

*Girl Scouts of Central Illinois offers two kinds of equestrian experiences at camp – those sessions which are full-time equestrian camps with the primary focus on equestrian activities, and those which are part-time equestrian camps with an occasional opportunity to ride while the main focus of the session is on something else. This gives campers the opportunity to choose the program that best fits their interests.*

*Participants in full-time equestrian sessions will be scheduled 3-4 hours each day for equestrian-related activities. Participants in part-time equestrian sessions will have one or two scheduled horse times during the week for 2-4 hours each. Equestrian time will be split between ground lessons (grooming, tack, etc.) and riding lessons (in the saddle activities).*

*In order to provide the best possible program, all campers in horse programs will split into groups based on riding skill. During extreme weather such as heavy rain or high heat, riding lessons will be adapted or cancelled in order to protect the health of campers and horses and in those cases camp staff will plan other horse-related activities such as bathing horses or braiding manes.*

*Boots and helmets are provided for riding, and campers who wish to bring their own must check with the Equine Program Specialist to ensure equipment meets safety standards. Any questions regarding riding skills or appropriate boots and helmets should be directed to Ann Bower, Equine Program Specialist, at [abower@girlscouts-gsci.org](mailto:abower@girlscouts-gsci.org).*



# EQUESTRIAN CAMP

## FULL TIME

### Cowgirl Round-Up <sup>j</sup>

Calling all cowgirls - get ready for a week of horseback fun! Learn the basics of horse care and riding, knot-tying, lasso throwing, leather craft, and cooking meals over a fire. Explore hiking trails, splash in the pool, and paddle around in the lake. Hang your hat while you relax around the campfire and spend a night sleeping under the stars.

**Who:** Girls entering grades 4-5  
**Date:** Sunday, June 10 - Friday, June 15, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Tapawingo  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday - 2:00 p.m. Friday  
**Fee:** \$265 per girl  
**Min/Max:** 6/16

*Prior horseback riding experience is recommended but not required.*

### Hoofin' It <sup>c</sup>

Do you love horses and want to know everything about them? Get up early and help get the horses ready for the day by feeding, grooming, and saddling. Learn from the veterinarian about basic horse health care and talk with the farrier to learn all about the horses' hooves then head to the arena to learn about horsemanship. When you pull off your riding boots, spend time at the pool, on the archery range, or around the campfire.

**Who:** Girls entering grades 6-8  
**Date:** Sunday, June 10 - Friday, June 15, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Tapawingo  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. Sunday - 2:00 p.m. Friday  
**Fee:** \$265 per girl  
**Min/Max:** 6/16

*Campers must be confident they can control a horse at a walk or trot. Prior horse experience is recommended but not required.*

### Clippity-Clop <sup>j</sup>

Clippity-Clop is perfect for first time riders. Hang out at the horse barn and learn about the different kinds of horses, their markings, and how to groom them. When you're ready you'll have the opportunity to saddle up and ride. Don't worry- there will still be plenty of time to splash around in the pool, try your hand at outdoor cooking, and make some traditional camp art projects such as tie-dye and leather craft.

**Who:** Girls entering grades 4-5  
**Date:** Sunday, June 17 - Friday, June 22, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Tapawingo  
**Date:** Sunday, July 8 - Friday, July 13, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Tapawingo  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday - 2:00 p.m. Friday  
**Fee:** \$265 per girl  
**Min/Max:** 6/16 per session

*No prior horse experience is needed; recommended for beginning riders.*

### Mane Event <sup>c</sup>

Polish your boots and get your horse shined up! Learn proper horsemanship and horse care, and work all week on what it takes to win the blue ribbon - proper feeding, grooming, braiding, and riding. Discover the differences between Western and English riding and saddle up both ways. Splashing in the pool, hiking the trails, and laughing with friends will help ease the pre-show jitters. At the end of the week, demonstrate your skills in the Camp Tapawingo horse show!

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**Fee:** \$265 per girl  
**Min/Max:** 6/16

### Rodeo Rally <sup>j c</sup>

Pull on your boots and saddle up for some real rodeo fun! Have a blast in the arena learning real rodeo events like barrel racing, pole bending, and flag races. When you aren't in the arena, have fun learning about the role of a rodeo clown as you hold a costume contest, learn to juggle, and make balloon animals. When you're done horsin' around, splash in the pool, cook over the campfire, and make some camp-inspired art.

