

Saddle Up

Saddle up is always a favorite for all of our horse loving campers! Campers will leave Otter around 9:00am and head straight to Ironstone Farms in Andover, Massachusetts. When the campers arrive at Ironstone Farms, they will be split into groups and rotate through different activities throughout the day. The campers will learn basic care of the horses including brushing them and cleaning out the stalls. They will also learn horsemanship and the parts of a horse. Finally, the campers will have riding lessons which will consist of riding in the ring and possibly getting out on the trails! On Friday, parents will be invited to the farm to watch the campers participate in a horseshow. The campers will decorate the horses and show the skills they learned throughout the week. Each day the program will wrap up around 2:00. On Monday the campers will return to camp to hang out and play some gaga. On Tuesday, the campers will go to Smolak Farms where they will go to the petting zoo and there will also be an option to buy some ice cream, so bring money if your camper would like to purchase some snacks! On Wednesday the campers will be going to the MSPCA where they will be volunteering with the horses in whatever way the staff think the campers can be of assistance! Giving back to our community is the foundation of our YMCA so we are excited for our campers to be able to be a part of that this summer. Thursday the campers will head over to the Field of Dreams Park in Salem where the staff will plan some games for them to participate in. Finally, on Friday, the campers will return to Otter for the Award Ceremony. This should be a great week filled with learning and fun!