**Camps**

**CAMP LETTER FOR FARM HOLIDAY CAMPERS**

**Mooikrans Equus Farm Holidays** offer a great solution for long school holidays, when your child is unsupervised while you are at work. Our daily program is full of educational, edifying and adventurous horse-riding and other farm activities, in a safe environment, without the television and computer!

For the last 17 years our family business has been known for its wonderful and action-packed farm holidays as well as for our educational camps for schools. Children 7 years and older are all welcome.

Everything at an extremely affordable rate and very good value for money.

Horse-riding and horses are always the most important activities. Beginners first receive thorough training, and all riders have the opportunity to daily spend long hours on the back of a horse.

The day is divided into 4 periods, two during the afternoon and two during the afternoon. Campers sign up for horse-riding, woodworking, painting and many enjoyable games. Children sleep in dormitories equipped with 15 beds each, and adults sleep in the Jail House in double rooms. We eat three delicious meals per day in our dining hall and in the morning drink coffee on the Coolabah during which time the day's program is discussed.

(For the various activities during our Farm Holidays, see www.mooikrans.co.za)

**HOLIDAYS ON MOOIKRANS**

We have 46 lovely child friendly horses and many other farm animals. Every camper has a chore. We feed the calves, pigs, chickens and horses. In the morning we fetch the horses in the veldt. We groom the horses, fetch eggs, collect wood for the campfire, do woodwork and visit a dairy farm. Sometimes we also do the milking ourselves. We swim in the dam, build rafts, play pirate, make bread on a stick and much more!

Every camper gets a turn to go on an outride lasting a full day. It is the highlight of everyone's visit! We eat in the veldt and return to camp only in the late afternoon.

Campers round up cattle on horseback, swim with the horses in the farm dam and do the obstacle course (on horseback!) We play ‘steal the flag’ and laser games (remember your flashlight!). We go on a night march and do stargazing in our clear night sky. On the last evening we have a *sokkie* (dancing evening) and we do Cowboy Line Dancing.

**HORSEMANSHIP AND OTHER COURSES**

In addition to the Farm Holiday activities, and at little extra cost, you also have the choice of taking the following courses and to receive a certificate with a beautiful rosette. Each course has a practical component. Only one course per camp. Courses are optional. Those who do not take a course are in no way disadvantaged. Cost of courses is only R220.

**EQUESTRIAN COURSES:** Nine successive equestrian courses are offered.

**The COWBOY** course is the first course in the series. Get to know the habits and customs of the Cowboy and his horse. Overnight in the Cowboy Hut. All first campers start at the Cowboy course.

The most advanced course is the **SENIOR HORSE MASTER** **COURSE** that equips you to successfully work on a horse farm.

2. **SURVIVING IN THE FIELD** for Young Adventurers

Edible plants, first aid, navigation. Overnight in the field hut and make coffee on the open fire.

3**. FIRST AID** **MERSETEA**. Level 1, Level 2. Burns, cuts, shortness of breath, severe bleeding.

**CHRISTIAN**

Mooikrans is founded on Christian values. We hold morning and evening devotions that everyone attends.

**MOOIKRANS IS UNIQUE**

The purpose of all programs offered at Mooikrans Equus is to build the guest’s character by especially developing self-esteem and independence, while enjoying a pleasant holiday. In this, the horse and horse-riding plays a central role. Horse-riding requires the full attention of the rider – brain and body must work together to achieve success.

The mastery of the horse during this process necessarily leads to the development of a healthy self-image.

**Hospitality and accommodation**

Campers are never left to their own devices and never have so-called ‘free time’. The trained and competent staff at Mooikrans guides the activities and is always available to assist. Students, who work at Mooikrans as holiday staff, undergo a rigorous selection period. Together we create an inviting, child friendly atmosphere. Our wish is that a holiday at Mooikrans will make a lasting impression on every visitor.

We have clear rules within which everyone feels safe.

Undisciplined children should rather vacation elsewhere.

We cover an area of ​​8 000 ha on horseback (with the friendly cooperation of our neighbours) and ride out for one full day where not one else will be encountered. We spend the night in our field hut, making coffee on the open fire, baking bread in our iron pot on the coals and listening to the jackals call in the distance.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE**

Arrival: Between 10:00 and 13:00. Groups will be allocated from 13:00

Arrival time for weekend camps starting Friday afternoon: Between 14:00 and 18:00.

Departure: At 11 am. At 11:00 the riders will present a performance for their parents in the riding school and the successful campers receive their certificates and rosettes. Light snacks are for sale.

**Bring with**

Clothes that you are not too worried about. Warm sleeping bag and a pillow. Warm jacket. It can get cold suddenly. Shoes suitable for horse-riding – not flip flops. Gumboots (prevents sneakers from getting wet and staying wet.) Hat. Flashlight. Swimwear in summer. Pocket money for tuck-shop and souvenirs.

Riders wear the prescribed riding gear. Denims, shirt with SLEEVES and a collar (to prevent sunburn.). Wide-brimmed hat and boots (gumboots). Hat and bandana are on sale at Mooikrans.

**How to book**.

1. **Send an email to** info@mooikrans.co.za to request an registration form

**Fees.** Electronic payments can be made in advance. Only cash payments are received at check-in.

BRING ALL Proof of PAYMENT with!

 **BANKING DETAILS**

MOOIKRANS, Standard Bank, Cheque account.

Amersfoort. Branch number: 052543 Account number no: 371 456 401

LOCATION AND RECOMMENDED ROUTES

GPS: South 26 56,234 East 29 44,328 About 240 km from Pretoria and Johannesburg, on the Highveld of Mpumalanga.

From Pretoria: Take the R21 past Airport, then Rietfontein Road, then Rondebult to N17. Turn left onto N17 to Bethal. Or take the N4 to Witbank and at the Middelburg turnoff turn right to Bethal.