



Patchwork Farm Riding Academy

At Patchwork Farm, our goal is to produce not just Riders but Horsemen with a knowledge and appreciation for the traditions of the sport and the care of the animal. Classes will include all aspects of Horsemanship. Our riders will be taught to groom, tack, work safely around horses, recognize health issues as well as ride. The goal of our Riding Academy is to start new riders with the hope that they may progress towards leasing or owning their own horse some time in the future. Our Core Academy Horses are Beginner horses limited to jumping crossrails and below. More advanced horses are available to lease.

Introductory or A La Carte Class: \$75 paid in Advance. Subject to availability. Monthly/Tuition classes are given priority.

Monthly Tuition:

We encourage a twice per week schedule for committed riders.

Your Tuition payment secures a specific class day and time. Please schedule accordingly. Monthly Tuition is based upon 4 weeks in a month. Months with 5 weeks are used to “catch up” for any missed classes. There is no additional charge for these classes. We **Do Not guarantee** any additional Makeup Classes for illness, travel or other activities. “No Shows” or any lesson cancelled without 24 hours notice is considered “Present”. If Instructor cancels for any reason, a Makeup class will be offered within 30 days.

**Monthly Tuition Lessons: \$500/ Twice per week
\$275/ Once per week**

Monthly Tuition is due by the 1st of the month. We require a Credit Card Authorization to be kept on file. Invoices are emailed the last week of the month and may be paid by Cash, Check, Venmo, ACH or Credit Card (3% fee added for Credit Card payments). Any Tuition not paid by the 1st will be charged to the Credit Card on file with the 3% fee

If you commit to the discounted Tuition program, we require **30 days notice** if you wish to discontinue Monthly Classes.

Class Policies

Patchwork Farm books 30 minutes for Private Classes, 45 minutes for semi private (2 riders) and 1 hour for Group Classes (3-4). Class time will include grooming, tacking and after care until student can manage without instruction and supervision. Ride time will vary accordingly. Independent riders may arrive 15 minutes early to groom and tack. Riders are placed in groups as soon as they can ride safely and independently.

Dress Code: Properly fitted riding helmet, riding pants and paddock boots. Patchwork Farm Does Not provide Helmets as we believe that proper fit is essential. Please visit a Tack Store for the best fit. Shirts/Sweaters should be fitted to insure that the instructor can see the rider's position. Long hair should be secured in a neat pony tail and/or hair net.

Please make every effort to be on time for your Class. Class time is not extended for tardiness. Students arriving more than 10 minutes late may be asked to observe Class in lieu of riding.

Patchwork Farm has a fully enclosed Indoor Riding Arena. We don't ride during storms, but we don't cancel for wet weather. Your class time may be used for Horsemanship instruction if the weather appears to be dangerous for riding. Make use of the "In Barn" time to learn all aspects of horse care!

We make every effort to manage the horses' schedules in such a way as to maintain happy, healthy animals. For that reason, horse selection will be at the discretion of your instructor. The student may have a "favorite" but may not ride that horse/pony every time. Learning to ride different animals is an important part of the process! We'd love to discuss Leasing or Purchasing for riders that want to have their own mount.

Academy Students will have the opportunity to attend Local Shows in the Beginner Ring. Committed Twice Per Week Tuition Students will have first priority for sign ups. Classes may be limited to accommodate sharing of Academy Horses.

Horse Show Rates:

Fees paid to Patchwork Farm:

Horse Use: \$75 per day

Shipping- Wills Park \$75 (May be split if sharing horse). Other venues \$1.25 per mile

DayCare/Groom Fee: \$65 per day (May be split). **Tipping of Grooms in addition is encouraged.**

Coaching: \$65 per day

Medication: Depends on the Horse. May include stomach buffers or anti-inflammatory medications.

Split office Fees: might include shared Tack Stalls, Shavings, Staff Camper splits.

Fees Paid Directly to Show Office: Office and Class Entry Fees.

Patchwork Farm Rules

Please be aware that the farm is home to horses, children, and families. Drive slowly and with caution. Park in designated parking areas only. Reserve the Handicapped space for those in need.

Please leave your dogs at home, leashed or otherwise.

Siblings are welcome to watch lessons, but please keep them out of the barn area for their own safety.

Your instructor is an experienced horseman. Respect their guidance while on property.

No one is allowed to ride without a helmet. We encourage you to visit a tack store for proper and safely fitted attire.