

Riding Instruction

Southern Dream Farm specializes in Saddle Seat riding. From the beginner rider through riders competing at the highest level, our mission is to teach the fundamentals of riding with emphasis on developing confidence, control, and balance in a friendly environment. We also offer hunt seat, and driving as well.

Our instructors have competed at the National Level in Saddle Seat and are committed to passing on their knowledge and love of horses to others. They focus on teaching lessons in a very safe and fun manner and customize every lesson to meet the student's needs.

We require students to wear SEI approved helmets, pants and boots with a heel while riding. We have helmets available to borrow until you can purchase one.

Group Riding Lessons

We teach in group format to allow students to learn confidence and control in navigating their horses with others in the arena. Students thrive off of one another in a group setting allowing improvement based on competition amongst and encouragement from their peers. We offer 4-6 weeks of private lessons upon enrollment in order to give each rider the skills and confidence to advance into a group lesson. Students are required to arrive 30 minutes before their scheduled lesson time to learn how to groom and tack their horse and stay afterwards to properly cool out and put their horse away. (May vary depending on the lesson schedule for the day, being that horse may be used again for another lesson.)

Tiny Tot Lessons

We offer from ages 2-5 one on one riding and grooming lessons. 15 minutes either prior to riding, or post riding, we teach grooming and horse care to the student. And the other 15 minutes of constructive riding. For a total of 30 minutes. This helps teach our youngest of age riders the basics from the beginning, whilst targeting their interest and keeping them happy and wanting them to continue to learn. 15 minutes of riding, we have found best suits riders of this young age.

Academy Team Lessons

Academy lessons are reserved for members of the SDF Academy Team. These lessons will build upon and advance individual riding skills and also include elements of showmanship as these riders prepare to compete in Academy Shows. If you are interested in being a member of the SDF Academy Team, ask your instructor for details.

Lunge Lessons

These are lessons that focus on core strength and balance. We use different exercises and techniques to work on body control and how to communicate with the horse effectively without the use of reins. These lessons are great for working on balance, gaining confidence and strength, and addressing specific body issues.

Cancellation Policy

We have a large covered arena and are able to conduct lessons rain or shine. Lessons may be cancelled by SDF staff in the event of severe weather conditions, storms, or heat. SDF staff reserves the right to cancel lessons when necessary due to being out of town for horse shows; Because our lesson tuition is charged monthly we will offer a make up lesson within that month. 24 hour notice is required from students in order to receive a make up lesson. In the event student is sick, or becomes ill the day of scheduled lesson, we will offer a makeup without a 24 hour notice. But 24 hour notice is still appreciated if possible.

Lesson Fees

Full 30 minutes - flat rate of \$55 per lesson

Tiny Tot Lessons – Age 2-5 \$45

To hold a weekly time slot, we bill for monthly lessons due in full by the first of the month regardless of cancellations and/or missed lessons. Upon enrollment payment will be automatically withdrawn (ACH or Credit Card) on the first day of each month. If you'd prefer a different payment method, please contact Laney, or Allie directly.

