



days at
Dunrovin

April 2019



**Ranch
Talk**



Springtime is Kid Time

Each Spring, starting on April 15 this year, Dunrovin is the place to be for kids ages 3 to 16. Our Pony Clubs, Home School Programs, and Apprenticeship Programs begin — and what a sight it is.

Fortunately, our top-notch instructors are up to the task. On Mondays and Wednesdays, horsewoman Sandy puts the kids through their paces. Originally from England, Sandy sets a high bar for her students. On Thursdays, Ranch Manager Kelli takes over, and then on Fridays, she works with our teenage Apprenticeship Program Students. These teenagers learn to ride AND how to work on the ranch. They are then able to apply to be an employed Ranch Hand when they turn 14 years old. In fact, three of our former Apprenticeship students have been hired as Ranch Hands for our upcoming busy Summer season.



The first thing you will see are the children being taught how to properly approach, halter, and then lead their horse.

After they are taught our guidelines for keeping both themselves and the horse safe at all times, the horses will be saddled for the smallest of our riders, the older kids will learn to saddle their horse on their own— and then the moment they've been waiting for... they get to RIDE.

Of course, all of this learning takes a lot of time, so our complete pre-riding instruction is spread out over the course of six weeks. Kids can be impatient, especially when it comes to indulging their passion for ponies. Believe me, everyone at Dunrovin knows how they feel.

The Perfect Horses for the Job

Dunrovin is fortunate to have safe, talented, and tolerant horses. They allow our students to indulge themselves in babying them while they're groomed. Learning to ride isn't easy, and the horses seem to know it. A beginner can make all manner of mistakes and the horses take them in stride.

The go-to horses for our children's programs this season are Whiskey, Rocket, Razz, Butte, and Mickey. Soon, Dugan and Flynn will join the line-up.

Look for big Erskine and young Mystery, newcomers to the herd, who our instructors will ride in some of the classes to get them accustomed to the hustle and bustle of a guest ranch. Our advanced Wednesday Home School students may be able to ride them before the conclusion of Spring programs on May 24.



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Location: _____