



# NEW CANAAN MOUNTED TROOP

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## 2010 SUMMER RIDING INFORMATION

New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc. (NCMT) is a non-profit tax-exempt organization devoted to building leadership, responsibility and confidence through sound horsemanship. Founded in 1939 by noted horsewoman, author and educator Margaret Cabell Self, NCMT is the last remaining Junior Cavalry in the United States. NCMT offers an academic year Horsemanship Program, an Equine Care Program, and a Summer Riding Program for all abilities.

This year, NCMT offers three separate summer programs in **its exciting new facility** over the following periods:

<b>Session I</b>	<b>June 21 – July 1</b>
<b>Session II</b>	<b>July 5 – July 15</b>
<b>Session III</b>	<b>July 26 – August 5</b>
<b>Session IV</b>	<b>August 9 – August 19</b>

***PLEASE NOTE THAT PARTICIPANTS MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 7 YEARS OLD AT THE START OF SUMMER CAMP TO ENROLL.***

**ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED FOR ALL PROGRAMS. APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR NCMT MEMBERS IS MARCH 15, AFTER WHICH APPLICATIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL BE ACCEPTED. WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU A SPOT AFTER MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **MORNING PROGRAM**

NCMT offers summer riding morning sessions to accommodate **a maximum of 12 children without prior riding experience or with limited experience.** The session will run **from 8:30 to 12:30PM, Monday through Thursday.**

Participants will be assigned horses or ponies appropriate for his or her level that they will learn to ride and care for. The program is broken into time blocks during which participants also perform tasks related to horse care, stable management and general horsemanship. The daily schedule includes a group riding lesson and lunch/activity break that includes free time. This unique “hands-on” approach to horsemanship allows participants to care for and build relationships with our horses as if they were

their own. The daily structure gives children an organized schedule to follow that encourages responsibility, independence, and teamwork!

## **HYBRID PROGRAM**

This program will accommodate a **maximum of 4 children with additional experience** (see descriptions on the last page) who will take a riding lesson in the morning, perform horse care-related tasks and attend lectures or demonstrations in the early afternoon. These participants may also attend other selected afternoon activities (e.g., field trips). The session will run **from 10AM to 2PM, Monday through Thursday** (certain field trips/events may occur on Fridays).

## **AFTERNOON PROGRAM:**

This program is **open to more advanced riders for a maximum of 10 children** who are able to hack under basic supervision and are in need of minimal direct assistance within the barn. These children will receive riding instruction, attend lectures or demonstrations and participate in horse shows\*, field trips and scheduled clinics. The riding program will run from **11:30AM to 3:30PM, Monday through Thursday** (certain field trips/events may occur on Fridays).

(\* Horse show attendance is not mandatory and comes at additional cost.)

**LEASING OPPORTUNITIES:** Please contact the NCMT office for horse leasing opportunities.

**FACILITIES** NCMT currently has 28 lesson horses and ponies, ranging from beginner to advanced levels. NCMT features a large outdoor riding ring as well as a state-of-the art indoor ring. The stables are brand new and include all the modern equine-care conveniences. There is a large indoor Learning Center for activities and lectures in the case of inclement weather.

## **ACTIVITIES**

In addition to hands-on horse care, children will be able to participate in other activities such as:

- **LECTURES:** The NCMT instructors and counselors will teach lectures, play educational horsemanship games or give demonstrations. Topics will include equine anatomy, first aid, safety, equipment, feeding and much more.
- **NON-EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES:** A snack/lunch and activity break is provided for. In the morning session, participants will also be offered a variety of arts & crafts activities such as jewelry making, picture frame painting, and equine ornament design.
- **SNACK/LUNCH POLICY**  
Each participant is responsible for bringing his or her own snack/lunch on a daily basis. We recommend that participants bring lunch in a cooler or thermal lunch container. Please remember to pack additional drinks on hot days. Water coolers are available in the riding and activity areas for all summer riders.

