



Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes, Inc.

APPROVED HORSE STABLES

The following horse stables have been approved for GSNWGL troop and member use. Please note that this list will continue to be updated as additional stables are approved. If you would like to suggest a stable for GSNWGL staff to contact for possible approval, please send stable contact information to the Property Department: property@gsnwgl.org or call the nearest Service Center and ask for extension 4020.

Stables are listed alphabetically.

Benson's Whispering Pines Farm

5405 County Road HH, Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Dates/Times: Open year round, day and evening hours available

Indoor and outdoor arenas available, as well as many sizes of horses to help you learn.

Instruction and program options include:

- Safety
- Catching and leading
- Grooming and tacking up
- Mounting and riding
- Earning Girl Scout badges

Contact: Bruce and Debbie Benson, dbenson@tznet.com, 715.421.2132 or 715.213.4132

Deadline to Register: Must call for reservations one week in advance

Grade Levels: Girl Scout Brownies and up

Minimum/Maximum: 2/10

Cost: \$25/participant/ hour. Special rates may be available.

Blue Haven Stables

W4853 County Road Q, Merrill, WI

Date/Time: April through October

Program consists of grooming, saddling, bridling, and riding lessons. One hour Horse Lovers and/or Horse Riders badges can be earned.

Contact: Sharon Jahnke, bluehaven@dwave.net, 715.536.4210 or 800.537.4210

Deadline to Register: Call for times and dates.

Grade Level/Ages: Girl Scout Brownies and up

Minimum/Maximum: 4/10

Cost: Per participant: Programs-\$185.00 Lessons-\$44.00 Trail Rides-\$25.00 One Hour Sessions-\$25.00

Hoofbeat Ridge Camps

5304 Reeve Road, Mazomanie, WI, www.hoofbeat.org

Dates/Times: Open year round. Special Riders Badge weekends in the spring and fall.

Located 20 miles west of Madison, near Mazomanie, our facilities include modern bunkhouses, complete with bathroom and shower facilities attached. We have a large indoor riding arena, outdoor rings and miles of trails on 250 acres of gently-rolling countryside. Our 60 gentle, well-broke school horses are used year round.

Contact: Ted Marthe, Camp Director, hoofbeat@midplains.net , 608.767.2593

Deadline to Register: Call for times and dates

Grade Level/Ages: Girl Scout Brownies and up; maximum rider weight limit of 200 pounds

Cost: \$20/2-hour day program, call for overnight programs availability

Kinni Valley Riding Academy, LLC

1171 30th Avenue, River Falls, WI, www.kinnivalleyacademy.com

Dates/Times: Available by appointment all year, rain or shine. Cold weather riding available in our heated indoor facility.

Feel like getting away from it all? Picture yourself riding off into the sunset on a beautiful horse, winding through the Kinnickinnic River Valley. Come ride with us and open the doors to new and exciting things.

Contact: Carolyn Lowe, carolyn@kinnivalleyacademy.com, 715.426.1321

Deadline to Register: Call for times and dates

Grade Level/Ages: Girl Scout Brownies and up

Minimum/Maximum: 10 person minimum, no maximum. Smaller groups (under 10 riders), please call for assistance

Cost: \$35/person Horse Fan Badge, \$45/person Horse Rider Badge, please call for information and costs on the Horse Sense Badge, summer camps and hourly lessons

Mountain Meadows Ranch

13807 Whiffen Lane, Mountain, WI 54149

Dates/Times: Memorial Day and Labor Day, Saturday–Monday 9:00 am–4:00 pm; Open daily third week of June – Labor Day, Monday–Saturday 9:00 am–4:00 pm, Sunday 10:00 am–3:00 pm; After Labor Day open weekends only, weather permitting

Bring your own tent and cook over the firepit then wake up and help get the horses ready.

