



Horsemanship Clinic Highlights

Wadopana Wild Horse Stampede

Thursday, July 6, 2023 | Wolf Point, MT

The 100th Annual Wild Horse Stampede took place in Wolf Point, Montana from July 5 to July 9, 2023. The 5-day event included a Spotted Bull Resource Recovery Center Horsemanship Clinic that took place July 6, 2023. The event gave parents, guardians and youth an opportunity to have fun and engage in cultural activities. Through the horsemanship clinic the community learned about the healing power of horses. Horses teach humans how to be calm, gentle, kind, and aware. Archery and Native Plants lessons gave families an opportunity to practice their culture and connect to the land. Families loved the petting zoo. We asked participants to complete a survey at the end of the Wild Horse Stampede to learn more about their experience.

**This program
brings relatives
and people
together.**

- Survey Participant

83% felt the horsemanship activity was the best of the activities.

43

people
completed
the survey.

80%

felt horsemanship
clinic instructors
were easy to work
with.

The Horsemanship clinic was an opportunity to connect and learn about the horse, a sacred animal to the Fort Peck Tribes.



I learned that **animals are healing**, you could build many friendships with them, they can bring joy.

I learned that **animals can help bring out a child's spirit**.

I learned to **connect to a horse** and understand their body language.

Culture Teachings & Lessons

I learned what **sunkawakan oyate** means.

Horses can heal a human's spirit or sad emotions.

Food is culture.

I learned about sage, sunflower, turnips and their uses!



Things people most enjoyed

- Riding and learning about horses
- Petting Zoo
- Spending time with the community/spending time with loved ones
- Archery lessons
- The food (Indian tacos)
- The friendly staff
- Cultural teachings learning about Native plants

I liked seeing the youth and the community come together.

- Survey Participant

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We appreciate the support of all SBRR staff, community members, families, and program partners – Wadopana Event Committee, Wolf Point Community Organization (WPCO), Fort Peck Community College Agriculture Department, NDO, and SAMSHA Native Connections.