



HISTORY OF VALLEY MOUNT RANCH

Valley Mount Ranch was first known as 66 Riding Stables. 66 Riding Stables was established in 1936 and was the idea of Ben & Frieda Kraus. Located just twelve miles west from St. Louis City and accessible to city folks by the famous Route 66 Highway. 66 Riding Stables offered a Good Western time for all ages, they provided hayrides for over 100 people each night, they offered guided trail rides through the foothills of the Ozarks, and had boarding for those who needed to keep their horses somewhere. 66 Riding Stables became Valley Mount Ranch in the late 30's early 40's; everything that was offered at 66 Riding Stables was still main attractions at Valley Mount Ranch. Ben & Frieda also started having Rodeos and shows at the place. The Rodeos attracted large crowds to the stadium-style grandstands. They also hosted Jumping Shows, Carnivals, Stock Car Racing and Chariot Racing, just to name a few. Ben & Frieda Kraus also organized the Famous Fireman's Rodeos and Parades in downtown St. Louis, complete with floats, clowns, and as many as 200 horses. The Ranch provided horses, wagons, and personal to help promote various attractions in St. Louis area such as Movies, Fireman's Rodeo, Parades, The Police Circus, the list is endless. There were several Famous Celebrities that Ben & Frieda Kraus came into contact with promoting the Movies, TV Series, Rodeo's, Parades, and Circuses, such celebrities as James Arness (Matt Dillon from Gunsmoke), Joel McCrae, Debbie Reynolds, Chuck Connors & Johnny Crawford (The Rifleman). Several of these Celebrities spent the day at the Ranch such as James Arness, Chuck Connors and Johnny Crawford. Ben liked Johnny so much that before he left to go home he gave him a black & white paint horse which Johnny called Two Bits and went onto to perform tricks and various Rodeos and Parades. Debbie Reynolds took a hayride at the ranch; Vince Coleman of the St. Louis Cardinals came for a Trail Ride. This is just to name of few. Ben and Frieda had eight children: Shirley, Gene, Darwin, Gerry, Laverne, Norita, Dottye, and Sheila. All the children had daily responsibilities to keep the Ranch running smoothly. Ben Kraus passed away on March 11, 1961.(top photo) Frieda Kraus passed away March 23, 2004.

Ben & Frieda's Children, Grand Children, Great Grandkids and Great-Great Grandkids are keeping their dream alive today.



HORSE BOARDING

When you realize your dream of owning a horse, you wouldn't trust just anyone and you want that special place where your horse will be treated 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 83 years. You can feel confident that they really "know" horses. Nutrition, health, and exercise requirements are important here, and a program is followed for worming, shoeing, & necessary shots. All you have to do is enjoy —miles & miles of trails through countryside where you can get away from it all . . . The company of other horse lovers, all this and more at a fair, affordable price.

Other amenities that Valley Mount offers are: Tack Storage, Trailer Parking, Training, Lessons, Hauling, Horse Shoer, Veterinarian, Trail Rides, Shows, a 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 Boarding prices are per month.

Pasture Board * \$330.00

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

Box Stall Board * \$400.00

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

Box Stall With Private Run * \$470.00

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

Boarding for Miniatures * \$200.00

Includes Grain, Fresh Hay Given Out Daily,

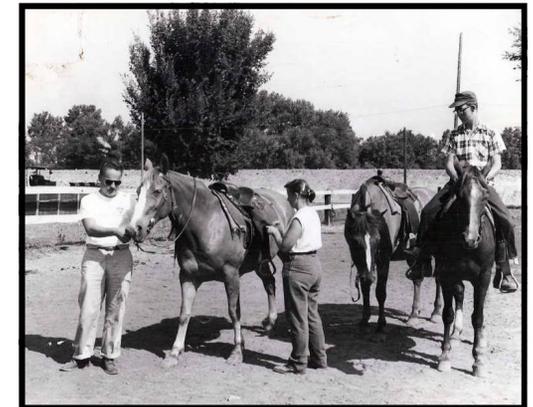
*Excellent Care of
Horses For
Over 83 Years*

*All Prices Subject to Change
without notice!*



VALLEY MOUNT RANCH

*Over 83 Years of
Experience*



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RIDING LESSONS



One Hour Lessons—

Group Lesson (3 or more students) - \$45.00
Private Lesson (1 to 2 students) - \$55.00

Little Britches (Ages 3 to 5 years)
Half Hour - \$25.00



Our Riding Lessons include Arena, Trail & Field Riding. Lessons are scheduled one lesson at a time, **we do not require you to sign**

up for several lessons at once, you set how many lessons you will be taking. You do not have to pay in advance for your lessons, you pay the day of your lesson.

* Scout Lesson *

Girl Scout & Boy Scouts
Hour Lesson—\$35.00
This Lesson includes—30 minutes of riding time and 30 minutes of instructions (brushing, saddling, riding, etc)



*** All Prices Per Person Per Session ***

Appointments Needed for All Lessons

NO Checks * We accept credit cards

WARNING: UNDER MISSOURI LAW, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Missouri.



SUMMER CAMP

Fun with horses

Our Summer Camps consist of everyone experiencing what it is like to own a horse. You will learn basic care of a horse. You will learn about grooming, saddling, and most important they will learn how to be safe around horses. We ride every day! Every Camper gets a t-shirt.

Limited space available for all camps, reserve early!

We have several camps to choose from.

Wrangler Camp (Advanced Camp)
* \$400.00 * 12 years & older
June 3rd—6th, 2019
Monday—Thursday
8 am—3:30 pm



This camp is designed for kids that have been through several years summer riding camps or lessons. They want to further their riding ability, they want would eventually like to own or lease a horse, or that would be interested in becoming a volunteer at Valley Mount Ranch.



Little Britches Riding Camp *
\$250.00 * 6 & under
June 3rd—June 6th
Monday - Thursday
9 am to 12 pm

This camp is a great way to introduce your little horse lover to horses.

Rancher Camp (Summer Camp)
* \$375.00 * 7 years & older
Monday - Thursday *
8 am - 3 pm

This camp is designed for kids of all riding levels—from the Beginner to the Advanced.

Below are the dates that are available for this camp;



June 10-13 * July 8-11, July 15-18

Limited space! Reserve Early!



BARREL RACING HORSEMANSHIP LESSONS

Lessons from the Beginner to the Advanced! If you don't own your own horse but want to learn the sport of Barrel Racing or improve on your horsemanship skills, no worries we have a horse for you. All lessons are Private 45 minutes to an hour long lessons.

Barrel Racing Lessons

With one of our horses—
\$50.00
With your own horse—
\$40.00



Horsemanship Lessons

With one of our horses—\$45.00
With your own horse \$35.00



HORSE LEASING BY THE MONTH

So you're thinking about buying a horse, but you aren't 100% sure, why not try leasing a horse for a while to see if horses are your thing. Our leasing program consists of access to the horse 7 days a week, includes the board, shoes, & equipment necessary to ride. The cost for a monthly lease is \$320.00 (\$10.66 per day.)

HORSEBACK RIDING



Group Rides—3 or more rider \$40.00
Private Rides 1 to 2 riders \$50.00
Kiddie Rides—\$5.00

*** All Prices Per Person ***
Appointments Needed for All Ride

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