



Students will learn ground training techniques including halter breaking, lungeing, longlining, and ground driving. The versatility of the Morgan and varied ages and abilities of horses at Miner Institute allow for students to experience many different disciplines to varying degrees: saddleseat, huntseat, dressage, western pleasure and driving. Students become proficient at stallion handling, semen collection, and processing as well as broodmare management.

Students will have an opportunity to participate in other Miner farm operations including milking, pasture management, and a variety of field work activities.



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Applications are due by Feb. 15, 2011



## SUMMER EXPERIENCE in EQUINE MANAGEMENT



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### **ABOUT MINER**

The William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute is located in Chazy, New York, about 40 miles south of Montreal in the Champlain Valley. For more than a quarter of a century, the Institute has conducted programs in education and research, foremost of which are in-residence undergraduate programs in agriculture and environmental science. The Summer Experience programs in Equine Management, Farm Management, and Agricultural Research offer credits through a combination of workshops, field trips, and independent study.

The William H. Miner Agricultural Research Institute consists of 8,600 acres of land, including miles of hiking and biking trails available to students. Our dairy facility houses approximately 300 registered Holstein cows in an automated free stall barn and 16-stall tie stall barn used for conducting research trials. The dairy and crop operation serve as a learning environment for students enrolled in the Summer Experience in Farm Management program. The

most prominent original farm building is currently home to Miner Institute's herd of approximately 25 Morgan horses. In addition, there are horses boarded for various purposes including stallion or mare reproductive services and training. A phantom breeding mount and fully-equipped laboratory at the barns allow for on-site collection and processing of fresh-cooled and frozen semen.

### **ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

Weekly meetings update the students about farm activities; equine, dairy, crops and research. Extended sessions on relevant topics such as nutrition, reproduction, training, health and field crops will be held throughout the summer. Instructors include Miner Institute faculty members Katie Ballard, Kurt Cotanch, Heather Dann, Wanda Emerich, Rick Grant, Karen Lassell, and graduate students. The small class size makes it possible to tailor the program to better meet the needs of each student. Students interested in careers in stable or breeding management, agricultural extension, and veterinary medicine have found this

program to be particularly useful.

Each student will choose a project horse to evaluate, train, and market for sale. Responsibilities for this project will include preparing a video of the horse as well as oral and written final presentations on the horse and the process. An active research program at Miner includes aspects in the equine area such as stallion semen preservation and horse behavior. The students are crucial to making these studies happen and are invited to become more involved if interest takes them in that direction.

This program is available to agriculture and life science students in their junior or senior years of study. The number of students for the Equine Management program is limited to ensure the intensity of this "hands-on" experience. Each student will receive a stipend for the 13-week semester of \$3,000. The students live at Miner Institute, where housing and breakfast/lunch each weekday is provided at a cost of \$300 for the summer session.