



HORSE BOARDING

Are you looking for that special place that will treat your horse as an individual? VMR is that special place.....offering personalized, professional, quality care from horse people who have loved, shown & cared for horses for over 86 years. You can feel confident that your horse will get the attention they need. Nutrition, health, and exercise requirements are important here, a program is followed for worming, shoeing, & necessary shots. All you have to do is enjoy — the company of other horse lovers, riding the miles of trails through the foothills of the Ozarks, all this & more at a fair, affordable price.

Other amenities that Valley Mount offers is: Tack Storage, Trailer Parking, Training, Lessons, Hauling, Horse Shoer, Veterinarian, Trail Rides, Shows, Round Pen, 120 X 300 Lighted Outdoor Arena, 100 X 200 Lighted Covered Arena, huge lighted field to ride in & access to over 3000 acres of Trails.

Our Boarding Prices are as follows, all prices are per month.

Pasture Board * \$390.00

Includes Grain Twice a Day, Fresh Hay Given Out Daily, Fresh Spring Creek Water to Drink

Box Stall Board * \$460.00

Includes Grain Twice a Day, Fresh Hay Given Out Daily, Fresh Spring Creek Water to Drink, , Stall Cleaning. **Daily Pasture**

Box Stall With Private Run * \$530.00

Includes Grain Twice a Day, Fresh Hay Given Out Daily, Stall Cleaning, **Daily Turnout**

Boarding for Miniatures * Call for pricing

Includes Grain, Fresh Hay Given Out Daily

Excellent Care of Horses

For Over 87 Years All

Prices Subject to Change without notice!



HISTORY OF VALLEY MOUNT RANCH

66 Riding Stables was the original name, later the name was

changed to Valley Mount Ranch, the business was established in 1936 by Ben & Frieda Kraus. The Ranch offered a good western time for all ages; they provided hayrides every night, trail rides through the foothills of the Little Ozarks, for horse owners living in the St. Louis area that didn't have a place to keep their horses they offered horse boarding. Ben & Frieda started producing rodeos, horse show events, & jumping event. The shows attracted large crowds to the stadium-style grandstands. Some special attractions they hosted at the ranch were carnivals, circuses, stock car racing & chariot racing just to name a few. While having a busy schedule, they found the time to also help promote & organize St. Louis Fireman's Rodeo & Parade in downtown St. Louis, the parade was complete with floats, clowns, & had as many as 200 horses walking the streets of St. Louis.

The Kraus family helped with promoting various other attractions around the area by providing horses, wagons, & personnel, one example for movie premiers. Several celebrities have been to the ranch, either promoting a western movie, tv show, rodeo's, circuses & parades, celebrities such as James Arness (Gunsmoke), Joel McCrae, Debbie Reynolds, Chuck Connors & Johnny Crawford (The Rifleman). James Arness, Chuck Connors, & Johnny Crawford spent the day at the ranch riding horses. Ben gave Johnny Crawford a horse named Two Bits, the team performed in various rodeos and parades with their trick roping. St. Louis Cardinals Vince Coleman even came out for a trail ride.

Ben and Frieda had eight children: Shirley, Gene, Darwin, Gerry, Laverne, Norita, Dottye, & Sheila. The children had daily responsibilities to keep the Ranch running. Ben Kraus passed away on March 11, 1961. (top photo) Frieda Kraus passed away March 23, 2004. Ben & Frieda's daughter Sheila Chipman, Grandson Steve Kraus (Gene's son) & Cindy Scarato (Sheila's daughter) along with their families are keeping the couples dream alive today.



VALLEY MOUNT RANCH



Over 87 years of experience



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LESSONS

Are you needing to get riding experience before a big trip out west? Are you wanting to learn what is necessary to own a horse one day? Do you need to brush up on your horsemanship and riding skills? Or try a new sport like Barrel Racing? Or you just want to learn how to ride a horse? We can accommodate you! You are never too old to learn how to ride a horse.

We teach from the beginner to the advanced, students from 3 years old and up. Our main goal for each student is to be safe and confident riders. We start out with teaching how to ride first, if you are wanting to learn all the fundamentals of horse care, tacking and grooming, no problem we can accommodate you; we offer a fun and relaxed environment our only requirement is that individuals who choose to take lessons with us have the ability to follow and execute oral instructions.

We offer Group, Semi-Private and Private Western riding lessons, are prices are as follows

**GROUP LESSONS *
\$45.00
3 OR MORE STUDENTS**



**SEMI-PRIVATE * \$55.00
2 STUDENTS**

**PRIVATE * \$65.00
One on One**

**Little Britches * \$30.00
3 to 5 years of age**

**Barrel Racing
Lesson—Private
With our horse—\$55.00
With your horse—\$45**

Horsemanship—

Private

**With our horse—\$50
With your horse—\$40**

All Prices Per Person Per Session



RIDING CAMPS

“RIDING WITH FAITH”



What does it mean to ride with faith, hope, security, promise and love? We want to explore what that means while experiencing what it is like to own and care for your own horse. Everyone will learn the importance to be safe around the horses, the do's, and the don'ts. We will ride every day. The kids will also learn how to groom, saddle, bathe, and care for a horse, and yes that means cleaning up after them. When the kids are not at the barn or riding horses, they will be participating in crafts and games.

This year all of the camps will be limited and age groups have changed for the camps. **Make sure to check the ages on the camps.** Like in previous year all the kids will get a Camp t-shirt. Parents once again will have the chance to order pictures on a cd of their kids.

WRANGLER CAMP ** \$425.00 FULL DAY CAMP

**Age for this camp 10 years and older
Monday—Thursday * 8 am to 3 pm**

Dates: June 6th—9th
July 18th—21st
July 25th—28th

Limited to 15 kids per session



RANCHER CAMP ** \$350.00 HALF DAY CAMP

**Age for this camp 7 to 12 years of age
* Monday—Thursday ***

Dates: June 13th—16th * 8 am to 12 pm
July 11th—14th * 11:30 am to 3:30 pm
Limited to 10 kids per session

LITTLE BRITCHES CAMP ** \$250.00 HALF DAY CAMP

**Age for this camp 3 to 6 years old
* Monday—Thursday ***

Dates: June 13th—16th * 12:30 to 3:30 pm
July 11th—14th * 8 am to 11 am
Limited to 8 kids per session



GIRL SCOUT LESSONS



The Girl Scout lessons will include instructional riding in an arena, safety around horses, demonstration of how to groom a horse, saddle and bridle a horse. If time permits a tour of the stable where the horse stay. Price is \$35 per person.

**For more information call
our office at 636-225-5243**

All lessons are by appointment only ** Payment is either by cash or credit card * NO CHECKS

Interested in leasing a horse monthly give us a call for more information.