**Who:** Girls entering grades 4-6  
**Date:** Sunday, June 24 - Friday, June 29, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Tapawingo  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday - 2:00 p.m. Friday  
**Fee:** \$265 per girl  
**Min/Max:** 6/16

*Campers must be comfortable around horses and able to handle them at a walk or trot. Prior horse experience is recommended but not required.*

### Tack 'n' Trail <sup>c s a</sup>

Use your riding skills out on the trails as you learn how to maneuver your horse through rugged terrain, use proper tools to help clear safe trails for horses and riders, and pack a picnic lunch to enjoy with your pony. Spend time in the arena perfecting your riding skills on an obstacle course. After you hang your hat for the day, cool off in the pool and tell your friends about all of your adventures!

**Who:** Girls entering grades 7-12  
**Date:** Sunday, June 24 - Friday, June 29, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Tapawingo  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m. Sunday - 2:00 p.m. Friday  
**Fee:** \$265 per girl  
**Min/Max:** 6/16

*Prior horseback riding experience is required. Campers must have attended at least two prior horse camps, taken lessons, or be a member of the GSCI Saddle Club and must be able to handle a horse at a walk and a trot. Campers' collective riding skills and weather may affect the extent of trail riding.*

See page 29 for a description of the equestrian session *Top Hand*.

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## PART TIME

### Sea Horses <sup>j</sup>

Not sure if you want to spend your time swimming like a sea monkey or riding like a true horse fan? Now you can do both! Spend time at the barn during the week having a ground lesson and even jumping up in the saddle once. Cool off each day with some pool time and play and create new and exciting water games. When you're not at one of the two hottest spots at camp, you'll have time to hike the trails, plan a night of sweet campfire desserts, and tie-dye.

**Who:** Girls entering grades 4-5  
**Date:** Sunday, June 10 - Friday, June 15, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Tapawingo  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday - 2:00 p.m. Friday  
**Fee:** \$255 per girl  
**Min/Max:** 6/15

### Dabblers <sup>j</sup>

Try a bit of everything during this action-packed week at camp. Play swimming games in the water after a beaver breakfast, then paddle around in a canoe and enjoy a floating lunch. Discover the animals at camp as you hike to the archery range, and explore the night as you never have when you stay up late cooking sweets over the fire, go on a glow-stick night hike, and sleep out under the stars. After a cookout breakfast, develop your teamwork skills with some challenging team games.

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**Date:** Sunday, June 17- Friday, June 22, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Tapawingo  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday - 2:00 p.m. Friday  
**Date:** Sunday, July 22 - Friday, July 27, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Peairs  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday - 2:00 p.m. Friday  
**Fee:** \$255 per girl  
**Min/Max:** 6/15 - Tapawingo, 6/20 - Peairs

*Tapawingo campers will have the chance to visit the barn once, where they will learn to tack and ride in the arena. Peairs campers will learn to rig and sail the sailboats, use kayaks, and go on a short boating trip.*

### Creature Quest <sup>j</sup>

Learn all about the animals at camp, from feathered friends to four-legged buddies. Search for animal tracks while you're hiking the trails, pull on some boots for a pond study and search for frogs, turtles, and fish, or head to the barn for a ground lesson and maybe even a chance to jump in the saddle. Plan a slumber party where you'll build your own stuffed animal. Wildlife Prairie Park will bring some additional animals for us to see and learn about. When you're done monkeying around jump into the pool for a swim, try your hand at archery, and make some campfire desserts.

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### Paddle & Saddle <sup>j</sup>

You don't have to choose between boating and horseback riding - you can do both! Take to the water in your canoe learning a variety of paddle strokes at Camp Tapawingo, then pack up for a day trip to Camp Peairs for some sailing. Saddle up in the horse arena where you'll groom and ride. When you're done with your paddle and saddle for the day jump into the pool and cool off with your friends. Now that's the best of both worlds!

**Who:** Girls entering grades 4-5  
**Date:** Sunday, July 8 - Friday, July 13, 2012  
**Location:** Camp Tapawingo  
**Time:** 2:30 p.m. Sunday - 2:00 p.m. Friday  
**Fee:** \$255 per girl  
**Min/Max:** 6/15

*Participants should be comfortable in and around water and around horses.*