## NECESSARY EQUIPMENT

Each participant will need to bring the following:

- ☉ Riding helmet with harness\*  
(ASTM-SEI approved helmets are required)
- ☉ Bitches or jodhpurs
- ☉ Paddock or tall riding boots
- ☉ Riding gloves are recommended
- ☉ A change of clothes
- ☉ Sunscreen
- ☉ Lunch/cold drinks

**\*Children may not be permitted to participate in riding activities if they have lost or forgotten their helmet. Please be sure to clearly mark your child's name inside the helmet to avoid confusion.**

*Please note that there are several participants who have **very severe peanut and nut allergies**. Although New Canaan Mounted Troop cannot, and does not, guarantee a nut-free environment, we ask your cooperation in helping us to do what we can to minimize the risk to our participants. Please do not send your child to NCMT with peanuts or nuts of any kind, sandwiches containing peanut butter, or any other foods or snacks containing peanuts or any other nuts (please note that this can include granola bars, snack bars, candies and other foods).*

*Please advise the staff of any allergies or other medical conditions that may affect any individual participant. Thank you for submitting the medical form with your application.*

## CANCELLATION POLICY

**Cancellations will not be accepted after May 1<sup>st</sup>.** We do not offer split sessions or make-ups for missed lessons.

**FAMILY SUMMER RIDING REGISTRATION FEE:** There is a **non-refundable** family registration fee to enroll each child in any of the offered sessions. This fee is in addition to your session fee and must accompany your application so a spot can be reserved for your child.

**Registration Fee                      \$100**

*Registration fees & enrollment application for **all Sessions** are due by **March 15th**, after which date registration will be open to the general public. We cannot guarantee you a spot after March 15th. Full Tuition payment for **all Sessions** is due by **May 1<sup>st</sup>**.*

***There will be no refunds for cancellations made after May 1<sup>st</sup>.***

## SESSION RATES\*:

<b>Current Members:</b>	<b>\$ 795.00</b> per session
<b>Non-Members**:</b>	<b>\$ 850.00</b> per session

\* Horse shows fees are not included in the basic session rate.

\*\*Non-Member = children of families that do not participate in the Academic-Year Full Horsemanship Program and have not paid the Membership Fee. Equine Care Program only students are classified as "Non – Members."

A limited number of Scholarships are available for those who qualify. Please contact the NCMT office for further information.

**ENROLLMENT FORMS WILL BE PROCESSED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Academic Year Full Horsemanship Program Members
2. Equine Care Program Students
3. Children who attended summer riding program in the past
4. New Applicants

Within each of the above categories, enrollment applications will be held in order of arrival and, in the case of applications exceeding spots, accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please return your enrollment application, emergency medical form, waiver and non-refundable registration fee payable to:

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**22 Carter Street**  
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## APPLICATION FOR SUMMER RIDING PROGRAM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_ (cell/other #) \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll my child in the following Session(s) – please circle one or more:

- SESSION I**       **SESSION II**       **SESSION III**       **SESSION IV**  
*June 21 – July 1*      *July 5 – July 15*      *July 26 – August 5*      *August 9 – August 19*

Please check one of the following programs:

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MORNING PROGRAM \* : \_\_\_\_\_  
HYBRID PROGRAM \* : \_\_\_\_\_  
AFTERNOON PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* If interested in the Morning or Hybrid program, please indicate your child's current riding level or call the NCMT office for guidance:**

- BEGINNER:** Little or no previous riding experience (less than three months of consistent weekly riding lessons).
- ADVANCED BEGINNER I:** Currently trotting independently in a group setting. Rider should also have had an introduction to cantering and basic horse care. (Three months or more of consistent weekly riding lessons.)
- ADVANCED BEGINNER II:** Currently independent at the walk, trot & canter in a group setting and ready to jump cross-rails. (One year or more of consistent weekly riding lessons.)

Please remember to **fully complete all waivers** and to return them with your non-refundable \$100 registration payment. Participants will not be allowed to start the program if the waivers are not received.

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CHECK #:** \_\_\_\_\_ (registration fee is still required  
When full tuition is paid in advance)

For office use only:       NM       M       EC     

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration fee paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Total due: \_\_\_\_\_ Tuition paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver complete: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance due: \_\_\_\_\_



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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Adult Name & Work Tel. \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name & Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Person(s) living outside the primary household)  
Physician Name & Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dentist/Orthodontist Name & Tel. #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Medical Insurance & Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Known Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special needs/conditions/disabilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daily medication (if applicable, please describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
Pertinent Medical History: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Instructions/Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Previous Riding Experience: \_\_\_\_\_  
Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Please note that riders over 200lbs cannot be accommodated.

