



Valley View Ranch

A Private Equestrian Camp For Girls

A'top Lookout Mountain
Cloudland, Georgia







Since 1954, the purpose of Valley View Ranch has been to help each rancher have the full opportunity of horsemanship through instruction in the riding rings, time in the saddle on trails, and the care and responsibility of having her very own horse, all a'top Lookout Mountain.

We offer several riding programs and encourage each camper to participate in all of them: English and Hunt Seat, Western Stock Seat, Barrels and Gymkhanna, Trails, and Vaulting. Each girl can spend as much time as she likes with her favorite ranch horse during her stay, or she can bring her own horse.

In addition, the well-rounded recreational program includes eco-education, swimming, canoeing, crafts, pottery, archery, theater and dance, and group games. Gymkhanas, horseshows and an awards session conclude each session.

Ranchers from 8-17 years of age are eligible and enrollment is limited to 50. Each girl can spend as much time as she likes with her favorite horse during her stay, or she can bring her own!

THE SCENIC REGION OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN

The Ranch is located a'top Lookout Mountain in Northwest Georgia where Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee come together. We are 45 miles South of Chattanooga, 100 miles Northwest of Atlanta and 120 miles Northeast of Birmingham. Trails wind through the ancient Appalachian forests, crossing streams and passing by stately trees and rock formations amongst the wild turkey and deer. At an altitude of 1,800 feet, we enjoy warm days and cool nights, with plenty of refreshing breezes blowing in off the brow.

The Ranch is a vast private domain. Our 600 acres is a peninsula off Lookout Mountain with Jones Gulf on our West and North perimeters. The Chattanooga Valley is on our East and offers our picturesque "valley view," looking into the daily sunrise or the full moonrise. The two-mile private drive into the Ranch is remote enough from civilization to offer all the possibilities of real ranch living. Valley View is a year-round working ranch, caring for our herd throughout the year so that your favorite horses can always be here, ready and waiting for you upon your return!



Camp Leadership



Nancy C. Jones
Owner & Director

Chelsea C. Manning
Assistant Director

Barbara “Bo” Clark
Equine Director

Lara Calloway
Program Director

Beginning in 1948, Jack & Olive Jones operated Camp Cloudmont for boys in Mentone, Alabama. Shortly after, in 1954 they bought a beautiful cattle farm in nearby Cloudland, Georgia and named it Valley View Ranch. Their dream was to build an equestrian camp for their four daughters: Nancy, Marsha, Janis, and Angela. The sisters grew up at the camp and went on to help develop the riding programs with their varied interests. In 1970, after college and a lifetime of apprenticeship, Nancy took over and is now the owner and director. Janis' daughter, Chelsea, is Assistant Director and Office Manager ever since completing her business degree. Her experience started as a papoose on her Mom's back while Janis was teaching “rodeo” class. Marsha's son, Doug Jr., is the farm manager in charge of hay production and maintenance. Barbara “Bo” Clark coordinates all the riding programs, since 1975. Our Program Director, Lara Calloway, began as a Valley View summer camper when she was 10 years old. Three generations of horse lovers manage Valley View Ranch!

Only women of high ideals, strength of personality, and integrity of character are chosen as counselors. Almost all of our counselors have come to VVR as campers, and return year after year to carry on the legacy and traditions. One wrangler is assigned as the immediate counselor to a group of 5 girls, with at least 2 counselors in every bunkhouse. Naturally, the counselor who spends time with a group of girls has the opportunity to become well acquainted with them. She gains the friendship, admiration, and confidence of each girl. She is able, by example and advice, to encourage self-confidence and personal growth.

The staff at Valley View Ranch is thoroughly organized, and takes great command of the various divisions of riding and recreational activities that they are in charge of. The Ranch takes considerable pride in the fact that each girl participates in all riding programs that we have to offer, making noticeable improvement in their skill set over the duration of their stay. This is accomplished through special, individual attention for each girl. Campers are divided into cabins according to their age, and riding lessons are assigned and planned according to individual ability. Other recreational interests are planned secondary to the riding programs. The ranch leaders do a splendid job in securing the hearty cooperation of every girl!

