



2021 JAMES CREEK RANCH CAMP ~ SCHEDULE

James Creek Ranch (JCR) Camps are the ultimate opportunity to immerse yourself in the practical application of the Jonathan Field Horsemanship program in a fun, challenging & supportive environment! Long days are filled with groundwork, riding, purpose-driven tasks and exercises designed to help you get collected with your tools, sharpen your focus and develop your feel for a balanced, relaxed and soft horse. The trails, obstacles and open spaces, along with the connection of fellow students and Jonathan's direct coaching will further develop your horsemanship skills and move you towards becoming a true equestrian.

Pick the Right Course for You and Your Horse:

The Jonathan Field Horsemanship training program is 50% horse and 50% human. We cannot stress enough the importance of choosing the most appropriate camp(s) for both you and your horse. Please don't feel pressured to take the next Camp level up from the last clinic you took - **course numbers aren't as important as the horsemanship experience you and your horse will gain!** As individual situations may vary, please contact us for any concerns.

**NOTE: There's always a slight difference in the dynamic of each group of people and horses. Some lessons may be focused on more than others, including some not mentioned below. If a particular goal or lesson is important to you, please mention so at the beginning of the camp.*

Camp Expectations:

Due to the nature of the camp environment, both you and your horse must be ready for this experience.

Horses must be at least 3yrs of age, physically fit enough to handle the mountainous terrain at the ranch, and must be safe to ride in a group with other horses at the walk, trot and canter.

Riders are expected to have read the Art Of Liberty Training For Horses book and have watched and practiced the content in the Natural Foundation DVD Ground #1, 2 & 3 and Riding # 1, 2 & 3. Riders must also fully understand and apply the way Jonathan teaches the Direct and Indirect rein aids and can canter on the horse you are bringing for 10 minutes.

If it is determined that your horse is not ready or is unsafe in a group, you will be asked to stay behind during trail rides and other group exercises. No reimbursement will be given.

Applying for Camp:

To apply for the camp of your choice, please contact our office at 1-888-533-4353 (toll free) or email us at info@jonathanfield.net to request a **JCR Camp Application Form**. All Camp participants are subject to approval by Jonathan Field. Submitting an Application Form does not guarantee approval in the camp/s you've selected. Approval will be confirmed prior to deposit payments accepted.

~ 2021 CAMP SCHEDULE ~

May 19-23rd JCR Camp 2: Foundation Fundamentals (\$1600 + GST)

A solid foundation is the best base to build from! If this is your (or your horse's) first experience at James Creek Ranch OR if you are looking to revisit and strengthen your existing foundation then this camp is for you. With a focus on solidifying Course 2 elements outside of an arena, this camp will develop your understanding of how to use different environments and new challenges to further your partnership and connection with your horse.

Prerequisite: previous participation in at least one Course 2 clinic.

Course goals:

- Get a solid understanding of the basic foundation ingredients applied in the unique environment at the ranch.
- Focus on bending and balancing exercises both online and riding.
- Develop leg yields, canter departures and relaxation in movement.
- Build confidence in new and challenging environments by learning how to "stretch the elastic band" both emotionally and physically.



May 26-30th JCR Camp 2/3: Balance, Feel & Intention (\$1600 + GST)

Expanding on Course 2 themes and introducing the concept of flexion, this camp will help launch your journey into Course 3. Focus on increasing your feel, improving your communication/intention, and refine maneuvers to build more flexion in your horse.

Prerequisite: previous participation in at least one Course 2 clinic and one JCR Camp.

Course goals:

- Learn to move past the pressure and release phase to encourage your horse to move towards comfort in the sweet spot.
- Explore the benefits of long lining to utilize both inside and outside aids in your groundwork.
- Understand the intricacies of how bend and flexion impact your horse's self carriage.
- Find natural riding techniques to become a more advanced rider.
- Learn to freely play with your horse to engage their natural play drive and keep your sessions fun!

June 2-6th JCR Purpose Camp (\$1600 + GST)

We've added a new twist to our popular Purpose Camp! This camp is all about collection, fun, challenges and trails. Take the Course 2/3 elements of bend/balance/flexion and refine them to an appropriate level of challenge for both you and your horse.

Prerequisite: Previous participation in at least one Course 2 clinic and/or one previous JCR Camp.

Course goals:

- Focus on rider equitation and getting organized (you, your horse, your aids) to become a more effective equestrian.
- Clear communication, bend, balance, lifting back, soft in the bridle, lateral maneuvers and press to connect concepts.
- Introduction to the working equitation discipline and the benefits of learning to adapt as a rider to what you and your horse are ready for.
- Collected canter, suppling exercises, seat & rein positions, trot poles, compressed turns, self carriage and lateral flexibility.

June 9-13th JCR Camp 2/3 With Purpose (\$1600 + GST)

This camp explores the themes of bend, balance and flexion and refine them to an appropriate level for your horse using fun challenges and opportunities the natural environment around you can offer.

Prerequisite: Previous participation in at least one previous JCR Camp.

Course goals:

- Learn to move past the pressure and release phase to encourage your horse to move towards comfort in the sweet spot.
- Understand the intricacies of how bend and flexion impact your horse's self carriage.
- Develop more clear communication, and use the "press to connect" concept to have your horse fine-tune to you.
- Learn to freely play with your horse to engage their natural play drive and keep your sessions fun!

August 25-29th JCR Camp 2: Advanced (\$1600 + GST)

Using fun challenges and trails to advance the Course 2 elements of bend/balance, this camp refines these concepts to develop greater connection while exploring an appropriate level of challenge for both you and your horse.

Prerequisite: Previous participation in at least one previous JCR Camp.

Course goals:

- Focus on rider equitation and getting organized (you and your horse to your aids) to become a more effective rider.
- Clear communication & correct bend/balance so the horse can lift their back and become soft.
- Press to connect concepts to get your horse feeling back to you.
- Lateral maneuvers, collected canter and suppling exercises along with seat/rein positions to develop flexibility.

September 1-5th JCR Camp 2: Foundation Fundamentals (\$1600 + GST)

A solid foundation is the best base to build from! If you are looking for your (or your horse's) first experience at James Creek Ranch OR if you're looking to revisit and strengthen your existing foundation then this camp is for you. By solidifying Course 2 elements outside of an arena, this camp will develop your understanding of how to use different environments and new challenges to further your partnership and connection with your horse.

Prerequisite: previous participation in at least one Course 2 clinic.

Course goals:

- Get a solid understanding of the basic foundation ingredients applied in the unique environment at the ranch.
- Focus on bending and balancing exercises both online and riding.
- Develop leg yields, canter departures and relaxation in movement.
- Build confidence in new and challenging environments by learning how to "stretch the elastic band" both emotionally and physically.

September 8-19th Camp 4 - Invitational Advanced (2 weeks) (\$3200 + GST)

Jonathan is hosting another 2 week invitational camp for students who have previously attended a Camp 3-4 and are committed to studying the higher levels of the Jonathan Field Horsemanship Training Scale. In this camp you'll learn how to utilize principle exercises and purpose exercises to establish a working communication with the horse. The second week focuses on studying feel, timing, balance and flexion. Prepare to skyrocket your horsemanship and have tons of fun along the way!

NOTE: This camp will include 2 days off (Monday & Tuesday) in between the two weeks.

Prerequisites: Previous participation in at least four Camp 3's and/or by approval only.