



Horseback Riding Lessons

Sign-Up and Information Sheet

Parents: Please represent your child's skill level honestly on this sign-up form. There is no benefit to the child if they are placed in a level above their skill. They become overwhelmed, even frightened, and riding stops being the fun, healthy activity it is. Additionally, the child's riding level is ultimately determined by the instructor after they have assessed the child's ability. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Level # 1 Tuesday BEGINNER RIDER

A beginner rider is one that has little or no experience with horses. They are not able to ride the horse securely at any gait (speed of movement) faster than a walk. A beginner will be shown how to hold the reins and sit properly in the saddle, etc. from the first time they ride; until the instructor feels they can handle the horse on their own, however, the instructor will use a lead rope to maintain primary control of the horse. The child will also learn how to tack up and groom their horse correctly, including learning the parts of the horse and tack. The child will advance levels as necessary at the sole discretion of the instructor(s).

Level # 2 Wednesday INTERMEDIATE RIDER

An intermediate rider is one that has had fairly consistent previous riding experience, specifically, having learned to walk and trot (or jog if Western) correctly in another lesson program. An intermediate rider will be able to perform the posting and sitting trot or jog, and know the diagonals. In this level of riding, they will be learning how to use cavaletti (trotting poles) and the two- and three-point positions in preparation for learning how to canter and jump (or lope if Western). The child will switch levels at the sole discretion of the instructor(s).

Level #3 Thursday ADVANCED RIDER

An advanced rider is one who is comfortable at the walk and trot, and has either begun to canter (lope) or is skilled enough to begin learning. Depending on the level of cantering (seat, ability to recognize and/or change leads, confidence, etc.), the child will begin learning how to jump (if English) or how to improve the lope for starting activities such as barrel racing, pole bending, and reining (if Western).

Rates/Requirements:

Horseback riding lessons are weather-dependent and on a first come first serve basis. Rainout days will be rescheduled, but not refunded. Lessons will offered on Tuesday (Beginner), Wednesday (Intermediate), and Thursday (Advanced). The lessons are **30 minutes long**, and are **\$35.00 each**. In order to ride, the child must have long riding pants and sturdy boots with a defined heel (hiking boots, cowboy boots, or riding boots of some kind are a must...no high heels or "fashion" boots!). A.S.T.M./SEI certified equestrian helmets are provided by the camp. Please return the below portion of this form in an envelope with payment.

Please fill out one form per child. Thank you!

Sessions (please circle number of sessions you would like): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

Child's Name: _____ Age: ____ Level: **B I A** Day: **Tu W Th** Amount \$ _____

Please check the weeks and circle the day your child will be taking lessons.

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| 6/28 | _____ | T u W Th | 7/26 | _____ | T u W Th | 8/23 | _____ | T u W Th |
| 7/5 | _____ | T u W Th | 8/2 | _____ | T u W Th | | | |

(All sessions must be paid in full and are final) No refunds will be given for no shows or missed sessions.

Check # _____ Amount: _____ Total Sessions: _____

Please write your child's name in the Memo section of the check.

Credit Card Type: _____ Amount: _____ Total Sessions: _____

Credit Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3 Digit Code: _____

Printed Name _____ Signature: _____

*THE WEEK OF 6/14 in HOUSE HORSEBACK RIDING AND LESSONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY ONLY.

