative on their resumes.*

Most of the Trailhead Ranch saddle horses have been born and raised at the ranch. They are good natured and trail wise. Nothing can take the place of the responsibilities of catching, grooming, and learning to ride your own horse well. Opportunities to enhance self esteem and self-determination are provided by daily activities involving basic packing, survival skills, environmental awareness, and positive group interaction.

*True adventure means dealing with varying degrees of danger. Dealing with the unknown, fuels excitement. Balancing risk management with the excitement of an adventurous camp experience is the key to bringing home great lifetime memories. Today's youth need to be given the opportunity to initiate and participate in **REAL ADVENTURE**, learning to show initiative, accept and practice responsibility. The **ADVENTURER YOUTH HORSE CAMP** program includes thorough orientation, horsemanship coaching, responsible implementation and focus on goals in order to become a true educational experience.*

If personal empowerment, hands-on horsemanship, and a whole lot of outdoor fun and excitement is your choice for your youth summer camp experience, then gearing up to go where there are no boundaries, may be just the beginning of new found confidence and good old fashioned "trail sense"!

