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Open Stall Policies

- Dekalb County Parks and Recreation partners with the on-site resident programs to determine the best use of each available stall.
- People who express interest in boarding at Little Creek Horse Farm & Park will be placed on a waitlist for the County to refer to when a stall becomes available.

Equine Policies

- Mares/Geldings only; No Stallions
NOTE: as of 5/2020, no geldings, only mares until further notice without checking with Barn Supervisor
- Horses must be 5+ years of age; No Horses under the age of five unless pre-approved by the County
- No Horses with extreme vices such as biting, kicking, bucking, rearing, etc.
- Preference is given to boarders who can reach agreements with on-site programs to serve the wider community through lessons, therapy or public programming in a full or part-time capacity
- Horses must pass a standard vetting process with one of the on-site programs to ensure safety for the public community

Equine Medical Care Policies

- Must have and maintain yearly coggins and on file
- Must have and maintain bi-annual vaccinations and on file
- Must have and maintain good dental checks and on file
- Regular farrier appointments
- Barn Supervisor coordinates Vet Health Days and notifies boarders of dates/times

Resident Equestrian Program Designated Stall Policies

- Each program can maintain/fill their designated # of stalls per County agreement and horse approval.

- If a program fills a designated stall without County approval, the County can deny further open stall requests.
- Programs may request additional stalls based on community needs and County approval and stall availability.
- Programs must maintain yearly signed contracts/payments for each designated stall to maintain stall agreement
- Programs may fill an open designated stall with an approved horse the program owns
- If the Program chooses to fill a designated stall with a leased horse, the following must occur
 - Program creates a contract with the owner of the horse to outline lease agreement that includes:
 - Resident Program Horse Requirements (height, age, sex, training, etc) to be determined and agreed upon prior to reviewing the waitlist application. Agreement that the County has final approval on horse suitability for the park
 - How many times per week the horse is used by the Resident Program and reasonable amount agreed upon by resident program and owner)
 - Agreement on who is responsible for which horse expenses
 - Exit Clause should be determined by Resident Program determines the lease needs to end
 - Include exit time frame (30 to 60 day or agreed upon)days

Owners / Private Boarders Policies

- Boarders are offered open stall opportunities per the County waitlist selection processes.
- Owners willingness to allow a horse to be used in a community program and horse compatibility receives a higher weight to be selected for an open stall than the actual applicant dates.
- Owners may fill their designated stall with a County approved leased or purchased horse.
- Upon stall availability, the County may contact owners for further details to place candidates on a short list for consideration.
 - Owners will be interviewed and horses assessed to potentially learn of program compatibility and interest.
 - Any horse(s) selected as a possible candidate for stall will be required to have a pre-purchase or insurance exam to ensure the horse(s) is sound for the program participation.
 - Owners and Programs are expected to have an agreement regarding horse use:
 - How many days/times a week the horse can be used
 - Expectation on what is to occur if the horse becomes unusable depending on a Resident Program Agreement and/or a Boarder to County agreement (owners review horse removal terms in contract).
- If an owner/boarder sells or experiences loss of a horse the following can occur:
 - Owners have 60 days to fill the stall.
 - Owners will incur a ½ stall rate after 60 days to hold their stall until an approved horse is found.
 - If an Owner does not wish to follow the above waitlist policies, the County can mandate the stall become available and owners may choose to be placed on the waitlist for future open stalls.

Equine Care Standards

- Group Turn Out is offered between 7 am and 3 pm
 - Geldings are turned out with geldings except in situations approved by the Barn Supervisor.
 - Mares are turned out with mares except in situations approved by the Barn Supervisor.
 - Individual turn-out in small paddocks available upon request at Barn Supervisor's discretion.
- Three Feed Choices by Nutrena (barn supervisor will tailor horse's diets with input from vet if necessary or owners may provide their own feed bagged for daily AM and PM use.
 - Senior
 - Fuel
 - Empower Balancer

- Feed Times Include
 - Early AM - Grain & Hay Feeding (hay either in stall or in field depending on turnout situation)
 - AM- Water Check
 - Afternoon -Grain & Hay Feeding (hay will be fed between
 - Afternoon - Water Check
 - Night Check - Hay Feeding
 - Night Check - Water Check

Rainy Day Care Policies

- Horses may be kept stall bound on an inclement weather day
 - Notification will be sent to owners that horses are not out
 - Boarders are responsible for their horses exercise due to no turn-out
- An additional hay feeding will occur at noon

Tack Box Policy

Each stall is allowed room for one tack box, which must meet the following specifications:

- 4' high x 3'deep x 4'5" wide
- Plastic
- One additional box can be placed behind owner's tack box but not to exceed half of tack box height or width
- Owner responsibility to keep tack box clean and surrounding areas

Fee Schedule*

- Board Fee: \$450.00 a Month
- Add-On Services:
 - Cold Weather Blanketing:
 - \$20.00 a Month to Blanket
 - \$20.00 a Month to UnBlanket

*County reserves the right to adjust or add fees as needed, upon approval by the Dekalb County Board of Commissioners and a 30 day written notice to the Boarder.