

Additional Horse Activities

Trail Rides:

Every riding group at Camp Jewell is guaranteed at least one trail ride. Some riding groups may opt for additional trail rides instead of lessons as well. Trail rides in camp may go through our pine covered “Back 40 Acres”, over rustic footbridges around our Sunrise Mountain, go up and down small rolling hills of our “Torch Loop” or up and down the more vigorous hills between



main camp and Hide-A-Way Ranch. A favorite trail ride opportunity for most is splashing through the water by our covered bridge.

Vaulting:

Vaulting is best described as gymnastics on horseback. A group of vaulters shares one horse that is worked on the lunge line. Before campers vault on a live horse, they will warm-up and practice on a stationary barrel horse. Camp Jewell will give Ranchers an introduction to recreational vaulting. Campers are not required to wear helmets because spotters are always present and the horses are always kept at a walk or stand still. One does not need to have any gymnastic or riding experience to vault, yet vaulting is a FUN, safe way to relax, synchronize with the horse, and gain balance and confidence.



To read more about vaulting, please visit www.americanvaulting.org.

Wagon Rides:

Camp Jewell proudly owns an impressive pair of draft horses that are used year round for guests of camp. In the summertime, Ranchers take care of our draft team and may even get to help hitch them up for a drive. Ranchers will have a time for their own wagon ride, plus share the wagon with main camp for special events.



Campers in our Junior Ranch and Driver program have a special picnic lunch to look forward to with our draft team and wagon. We'll pack lunch and head out to enjoy some of the lovely scenery of Colebrook, then park for a picnic lunch in the wagon before returning to camp.

Bobwrika Overnight (Top Hands only):

One of the most exciting events for campers in our Top Hand program is the overnight trail ride to an off-site camp known as Bobwrika. While



enjoying all the fun of collecting wood, cooking out on an open campfire, sharing songs and stories by the campfire and camping, Ranchers will also provide care to the horses who are tethered to trees overnight. This means frequent deliveries of hay, and bringing up water from the well to offer to the horses.