

# Jr/Cadette Camp - WESTERN SHOWMANSHIP AT HALTER

(Not A Mounted/Riding Event)

*What does this mean? What will I learn?*

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**Learning Showmanship at Halter, Show Judging and Oral reasoning techniques, helps develop organizational skill, memory skills, public speaking skills and improves self-confidence. While teaching, horse safety, care and management.**

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*At camp the residents will be taught how to be an Exhibitor and a Judge in a Western Showmanship at Halter Performance Class Horse Show and will have the opportunity to display their newly acquired skills in both of these areas in a Camp Horse Show on the last day of camp.*

## **Exhibitor (Handler)**

Western Showmanship at halter is a performance class horse event where the **HANDLER** not the horse is judged. The handler is judged on their ability to present a horse in a safe, controlled manner.

The camp will teach the handler individual pattern work at halter. During the Horse Show the campers will be evaluated by a Judge (Campers) on pattern execution (leading, turning, backing, stopping, and setting up, close inspection and presentation). Campers will also learn about Horse Show grooming and exhibitor appearance. Style of presentation is a very important part when being judged in a Western Showmanship Halter class.

## **JUDGING & ORAL REASONS**

Campers will be taught how to judge a Western Showmanship Halter Class. How to prepare and present a good set of oral reasons and the criteria used by officials when scoring oral reasons.

The primary emphasis in the horse judging program is placed on learning objectivity and learning how to defend judgements rendered in the process of placing a class.

Both placing a class and then defining that placement teaches campers to be totally objective, honest and fair in the evaluation process.

When teaching oral reasons campers are encouraged to render defensible and objective judgements based on facts, not personal opinions.

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**Campers will have the opportunity to be both an exhibitor and a judge at the Western Showmanship at Halter Show**

**AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN  
for  
Western Showmanship at Halter  
&  
Oral Reasoning**

