

# HILLTOP CAMPS

*The Ozark Mountain Camps for Boys and Girls*

THE HILL WEST, FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS

August 27, 1942

Dear Mr. Allen

Thank you for your letter of August 24 and the information given me.

The fee which your students pay is the same that I have charged the students here, and I have had the horses delivered to them on the campus. From there they ride out on the country roads, for the University so far has not provided a riding ring for them.

At first the students rode alone, then I sent a man with them. During the past two years the classes have grown to such an extent and there have been so many utter beginners that I have had to give a large amount of my time to them. They want instruction in horsemanship and I should like to give it to them, but it does not seem possible for me to do it without pay any longer. For the past two years I have been teaching about 30 hours each week.

In your letter of July 20 you wrote, "Our department of Physical Education supervises the teaching of equitation". I presume from that that there is an instructor of equitation who receives a salary. This is what I am trying to arrive at. Our department of physical education here, from being ignorant of the fact that equitation was taught anywhere, now elects to believe that it must be taught without pay. They are willing for me to go on teaching the classes as I have done, and for the students to receive credit for the work. In all the schools from which I have so far heard in regard to the status of the horseback instructors, all are regular members of the faculty, some giving full time to the horseback classes, some dividing their time with other work.

I shall appreciate it if you will write me just once more making this part of your arrangements clear to me. Will you also give me the dimensions of your riding ring?

70 x 40 yds.

Very sincerely yours for victory

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