



Welcome to Callihan Equine!

Callihan Equine (CE) is a family-oriented horseback riding program dedicated to students of all ages and skill levels. We believe in building strong, confident riders from the ground up—starting with the fundamentals of horse care and horsemanship. Our goal is to ensure students gain a deep understanding of horses, not just proper equitation.

Led by Brittany Callihan, who brings over 25 years of experience, CE offers personalized instruction in western, hunt seat, gaited pleasure, and performance riding. Every lesson is tailored to prioritize safety and align with each rider's individual goals—whether riding for recreation or preparing for the show arena.

Callihan Equine Instructors

Brittany Callihan holds a Bachelor's degree in Equine Science with a minor in Business and brings over 25 years of hands-on experience in the horse industry. Her teaching philosophy is simple: *she only teaches what she has personally done or competed in.*

With a strong foundation in both English and Western disciplines, Brittany focuses her lessons on building well-rounded horsemen and horsewomen—starting with solid fundamentals. Her instruction emphasizes proper riding position, body biomechanics, and horsemanship, ensuring each student not only rides well but truly understands their horse.

Brittany currently competes in ranch pleasure classes with her own ranch horse and also shows CE's gaited horses in pleasure classes. Her diverse experience allows her to connect with riders of all levels and goals, whether they're looking to ride recreationally or prepare for the show ring.

Justin Callihan brings years of hands-on experience starting and training horses of all breeds, with a special focus on gaited horses. At Callihan Equine, he specializes in working with CE's racking horses, both in their training and in helping riders refine their skills for the show ring.

Justin works closely with students competing in pleasure and performance racking classes, offering expert guidance to improve timing, feel, and ring presence. He is also an active competitor, regularly showing CE's racking horses in both performance and pleasure divisions.

His deep understanding of gaited horses and commitment to proper training make him a valuable part of the CE program

Kelsey Carrig is beginning her professional equine career by pursuing coursework and certifications in various equine rehabilitation modalities. Her passion for horses is matched by her love for teaching—especially young riders. Kelsey is dedicated to sharing the joy and responsibility of horse care, just as she experienced growing up in the saddle.

She focuses on teaching proper horsemanship, safe horse handling, and age-appropriate riding techniques. Her lessons often include fun, engaging games that reinforce foundational skills while keeping learning enjoyable for younger students.

At Callihan Equine, Kelsey also specializes in preparing CE Show Team members for in-hand classes, offering detailed instruction in showmanship and halter presentation. She currently competes with her two APHA horses at both local and rated shows in a wide range of classes including halter, showmanship, hunt seat, equitation, western pleasure, and horsemanship.

Callihan Equine operates on a monthly tuition based semester program.

Commit to lessons for the entire semester: Fall, Winter/Spring, Summer

2026 Semester Dates

Winter/Spring: Jan 5th- May 22nd

Summer: June 1- July 31

Fall: TBD

Semester Riding Program

What is a Semester Riding Program? At Callihan Equine (CE), a semester riding program means riders commit to a defined period of lessons—called a semester—by paying a flat monthly fee and attending regularly scheduled sessions. This structure allows for a consistent and comprehensive learning experience, as opposed to one-off or sporadic lessons.

What Are the Benefits? A semester-based program allows instructors to teach using a progressive curriculum that builds skills over time and is tailored to both age and ability. Consistent attendance is crucial for improvement in equestrian sports, and this model encourages students to stay engaged and make steady progress.

It also helps us at CE honor one of our core values: putting our horses first. Our horses only teach four days a week to ensure their physical and mental well-being. A semester system allows us to plan ahead and balance the needs of both our students and our horses.

How Does It Work? We divide the calendar year into three riding semesters:

Summer Semester – 8 weeks. A great way for families to try out lessons with a shorter commitment.

Fall/Winter Semester & Winter/Spring Semester – Longer session that follows the school year calendar.

Each semester includes weekly lessons, which may be:

- 30-minute private lesson
 - Ages 6 and under.
 - Taught by our assistant trainer, Kelsey Carrig.
- 45-min private lessons
 - One-on-one instruction designed for riders ages 7+ who wish to focus on specific skills or require individualized instruction.
 - Availability is subject to instructor scheduling.
- 1-hour group or semi-private lesson

Students may choose to ride more frequently (e.g., twice a week) or less often (every other week/twice a month), but riding less than every other week is not recommended for those wishing to progress in the program.

What If It's Not the Right Fit? We understand that every family's needs are different. If the semester program isn't the right fit, there is an opt-out option included in your contract. Please be sure to review that section carefully before enrolling.

Monthly Tuition

- Weekly Lessons
 - 30-minute private lesson: \$180 per month (\$45 per lesson)
 - 45-min private lesson: \$340 per month (\$85 per lesson)
 - 1 hour lesson: \$240 per month (\$60 per lesson)
- Bi Weekly Lesson
 - 30- minute private lesson: \$90 per month
 - 45-min private lesson: \$170 per month
 - 1 hour lesson: \$120 per month

**Depending on when you start lessons within the month, tuition will be prorated and then the following month will be a full month.*

- Lesson fees are paid monthly, billed by recurring payments through Quickbooks or Zelle. (Once you become a student, a recurring payment authorization will be sent to you and then you set it up. CE never sees your cc or bank information).
- Cash or Check payments are accepted for monthly lesson tuition at the first lesson of each month.
- **Tuition is the same every month, regardless of holidays, vacations, illnesses or injuries, but CE ensures the rider still gets the same amount of lessons for the month if the proper protocol is followed.**
- There are no refunds on lessons. Missed lessons can be made up within the same month, but no lessons are carried over to the following month.

