

Horses In The Camping Program

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At Pine Springs Summer Camp, near Cloudcroft, NM, horseback riding is one of the major attractions. We have an agreement with Chippeway Riding Stables, which is about 25 miles away. They reserve all of their horses for us on the appointed days and allow us a reduced rate for our campers.

We take the campers over the mountains on a very beautiful scenic route in our camp trucks and cars to the stables. Then they go for an hour's ride up steep trails and down steeper ones and around through the forest along trails where the scenery is very beautiful.

Nearly 100 per cent of our campers go on these rides. We consider it to be a very healthful form of recreation, and enjoyed by campers, as well as stall. Each group of campers who ride have at least two staff members along to help the wranglers keep the riders properly in order. We believe that any camp that is situated so they can take advantage of a similar arrangement could profit by doing so.