



O'Connor Equestrian Winter Camp **Frequently Asked Questions**

- **When is the session being held?:** This session will be held from December 30, 2007 to January 4, 2008.
 - **Where is the camp held?:** This session will be held in Ocala, Florida at both Meredyth South. This is the winter base of David and Karen O'Connor.
 - **How many campers do you accept?:** We generally take anywhere from 15-20 campers per session.
 - **Do I need to bring my own horse for the camp?:** Yes, you must supply your own horse for the week. If you don't have your own horse or one to borrow, we still invite you to audit the camp. Auditors will still learn a tremendous amount.
 - **What level do you have to be at to participate?:** We accept everyone that is Beginner Novice equivalent up to Advanced. You do not have to have competition experience to attend, the camp's focus is on improving your horsemanship skills as well as riding. We welcome all riders, not just eventers.
 - **Is there an age restriction?:** We ask that all campers be at least 12 years and up, and all campers that are under 17 must have a responsible adult present with them for the full week. In the past, the camps end up being 50% older teens and 50% adults.
 - **How are the groundwork and riding sessions conducted?:** The riding is done in small groups of 4-5. We have a total of 5 instructors at the camp, which include David, Karen, and three of our journeymen, all of which are international CCI****-level riders. We also have numerous top level grooms to assist with the horsemanship and to answer any questions about stable management and horse care.
 - **When do we arrive and depart?:**
Please arrive between 1pm and 4pm on Sunday, December 30. Campers should plan to leave by 4 pm on Friday, January 4. Please contact us if you need to arrive or depart at another time.
 - **Where do we stay while we're there?**
Camp participants are responsible for their own lodging. There are several hotels within 5 miles. A limited number of camper hook-ups are available for those wishing to stay on grounds, please contact Betsy Harrison at occonnorequestrian@gmail.com for more information.
- Howard Johnson Inn (352) 629-7021 Ramada Inn (352) 732-3131
Golden Palms Inn & Suites (352) 732-2300 Tropical Inn (352) 732-2510
- **Where do the horses stable?:** The stabling for the horses is included in the entry fee, and will be together at or adjacent to Meredyth South. You must supply your own hay, feed, buckets, bedding and stall cleaning supplies. There are several feed and supply stores nearby. We recommend Gilbert's Hardware and United Hay Sales for hay and shavings.
 - **Can I bring an extra horse?:** Unfortunately, due to space restrictions and insurance, we can only allow one horse per camper. That includes bringing your second horse along just to ride.
 - **What do I need to bring with me?:**
 - Approved helmet with chin strap (must be worn at all times while mounted)
 - Riding breeches with half chaps and paddock boots and/or other riding boots

- Body Protector and Medical Armband (only if you have them, don't worry if you don't)
- Hay and feed for your horse (shavings will be for sale, or you may bring your own)
- Stall cleaning equipment, Feed/water buckets, stall guards, and snaps
- Your tack, boots, rugs, wraps, and tack cleaning/grooming supplies, just as if you were going to an overnight event.
- Warm, cool, and wet weather clothing for yourself and your horse

Equipment, feed, hay etc. may be stored in tack stalls. There are areas provided to wash horses and/or equipment.

- **Can I bring my dog with me?:** We all love taking our dogs to equestrian events, but please do not bring them to camp. Participants will not have time to care for them or have a place to keep them while riding and lectures are taking place.
- **What about food for us campers?:** The entry fee includes catered breakfast and lunch daily, as well as two dinners during the week.
- **What if you didn't answer my question here?:** No problem, just email Betsy at oonnorequestrian@gmail.com. Thanks!