Dear Campers and Families,

Horse Camp is quickly approaching, and I bet that your child is as excited as we are for what that week will bring! Our faculty are praying for your children and that God will use us to bless and guide them.

Our Theme this year is FREE. We will learn how we are set free from hopeless striving of the world, free from perfectionistic rule-following, free from worry and fear. As children of God, we are free to be ourselves, who He created us to be, and most of all, we are freed from Death. Like Paul in his letters to early Christians, we will discuss the real issues of the day as they relate to what Scriptures say about being a disciple of Jesus. Kids are exposed to our culture’s view of these issues at younger and younger ages, so I believe that it is important to take them on in the context of a Christian worldview. We will continue to challenge campers to be able to navigate the Bible by memorizing the books of the Bible.

**Check the camp website for a complete packing list, but here are some particulars for this week:**

Hat, Rain Jacket and rubber boots if they have them. Reusable water bottle with name on it; Sunscreen, Insect Repellant. **Boots** with flat sole and low heel worn with **crew/boot** s**ocks** are essential. They also need sneakers/gym shoes for recreational activities.

 **Jeans or riding pant**s for **each** day. (Ripped-out jeans, Leggings and nylon/lycra yoga pants are ***not*** riding pants.} Jeans/pants should not be too tight or too loose, and should cover undergarments when bending over. Shirts that cover the shoulder and chest must be worn while riding. \* **Parents**, PLEASE check your daughter or son’s clothing!!

Bring a bath towel + a swimming towel + a face towel and washcloth, soap, shampoo and deodorant. Your *will* get dirty and need a shower every day. Leave the perfumes and artificial fingernails at home. Any piercings other than ears must be removed for safety, and no dangling jewelry. Girls with longer hair will need ponytail holders.

We want to enjoy God’s creation, the horses, and each other without the disruption of electronics, so \***leave phones, I-Pods, tablets, and alarm clocks at home**. Campers may bring a Camera to take pictures. Appropriate books may be brought for rest time, and notebook and pens/pencils, along with a Bible.

Horse Camp is different than any other camp. We have 18 Campers ranging in age from 10 to 18 years, of varying sizes and riding levels. We strive to coordinate the best fit of horse and rider, so we ask that campers come with positive and accepting attitudes. We will show the same towards each camper.

Please complete the enclosed waiver, with camper and parent/guardian signatures (both parents if both are custodial) and **bring it with you to check-in**. Parents, please be reasonable with the mail, candy (they get canteen daily), and “suitcase surprises.

Campers, the faculty and I look forward to meeting you and spending a week of fun, challenge and growth with you as you learn to embrace the Freedom that we have in Christ!

Sincerely,

Carole Bower, Dean