

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.

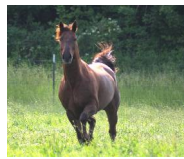
66 Riding Stables became Valley Mount Ranch in the late 30's early 40's; everything that was offered at 66 Riding Stables was still main attractions at Valley Mount Ranch. Ben & Frieda also started having Rodeos and shows at the place. The Rodeos attracted large crowds to the stadium-style grandstands. 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, Dotty, 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 74 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, professional riding instructors to help you increase your skills, 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, Tack Store, Trail Rides, Cookouts, Fun 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 * \$285.00

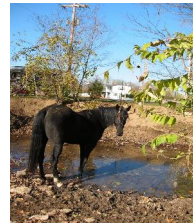
Includes Grain Twice a Day, Fresh Hay Given Out Daily, Fresh Spring Creek Water to Drink

Box Stall Board * \$355.00

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

Stall With Private Pasture * \$410.00

Includes Grain Twice a Day, Fresh Hay & Water Given Out Daily, Stalls Cleaned Daily.

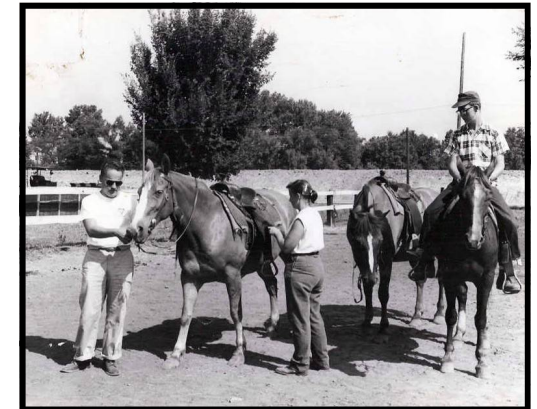


Excellent Care of Horses For Over 74

All Prices Subject to Change without notice!

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OVER 74 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE



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We will be taking Scenic Trail Rides while learning to be safe, in control of your horse, how to balance your body on trails and the correct way of riding horse trails with others.

1 Hour Instructional Trail Rides

3 or more Riders—\$35.00

1 to 2 Riders—\$50.00

All Prices are Per Person.



Call for Appointments!

* Cash Only * No Checks *

* No Credit or Debit 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.



RIDING LESSONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS YOUTH

Half Hour One on One Personalized Instruction for Each Rider to reach their unlimited potential.

To Participate individuals must be able to:

1. Mount a horse from a mounting block with assistance.
2. Sit upright in the saddle without assistance and hold the saddle horn.
3. Follow simple instructions such as "Hold the reins."

\$35 Per Half Hour Per Person, Per Session. Appointments Needed for All Lessons * Cash Only *



RIDING LESSONS

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 and we require Cash only, no checks, credit or debit cards. Our Riding Lesson prices are as follows:

One Hour Lessons—Includes Riding for one Full Hour.

Group Lesson (3 or more students) - \$35.00

Private Lesson (1 to 2 students) - \$50.00

Little Britches (Ages 3 to 5 years)

Half Hour - \$25.00

Barrel Racing Lessons

45 Minutes—\$35.00



*** All Prices Per Person Per Session * Appointments Needed for All Lessons * Cash Only ***



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 \$300.00 (\$10 per day.)

HORSE SALES

We have horses for sale for the Beginner Rider to the Advanced Rider.

**Call for More Information
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SUMMER RIDING CAMP FUN WITH HORSES

Our Summer Riding Camps consist of everyone experiencing what it is like to own a horse. They will learn the general care of horses such as feeding, cleaning up after them, grooming, and bathing. They will also learn the correct way to halter and lead a horse, how to saddle a horse correctly, but most important they will learn how to be safe around horses. Everyone will ride everyday, we will be riding in an arena, in a big open field, & taking scenic trail rides through the foothills of the beautiful Ozarks. We will also have other fun horse activities.

**Monday - Thursday
8:30 am to 3:30 pm**



**\$250.00
Per Session Per Student
For Ages 7 years & up**

* June 14-17 * June 21-24 *

* July 12-15 * July 19-22 *

* Aug 2-5 *

After care is offered for an additional \$15 per day.



Little Britches Riding Camp

*** Monday - Thursday *
* 9 am to 12 pm ***

**\$200.00 Per Session Per Student
For Ages 6 & under**

* June 28—July 1 *

* July 26—29 *

After care is offered for an additional \$15 per day.



Limited space available reserve early!