

# Blue Dome Equestrian

Safety Procedures ~ updated March 2009

Safety is paramount! – Parents/guardians, volunteers and children should review these safety procedures and [barn rules](#) before the first day of camp (or beginning lesson) and sign the [liability form](#). Safety awareness is an integral part of Blue Dome Equestrian programs.

Please Note:

- ~The camp counselor will have a fully charged cell phone on her/his person at all times.
- ~The camp counselor is trained in CPR and First Aid.
- ~Barn Rules are understood and reviewed by all campers and volunteers – especially that all children are required to wear appropriate helmets and sturdy boots with heels when riding.
- ~Campers will be instructed and practice emergency dismount.
- ~Volunteers are familiar with these safety procedures.
- ~The camp counselor will periodically consult with weather forecasts and encourage camper families to prepare for changing weather conditions.
- ~Individual alternative emergency plans will be discussed and recorded with each camp family to be better prepared for an unusual event.
- ~The camp counselor will keep a daily log of occurrences.
- ~Parents/guardians are aware that camp requires children to be engaged in sometimes physically vigorous outdoor activities.
- ~It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to inform the camp counselor of any allergies, dietary restriction or other health concerns.
- ~A first aid kit is located in the barn, and another is kept in the camp counselor's backpack.
- ~An emergency supply of water, food and clothing is stored in barn.
- ~Emergency contacts are provided by all participants and kept on file.

In case of minor injuries to a camper such as small cuts or abrasions, the camp counselor will briefly halt camp activities (if during a riding session, all children will dismount and horses will be tied securely) and administer the appropriate first aid to the child. The parents/guardians will be notified of the occurrence at the end of the day.

For a more serious injury, same procedure will be conducted to give the counselor time to assess the injury. If professional medical aid is necessary, an ambulance will be called via 911. The parents/guardians will be notified as soon as possible.

If the injury is not determined to be serious, the parents/guardians will be contacted.

During poor weather conditions, horse activities will be suspended and arts and crafts activities will be conducted in the barn.

During severe weather, arrangements will be made to take cover in the property residence; children's parents/guardians will be contacted for early pickup if possible.

In case of a sudden weather disturbance during riding activities, with the camp counselor's and volunteers' aid, children will dismount and remove horses' tack, and horses will be released in the closest fenced area. The camp counselor will escort all campers and volunteers to cover.

In case of Earthquake:

During horse riding: all riders dismount, secure horses, and gather at the center of the main field.

During other outdoor activities: stop, gather at the center of the main field.

During activities in the barn: move away from heavy, unsecured objects, wait until shaking stops, then exit and gather at the center of the main field.

At the main field, the camp counselor will ensure all are present and contact parents/guardians and alternate contacts. If unable to contact parents/guardians, the camp counselor will wait with campers in the main field until 5:30. Individual alternative plans will then be assessed.

In case of a fire in the barn:

All participants are to immediately evacuate. There are multiple exits from barn; the camp counselor will conduct the evacuation out the nearest exit.

If a horse becomes trapped, the camp counselor will only attempt to evacuate the horse through an easily accessible exit.

The camp counselor will call 911.