Summer Activities

TRAIL RIDES - We have over 10 miles of beautifully wooded trails, with streams, log jumps, rock formations, deer, turkey and other wildlife to discover. Wranglers take out at least 4 guided trails a day, with campers voluntarily joining rides based around their riding class schedule. At the end of the two-week session, campers sometimes team up for a competitive trail ride, solving riddles and executing obstacle challenges in a camp-wide mounted scavenger hunt. Trails are an excellent and fun way to gain more time in the saddle for practice communicating with their horse. Campers enjoy scouring the woods in search of the “golden horseshoe,” and requesting their favorite trails that lead to special spots such as “The Compass” and the “Lookoff Ledge” in Lower Pasture.

HORSESHOWS and DEMONSTRATIONS - At the end of the 2-week sessions, campers can show off their skills on special horse show days, competing against their own level classmates. At the Hunt show, advanced campers ride over fences in a “cross-country” course in the front field, while lower level riders have their flat and jumping in the ring. Rodeo day is a definite favorite, as many campers dress up themselves and their horses to get in the spirit, cheering each other on as they race against the clock, trying for the tightest turns and compete for the fastest time. Older riders who have graduated to our “Upper Pasture Rodeo” program put on an exciting show, running a multi-barrel super pattern. There are sometimes special stock seat or pony club performances where riders have practiced for a synchronized riding drill team demonstration. Vaulters get to show off their newly-acquired gymnastic techniques in a fun exhibition.

RECREATIONAL GAMES - archery, hiking, environmental education, swimming, canoeing, and kayaking, kickball, basketball, tether ball, foosball, ping-pong, group games in the “round-up” (gym), horseshoes and corn hole, theater games, dance and yoga, capture the flag, hobby horse tournaments

CRAFTS - pottery and clay, sketching, painting stalls signs and plaster molds, horseshoe art, knitting, jewelry and beadwork, lanyards and friendship bracelets, leather and nature crafts, dream catchers, tie-dye

NIGHTLY ENTERTAINMENT - talent show, skit night, “Carnival” and “Barn Dance”, movies, scavenger hunts, airband and karaoke, campfires and cookouts, story-telling and songfest, costume bingo, auction, “Granny Dollar” horseback costume parade

SPECIAL EVENTS - blue and gold group games, “Dinosaur Egg” treasure hunt, July 4th field day and fireworks, camp-wide relay race, hot dog and marshmallow cookouts by the brow fire, golden horse shoe treasure hunt, end of the session Awards Banquet and Dinner Ceremony

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS - Incline Railway, Point Park, Rock City, Tennessee Aquarium, Discovery Museum, Southern Belle River Boat, Desoto Falls, Cloudmont Ski & Golf Resort, Cloudland Canyon State Park, Ocoee Whitewater Rafting, Lake Winnepesaukah Water Park







Valley View Ranch Riding Programs

Valley View Ranch is an equestrian camp. Our focus and purpose is to educate and nurture the love and curiosity that girls have for horses. Ranchers get to experience what it is to live and ride at a real working horse ranch, surrounded by other like-minded horse loving girls. Campers take part in the daily responsibilities of having and caring for their very own horse, and can spend as much time as they'd like with their horses each day. Our family has been involved with horses for over 70 years. We wish to pass on the experience and knowledge we have gained, and of course we are always eager to keep learning ourselves!

All classes in all programs are taught using the Certified Horsemanship Association guidelines. The purpose of CHA is to promote excellence in safety and education for the benefit of the horse industry.

Hunt Club

Hunt Club has a separate riding ring and barn, and specially schooled lesson horses available to all girls, beginner to advanced. Classes are arranged according to riding ability and incorporated into her daily ranch program. Beginners learn to post first, and then move on to ground poles and cavalettis. As a rider gains confidence, she will practice equitation over fences in the ring. We have a "cross country" jumping course in the front field for riders who are advanced enough to move beyond the arena. For those who enjoy riding outside of the arena, we have a special "hunt trail" out in the woods, with natural log and rock jumps to explore. Campers also have an option to bring their own horse and enjoy a new companionship amid our mountain scenery.

