



DAYS END FARM HORSE RESCUE

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Summer Camp-In-A-Box Brings Days End Farm Horse Rescue to Kids Everywhere

Over the past eight years, close to 200 children each summer flocked to Days End Farm Horse Rescue to attend our popular day camp. Youth play an integral part in sharing DEFHR's mission, and our entire staff look forward to several weeks of fun and learning with the campers. When we were forced to close our traditional camp this year, we knew we needed to shift our focus to stay connected virtually with the children. Our management team spent hours discussing scenarios that would allow us to operate while keeping campers safe, but also inspired and committed. We came up with the perfect solution: **Camp-In-A-Box**.



Each child's 'Camp-in-a-Box' includes hands-on projects, DIY experiments, online videos, and activities revolving around the DEFHR horses. Campers will also find out why caring for the environment is important to us at DEFHR. Each week's activities center around an environmental theme as part of "WE CARE" (water, erosion, composting, agriculture, recycling, and ecology = WE CARE). WE CARE invites children to discover how caring for the environment also gives back to the horses.

Campers will receive trading cards of their favorite horses, our official camp shirt and bag, a field journal and a field notes guide, along with other goodies for hands-on learning from home. The first week's box also includes a "WE CARE Ambassador" certificate and pledge card.

"Whether it's at the farm or at their home, we want our campers to have an inspiring experience and feel connected to the horses they love," says Nicky Wetzberger, DEFHR's Community Outreach Director. "Camp-in-a-Box was our innovative answer to keeping our campers engaged from a safe distance this summer. This program also allows us to educate youth anywhere in the world, at any time, from the comfort of their home."

"DEFHR knows that the future of equine and animal welfare lies within our youth communities," adds Wetzberger. "Any opportunity for us to teach them about the importance of caring for the environment, each other, and animals is something we will continue to pursue and a program we are committed to growing."

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Join Us for Paint Night

Join us for a step-by-step painting class in a fun, relaxed atmosphere from the comfort of your home. This class is open to everyone, whether you've never painted before or you're an experienced artist!

When: July 23 at 6:30PM
Price: \$35 (proceeds going to DEFHR)

Because this is a virtual class, you will need to a 16x20 canvas, a set of primary acrylic paints (red, blue, green, yellow, white, and black), and three paint brushes (small, medium, and large).

Canvas: Prime, \$13.22 - [Click to Buy on Amazon](#)
Acrylic Paint and Brush Set: Prime, \$11.97 - [Click to Buy on Amazon](#)

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Life on the Farm Videos

In **Episode 14**, we introduce you to our farriers who come every two weeks to trim and shoe our horses. Our trainers show you how we prepare horses for farrier day by using a hoof pick, foot ropes, and a hoof stand. You don't want to miss who is featured in our 'Meet the Horses' portion – we are certain this big guy is one of your favorites!

In **Episode 15**, you can join our trainers on a virtual trail ride through Patuxent State Park. Ride along through water crossings, gallop through fields, and explore wooded trails. You'll also get to know our 2019 Horse of the Year, Murphy. You can learn how our trainers are utilizing at-liberty work and positive reinforcement in his training.

[Watch Episode 14](#)

[Watch Episode 15](#)

In the News



"Officer Barney: Always on Duty"
In our monthly column on Horse Network, read about Officer Barney, a retired mounted police officer who now serves as one of our beloved equine ambassadors at DEFHR.

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"Days End Farm Offers New Beginnings"
EQUUS magazine highlighted DEFHR in their summer issue, showcasing some of the ways that the organization shares our mission through public outreach, youth education, in-depth internship programs, and many other unique aspects.

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Featured Horse of the Month: Hadwin



13.1, 10-year-old Quarter Pony gaiting

Hadwin recently went to his first show with our assistant trainer, Leigha Schrader. He trailered by himself like a pro and was confident throughout the day. We couldn't be prouder of how far he has come in his short time at DEFHR. Hadwin arrived late last year and had a difficult time accepting and trusting people. It is hard to believe this pony, who is now winning ribbons in the show ring, was shy and hard to catch less than a year ago!

Leigha says it best: "Rescue is more than just saving a life--it is securing a future. We are so privileged to provide horses like Hadwin the training they need to feel comfortable and confident in themselves."

Hadwin is currently available for adoption and ready to find his perfect match in an adopter. Email adopt@DEFHR.org for details on this incredible pony.

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