THIS DOCUMENT AUTHORIZES THE STAFF OF *NEW CANAAN MOUNTED TROOP, INC.* TO SIGN FOR THE ADMITTANCE AND TREATMENT OF THE PERSON ABOVE AT AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY, IN THE EVENT THE PARENT/GUARDIAN IS NOT AVAILABLE. ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WILL BE HELD STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION, PLEASE NOTIFY *NCMT* IMMEDIATELY.

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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## **WARNING, INDEMNITY, HOLD HARMLESS & RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

### **WARNING:**

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §52-557p, a person engaged in recreational activities assumes the risk and responsibility for any injury to his or her person or property arising out of the hazards inherent in equestrian sports, unless the injury was proximately caused by the negligence of the person providing the horse/pony or horses/ponies to the individual engaged in the equestrian activities, or the failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity of the person providing the horse/pony and/or horses/ponies, or his or her agents and or employees.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

I, and/or on behalf of my child listed below, understand that there is an inherent risk in equestrian sports, including but not limited to the risk of serious physical injury, loss and/or death. I fully assume all risks associated with equestrian sports, even if due to the NEGLIGENCE of New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "NCMT"), and its instructors, Lisa Tomaselli, Lori Rakoczy, Jessica D'Urso, Michelle Schmerzler, or guest instructors invited by NCMT, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, Servants and/or Employees, including but not limited to variations in the indoor and outdoor ring conditions; man made obstacles; collisions with object either inside or outside the riding rings including but not limited to jumps, hay bales, shrubbery, rocks, equipment, employees, participants, or other patrons and spectators on the property; lack of safety devices, or inadequate safety devices; lack of warning or inadequate warning; lack of instruction of inadequate instruction.

### **HORSES & PONIES:**

I, or on behalf of my child listed below, understand that horses and ponies, although tamed, trained and boarded at NCMT are in fact a "wild" animal, and may buck, shy, spook, kick, bite and/or react unexpectedly to the actions of other horses or ponies, riders, employees of NCMT, and environmental effects including but not limited to noise, wind, light/darkness, or any man-made or environmental anomaly beyond the control of NCMT, its instructors, guest instructors, Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, Servants and or Employees.

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Signors' Initials

**INDEMNIFICATION:**

I, or on behalf of my child listed below, for myself and for my heirs, assigns, successors, executors, administrators and legal representatives, agree that I will defend, indemnify and hold harmless, NCMT and its instructors, Lisa Tomaselli, Lori Rakoczy, Jessica D’Urso, Michelle Schmerzler, or guest instructors invited by NCMT its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, Servants and/or Employees, free from any and all claims, suits or demands by anyone arising from my use of the facility, equipment and/or horses/ponies owned by, boarded at NCMT, or brought onto the property owned by NCMT, including claims of NEGLIGENCE on the part of NCMT and its instructors Lisa Tomaselli, Lori Rakoczy, Jessica D’Urso, Michelle Schmerzler or guest instructors invited by NCMT, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, Servants and/or Employees.

**RELEASE:**

I, or on behalf of my child listed below, for myself and for my heirs, assigns, successors, executors, administrators and legal representatives, hereby release and agree that I will not sue NCMT and its instructors Lisa Tomaselli, Lori Rakoczy, Jessica D’Urso, Michelle Schmerzler or guest instructors invited by NCMT, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, Servants and/or Employees, for money damages and/or for any injury, loss and/or death, emotional distress, or from theft to person, horse/pony or possession, sustained by me while using the facility, equipment and/or horses/ponies owned by, boarded at NCMT, or brought onto the property owned by NCMT, even if due to the NEGLIGENCE of NCMT and its instructors Lisa Tomaselli, Lori Rakoczy, Jessica D’Urso, Michelle Schmerzler or guest instructors invited by NCMT, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, Servants and/or Employees.

**SIGNATURE:**

I have read this WARNING, INDEMNITY, HOLD HARMLESS and RELEASE OF LIABILITY and fully understand its terms. I further understand that by signing this agreement that I may be waiving specific legal rights, either for myself or for my undersigned child on whose behalf I am signing this agreement. I have not been induced to sign this agreement and have not signed same pursuant to any promise or representation which has not been attached hereto, if any. I sign said agreement voluntarily and of my own free will.

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**Signature of Participant or Parent/ Legal Guardian if under 18 years of age.** **Date**

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**Printed Name of Participant or Parent/ Legal Guardian if under 18 years of age.**

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**Participant Signature** **Date**

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**Participant Printed Name**