VALLEY VIEW VAULTERS

Vaulters perform simple and experienced gymnastic maneuvers on "Heyoka", our Belgian-Haflinger gentle giant, and our black and white Friesian paint, "Taj". Stunts are executed holding the handles of the surcingle. One instructor teaches while the other lunges the horse in a circle. Vaulting is a great confidence builder. Practice begins on the vaulting barrel where campers learn basic seat, mount and dismount, and several stunts. More advanced moves are the flag, swan, stand, arabesque, prince and doubles tricks with a friend! Campers have even invented their own moves before. Vaulting is a safe and fun horsemanship challenge. **Enrollment for Vaulting is limited and required before January 1.**



Valley View Ranch Western Riding Programs

STOCK SEAT

Stock Seat is Western Equitation. Upon arrival, each rancher is interviewed about their horse experience, and then has a riding try out from which they are assigned a horse according to her ability and preferences. You can also bring your own horse. Our foundation is built on years of raising Quarter Horses, but we offer many breeds and colors for all levels of riders. Experienced CHA instructors teach equitation and pleasure riding in the Brow Ring. Challenges increase with reining patterns, trail classes, obstacle courses and bareback equitation. Lessons, plus time in the saddle on trails, build each camper's confidence, security in the saddle, and communication with her horse. Riding trails is practice for what you learn in your ring lessons!

PONY CLUB

The **Pony Club** is our special program for younger campers. Not only do they have their own horse, but also their own barn, tack room, and instructors. The Pony Club has beginner to advanced horses and riders. These girls can participate in all programs offered to older campers, and some created especially for them according to their age and ability. They learn to halter, groom, bridle and saddle, ride, and cool out their mount. Lessons, games, and trail rides are planned and supervised by our experienced professional CHA staff. Individualized programs are essential to the younger campers' varied attention span, interests, and safety.

BARRELS – GYMKHANA

Training in **Barrels** teaches the horse and rider to work together as a precision unit. Our Certified Instructors teach the rider to use her head, hands, seat, and legs to communicate with her mount. Gymkhana games in the Rodeo Ring offer a challenge to ranchers of all ages and levels. Events start simply with cloverleaf, hairpin, Georgia barrels, pole bending, and stake race. With practice and coordination between horse and rider, campers can eventually advance to cross-country rodeo patterns.



The Association for Horsemanship Safety and Education



Valley View



Lariat Lodge



Valley View Ranch is dedicated to horse lovers who enjoy fun, friendship, nature and learning new skills!



A Day At Valley View Ranch



INDIVIDUAL SCHEDULE

*	7:30 A.M.	Rising Bell
*	8:00 – 8:30	Breakfast
	8:30 – 9:15	Daily Cabin Cleanup
*	9:15 – 12:15	Riding Classes and Trails
*	11:30 – 12:00	Country Store
*	12:30 – 1:00	Lunch
	1:00 – 2:00	Rest – Mail Call
*	2:00 – 3:00	Activity Period
*	3:00 – 3:30	Country Store
	3:30 – 5:30	Riding Classes and Trails
*	6:00 – 6:30	Supper
	6:30 – 7:30	Free Time and Showers
*	7:30 – 8:30	Evening Program Activities
	8:30 –	In Cabins
*	9:15 –	Lights Out

* Bell Will Be Rung!

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Year 'Round Working Ranch

Over twenty-five buildings, designed to meet the requirements of the ranch, have been carefully grouped for convenience and a view of the beautiful valley below. Our Valley View Girls live in five bunkhouses with swings on the porches, each with plumbing and electricity. Climb the rock porch steps to enter a center hallway. The bathroom is straight ahead and two large bunk rooms are on your right and left. Girls select their wooden bunk and begin to make friends immediately. Counselor to camper ratio is 1:5 in the bunkhouse, with five girls and at least one counselor on each side.

Additional buildings and equipment of the ranch consist of Nancy's Log Cabin, the Ranch House (Office and Infirmary), Chuck Wagon (dining lodge), five stables for horses, tack rooms for saddles, three riding rings, a craft shop, pottery porch, archery range, Round-Up (recreation building), shower house, country store, two lakes, tractors, trucks, wagons, and ATVs. In short, Valley View Ranch is more than adequately equipped to take care of the safety, health, and pastime of each rancher.



Valley View Ranch Equestrian Camp

For Girls 8 - 17 • English & Western (All Levels)

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