

First Adult Riders Camp a Success!
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The first Adult Riders Camp held in the southern part of Area IV was a great success. Ten riders from as far away as Iowa and Oklahoma City came to Briar Fox Farm in Augusta, Kansas and had a blast!



The first two days were individual dressage instruction given by local trainer and “r” judge, Bonnie Griest. Normally dressage is the least liked discipline but campers were enthusiastic about the insights and analysis Bonnie was able to give them.

Stadium and cross country training was given by another local instructor, John Staples. John is a USEA Level III Certified Instructor and serves on the USEF Safety Committee. Campers were split into groups dependent on their and their horses’ experience as some campers had brought horses new to them or with little or no previous exposure to eventing.

The weather was some of the hottest of the year but early starts allowed everyone to get their training before the temperatures were too high. Campers were also treated to a pizza party on the deck at Briar Fox and held a farewell Mexican dinner at a local restaurant. Probably one of the most important outcomes was the friendships formed during the camp with campers arranging to meet at future Area IV HTs and to return for next year’s camp – see you there!