

POLICIES AND RULES

Horsemanship Lessons are to be pre-paid in full prior to the start of the first scheduled lesson. Payment reserves the horse for the student. Space in a class will not be held without payment.

Monthly schedules vary. Dates reserved for you are your financial responsibility regardless of attendance. **Make-up lessons can be rescheduled if a horse is available in another class (NOT your regularly scheduled class date)** at the discretion of the horsemanship instructor. Inclement weather classes will be rescheduled on a mutually agreeable date.

Proper attire must be worn for horsemanship lessons which is to be pants, shirt, shoes/boots with at least a half inch heel (this is a requirement unless medically approved by a physician). **THIS INCLUDES WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING.** Students who refuse to dress warmly during the colder months will be sent home. The Whole Horse Place has some boots and helmets available to use.

The Whole Horse Place horsemanship instructor reserves the right to handle misbehavior with a student. Some examples of reasons for disciplinary actions: disruption to lesson, behavior problems that are unacceptable or unsafe, sexual comments and misconduct, disrespect to instructor and/or volunteer or fellow students, failure to follow program stated policies, rules or instructions.

The Whole Horse Place horsemanship instructor reserves the right to release a rider due to unsafe situations, physical stress to the rider resulting from riding and/or any safety/medical problems that may arise. This type of release from the program will be issued a prorated refund.

Rider's information files will be held in confidentiality and only shared when necessary to assure the safety of a rider in the lesson or during an official incident review.

“WARNING” Under Washington Law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities.

When you sign a waiver you are made aware of the inherent risks of horseback riding, and also, you accept full responsibility for friends and visitors accompanying you on The Whole Horse Place's property and Alpine Evergreen Properties. All spectators must sign a liability waiver as well as the participant.

Lesson Policy Standard:

All classes consist of all aspects of horsekeeping; from haltering, grooming, saddling, riding, round pen lessons, feeding, education, cleaning stalls, and various barn chores.

Pee Wee and After School Barn Buddy lessons are one hour in length.

Buddy lessons are 2 hours in length.

Ranch Hands lessons are 3 or 4 hours in length.

Mom and Me classes are 60-90 minutes in length.

Additionally, all lessons are weather and "horse health" related, and activities are based on each class and what is appropriate at that time in consideration of the weather and what the horses and students need.

The riding instructor additionally has the responsibility of safety for riders, volunteers, and horses at all times so therefore, the instructor has the right to deviate from the above lesson outline when safety is a concern. **Example:** the lesson could be a barn management-classroom activities, grooming, tacking up, types of tack, tack cleaning, etc. in the event of hard rain.

General Conduct Policy For Parents, Riders, And Guests During The Whole Horse Place Lesson Time

•**Speed limit is 10 mph on the dirt road.** This is a neighborhood and we need to be considerate of everyone who lives here.

•Parent/Student waiting area is located by the gate entrance to the round pen. Please do not roam around the stall areas.

Arrival to class

•If the previous lesson is in progress or out on a trail ride, please find a helmet and boots, and wait in the shed by the round pen.

During class

- No umbrellas while horses are present.
- No ball playing, tag games, or fast type movement games allowed before, during or after lesson scheduled times.

After class

- After lessons the rider will be returned to their parent, guardian or ride.

Disciplinary Policy:

The Whole Horse Place disciplinary policy has been developed to ensure a safe and conducive environment for all involved in our horsemanship program.

Warning Policy:

The Whole Horse Place's horsemanship instructor has the right to discipline a rider, parent/guardian, and/or volunteer.

1. First offense, if this is a rider, he or she will be removed from the horse.
2. Second offense, if a rider, he or she will be dismissed from the horsemanship lesson for that day.
3. Third offense is the final warning. The rider will be removed from the horse and suspended from further lessons with The Whole Horse Place.
4. If the offender is a parent, guardian or volunteer, they will follow the same disciplinary policy and can be dropped from the program on the third offense, in the case of a parent or guardian this will include the rider.

Examples of reasons for disciplinary actions: disruption to class, behavior problems that are unacceptable or unsafe, disrespect to instructor and/or volunteers or other students, failure to follow program stated policies, rules, or instructions..

General Rules:

- **NO** sassing or disrespect of parents.
- All gates and stall doors to be kept closed.
- No entry into feed/hay storage areas without permission.
- No climbing, sitting, or standing on stall doors, fences, or gates (this includes round pen).
- No smoking.
- No consumption of alcohol beverages, marijuana(THC) or drugs.
- You are responsible for your friends and visitors conduct and safety while on the property of The Whole Horse Place..
- No running around horses or riding areas.
- No horses to be handled in or out of the stalls without supervision, if needed.
- Please respect others when speaking or socializing.