

# Pony Camp in South Park



**Gabrielle (Gabby) Levy, 5 years old of South Park, helps blacksmith Phil Heidenreich shoe Frosty, a Percheron mare.**

In August, several South Park and surrounding area children attended the first ever Pony Camp sponsored by Horses Unlimited. Children gathered at the green barn on Stoltz Road ready to ride; they learned how to care for and safely ride a horse. Each camper received a horse cleaning kit and water bottle for their personal use.

After a riding demonstration, each child mounted a horse or pony and rode around the outdoor ring. Dudley, the miniature donkey, was on hand to give rides to the smaller campers. After riding and bathing horses, lunch was delivered and the campers had a chance to relax and work on horse-related crafts, including decorating authentic horseshoes.

Philip Heidenreich, a professional blacksmith and equine dentist, visited the barn to show the children how to properly shoe a horse and care for its teeth. Each child helped to attach a horseshoe to Frosty, a Percheron mare. On the final day of camp, each child selected a favorite horse for a free photo with that special horse. Plans are now underway for another camp to be held over Thanksgiving weekend. For more information call 412-835-7726.