Contact: Kelly Krieger, kellykrieger@ymail.com, 715.276.3860

Deadline to Register: Reservations recommended

Grade Level/Ages: Girl Scout Brownies and up

Minimum/Maximum: 4/26

Cost: One-hour trail ride only - \$20/girl; Trail ride with badge work (2.5–3 hours) - \$30/girl

Trinity Equestrian Center

S5300 State Road 37, Eau Claire, WI

Dates/Times: Events run from January- May and September- December (non-summer months), 2 hour activity

This program is for horse lovers! Riders will learn to be safe around horses, how to groom, tack, lead and ride! Dynamic stationed horse activities are planned for large groups. All children wear helmets, long pants and closed toe shoes.

Contact: Toni Mattson, toni@trinity-ec.com, 715.835.4530, www.trinity-ec.com

Deadline to register: 2 weeks prior to desired date of activity

Grade Levels: Girl Scout Brownies and up

Minimum/Maximum: 6/36 riders

Cost: \$20/rider

Triple HHH Equestrian Center

720 16 ½ Street, Hillsdale, WI

Dates/Times: April-October

Our 300 acre angus/crop farm comes alive with many different activities. We will custom tailor a program to fit your group's needs. We offer horseback riding on our scenic wooded trails (\$22/first hour) or they can be used for hiking. One trail is lined with natural springs and the start of a trout stream. Stay in the bunk house for as little as \$10/person/night or pitch a tent for a moderate price to help cover costs of shower and restrooms. We offer three-hour sessions to earn horse badges, which includes a trail ride, for \$45/ person. Our guests are welcome to enjoy the playground, petting zoo, volleyball, horseshoes, fire pits, and more at no additional charge. Plenty of history can be found on site including a working windmill, and original Dallas train depot. Besides personnel to teach all levels of horse badges, we have staff that are qualified to instruct first aid, foods, fibers, farming, ecology, wildlife, outdoor cooking, and creative solutions.

Contact: Irvin and Joy Humphrey, 715.458.4107, www.triplehhenterprises.com

Deadline to Register: Must make reservations

Grade Levels: Girl Scout Brownies and up

Cost: \$22 - \$45/person

Upper Peninsula Equestrian Center

292 Taylor Road, Sands Township, MI

Dates/Times: Open Monday–Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Sundays 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Horseback riding lessons for beginners, intermediate and advanced riders. Summer day camp programs, customized to meet the needs of your group, are also available. Programs may focus on horse care, feeding and grooming, horse psychology, ground work, how to select the right horse, tack and equipment, and more.

Contact: Victoria Jenema, Owner/Manager, ravhawran@aol.com, 906.235.4780, www.upequestriancenter.com

Deadline to Register: Register by May 31 for summer day camp programs. Individual riding lessons scheduled as per availability.

Grade Level/Ages: Individual or group programs available for Girl Scout Brownies and up.

Programs are structured according to age of group, experience, and number of students.

Cost: Individual riding lessons (approximately 1 hour), \$50/lesson - includes lesson horse, all tack and safety equipment. Day camp prices are determined by age of group and number of students attending. Available are three or five day programs, Monday–Friday, morning and afternoon, scheduled as per availability.

Wild West Campground and Corral

9495 Highway 54, Amherst, WI

Dates/Times: May-October

Work on your horse badges seven days a week May through October! We offer a summer camp experience that can't be beat.

Contact: Jay Adriaenssens, WildWest@wi-net.com, 715.824.5112,
<http://www.wildwestcampground.com/>

Grade Levels: Girl Scout Brownies and up

Cost: \$20/person

Woodside Ranch

W4015 State Road 82, Mauston, WI

Dates/Times: open year round

Offering horseback riding, hayrides, mini golf, tennis, basketball, softball, volleyball and many planned group activities. Take a kayak, paddle boat or canoe around our lake, throw in a fishing pole and see what you catch. Nature trails on our 1250 acres take you deep into the woods where you can study the animals and trees. Earn badges while having all this fun!

Contact: Virginia Barton, General Manager, vbarton@woodsideranch.com or 608.847.4275

Deadline to Register: Call for availability

Grade Level/Ages: Girl Scout Brownies and up

Minimum/Maximum: 10 to 25 participants

Cost: \$15/hour/ girl