



**BEAR CREEK
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BARN RULES**

Horses are flight prey animals. They can be unpredictable. By following the rules below, we can help enable our, as well as their, comfort and safety. This facility recommends all riders of all levels and ages wear a helmet when handling, grooming and riding.

1. All riders under 18 or those taking lessons must wear an ASTM F-1163-01/SEI certified riding helmet, properly fitted and secured while mounted.
2. Any adult rider opting to not wear a helmet must sign a helmet-waiver.
3. Appropriate footwear (closed hard toe shoes) must be worn when leading, hauling, grooming and riding.
4. Horses must be attended at all times when out of pastures or paddocks.
5. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult at all times. Children may not be “dropped off” at the barn, as we are not equipped to supervise children while we are working. An adult must be present and accountable for each student and rider.
6. Running in the barn yard, screaming, and throwing objects is not permitted around the horses. If a horse should become suddenly frightened it could easily injure itself, the rider, or anyone else in the area.
7. **NO SMOKING** and no alcohol consumption while handling or riding any horses on the premises.
8. Never tie a horse to the fence boards or gates. A horse can easily pull back and break an oak board or bend a gate off the hinges causing a dangerous flight response.
9. Dogs **MUST** be restrained on a leash and immediately removed from the premises if barking or interfering, scaring horses or horse owners.
10. Riding guests must sign a waiver form upon arrival to the farm. If the guest rider is a minor, that child’s parent or legal guardian must sign the liability acknowledgement and waiver form. If you are planning to bring a minor guest and wish to have the child’s parent sign the waiver ahead of time, the form is available in PDF format on our website.
11. Horses may be led by a lead rope clipped to a fastened halter or with a rope halter and line only. No loose ropes about the neck, or unfastened halters. In all open and general use areas, the horse must be under your direct control.
12. Please be certain to pick up your trash, and your children’s trash. Let’s keep our farm a beautiful place.
13. Schooling over fences is permitted only under the direct supervision of an instructor.
14. Boarders and Students are responsible for any damage caused by themselves, their children, their guests or horses.
15. Please pick up any manure piles left by your horses in the roadways, barnyards, or other general use areas.
16. Please report destructive horse behavior as soon as you notice it.
17. If you groom your horse on the mats in a cross-tie area, please be sure to sweep the area afterwards.

By my signature I certify that I understand and agree to abide by these BCEC Barn Rules:

Boarder or student Written Name

Boarder or student (adult over 18) Signature

Date