

# AUTISM EQUINE CAMPS

## DIVERSE ABILITIES SUPPORT EQUINE PROGRAM



**BEAMING**  
EQUINE-ASSISTED SERVICES

Changing the lives of autistic children  
through connections with equine partners.

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Autistic children have a very special connection with animals, especially horses. Horses are wonderful companions for autistic kids, walking beside them on their journey and supporting them with their calm and peaceful presence. Horses always listen, and they never judge; they help children learn, heal and grow.

In addition, the physical benefits of horseback riding are undeniable for children with autism. Different sensory receptors are stimulated, and children learn to move in new and exciting ways. Together with the emotional and cognitive benefits of equine-assisted therapies, riding provides benefits to the whole child, including body, mind and spirit.

**Autism Equine Camps** are an interactive horse experience that offers autistic children the opportunity to engage in hands-on horse-related activities. The children are slowly introduced to the horses, beginning with grooming and walking them. They can then try riding on our Equicizer,<sup>®</sup> a horse simulation tool that gets them familiar with the motions and movements of horseback riding; then if they feel comfortable, they can try riding a real horse.

For those children who experience difficulty in comprehending directions, participating in equine-assisted services encourages them to respond to the verbal cues. We also integrate fun learning opportunities about horses and arts & crafts and barn activities, including our new Sensory Walking Path, that engage their senses and allow them to express themselves.

Our Autism Camps are led by PATH-certified instructors, an Occupational Therapist, qualified staff and trained volunteers.

**Two sessions of Autism Camp will be held in 2023, July 31-August 2 and August 7-9.**

Parents attend this camp with their children, either during one of the morning sessions (9-10:30am or 10:30am-noon) or afternoon session (12:30-2pm) each day. To sign up, please contact Katie Samuelson, Center Director, at 920-851-6160 or [incbeaming@gmail.com](mailto:incbeaming@gmail.com).

**Spaces are limited so please sign up soon to reserve your spot!**

At BEAMING, we embrace diversity, we promote inclusion and we celebrate those with diverse abilities. Our no-cost Autism Camps serve families regardless of socio-economic status, race, gender orientation, religion or ability. The BEAMING Barn is a safe, nonjudgmental community gathering space where all are welcome.

Watch our Autism Camp Video at [bit.ly/3Rww4Ls](https://bit.ly/3Rww4Ls) or scan the QR code to the right.



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