If you would rather not pay monthly tuition, you can select the pay as you go option:

- This enables you to be able to pay at every lesson.
- Lessons are scheduled based on availability of the trainer and/or horses being used in the lesson program
- Payment must be received at the start of the lesson, no exceptions. If payment is not received by the end of that day, the next lesson will be canceled until payment is received.
- 30 minute lesson: \$55 per lesson
- 45 minute private lesson \$100 per lesson
- 1 hour lesson: \$75 per lesson

Other Lesson Options:

In hand/ Halter lessons

30 minute lessons: \$25

Paid for by the lesson.

Offered to students in our lesson program that want to polish their skills of showing horses in hand or those who just want to become more confident in handling horses on the ground.

Ground Lessons

30 minute lessons: \$25

Paid by the lesson.

Offered to any person who wants to learn more about horses & horse care without time in the saddle. Availability is subject to instructors schedule.

(with this option, student will **NOT** ride)

Training/ Tune-ups

Training: \$70 per ride or \$1,200 a month for full training. (board not included)

Tune-up/ Conditioning: \$70 per ride.

-Packages available for multiple days per week. Inquire with Brittany.

All CE lessons are solely based out of the Bannister Rd location. Horses may be trailered in or riders can take lessons on horses provided at this location.

Lesson Policies and Procedures

Trainer has the right to cancel lessons at any time, without notice (to include once the rider has already arrived) for reasons including, but not limited to: emergencies, safety for the rider/and or the horse, horse health, etc).

Rescheduling/Cancellation 24+ hour notice is required in order to receive a makeup lesson.

Cancellation Policy:

- If less than 24 notice is given
 - Those who are paying monthly, it will count as a lesson.
 - Those who are paying bi-weekly, will have to pay the rate for “pay as you go” before next lesson
 - Those who pay as you go, will have to pay for cancelled lessons in addition with a scheduled lesson to have another lesson scheduled.
- If the trainer cancels the lesson, a makeup lesson will be rescheduled within the same month.

No Show Policy:

- If you do not show up to a lesson
 - Those who are paying monthly, **it will count as a lesson.**
 - Those who are paying bi-weekly, will have to pay the rate for “pay as you go” and there is **no make-up lesson.**
 - Those who pay as you go, **will have to pay for no show lessons in addition to the next lesson**, if one is to be scheduled.

Make- up Lesson Policy:

- If 24+ notice is given CE will offer a make-up lesson within the same month. *The 5th week of the month will be utilized as make up lesson time.*
 - If the rider can not make the make-up day or cancels that lesson it becomes forfeited.
 - Make-up lessons **MUST** be done within the same month and will not carry over to the following month, unless there is a scheduling conflict with the instructor.
- If the lesson has to be cancelled due to trainer conflicts , you will be offered another spot during the month.
 - If the rider can not make the make-up day or cancels that lesson it becomes forfeited.

Months with 5 weeks:

- The 5th week will be used for makeup lessons.
- If a rider would like to use the 5th week as a regular lesson, it will be billed as a separate lesson and payment is due on the lesson date.

Ground Lessons

- If lessons are inside due to bad weather, they could become a “ground lesson”
- Even though CE has the opportunity to ride inside, the trainer could decide to make it a ground lesson instead. This will still count as a lesson.

10% of being a rider is spent in the saddle, the other 90% is at the barn

Late Policy:

- Please contact your trainer immediately if you know you're running late.
 - The lesson will be cut short depending on the time left.
 - Any student that shows up 15 min or later to a lesson without proper warning will forfeit their lesson.
- Payment in full is still expected when running late.

Weather Policy:

- If the weather is unfavorable for riding, an unmounted lesson or barn lesson will take place. I have the ability to allow riders to have a mounted lesson on most bad weather days. We will ride in warm and cold weather. Please make sure your child is prepared with a drink for the warm months and appropriate outerwear for the cooler months.
 - *The only weather type cancellations will be if there are any type of watches, warnings or advisories that affect us.*
- If you cancel your lesson due to weather reasons when lessons are scheduled to be taught in the barn:
 - Those who are paying monthly, it will count as a lesson.
 - Those who are paying bi-weekly, will have to pay the rate for “pay as you go” before next lesson
 - Those who pay as you go, will have to pay for cancelled lesson in addition with a scheduled lesson to have another lesson scheduled

Lesson Hold Policy:

At Callihan Equine, we understand that unexpected situations may arise. In certain cases, students may place a temporary hold on their lesson schedule. If a situation occurs that may prevent you from riding, please notify your instructor **as soon as possible**.

Qualifying Situations for a Lesson Hold:

- Scheduled medical procedures or surgery
- Family emergencies
- Death in the immediate family

If your situation does not fall under one of these categories but you believe a hold is necessary, please contact CE directly to discuss your options.

Hold Details:

- A hold fee of **half the regular monthly tuition** will be charged to maintain the rider's spot in the program.
- While on hold, the rider **may not participate** in any CE activities, including:
 - Riding lessons
 - Shows

- Barter rides
- Events
- Birthday parties or other CE-hosted activities

Reevaluation: Lesson holds are reviewed monthly to determine whether they should:

- Continue as is, resume regular lessons, result in the termination of the rider's contract

We appreciate your communication and understanding as we strive to maintain consistency for both our students and our horses.

Opt-Out Policy:

If you choose to discontinue lessons during a semester, Callihan Equine requires a **30-day written notice**. This ensures we can manage schedules, horse workload, and program planning effectively.

Notice Requirements:

- Notice must be submitted in writing via email to: Callihanequine@gmail.com
- If notice is not received 30 days in advance, tuition will continue to be billed as normal until the notice is officially received and the 30-day period begins.

Enrollment Options:

- On the final page of this contract, you will choose one of the following:
 - Continuous Enrollment: Your rider is automatically enrolled into the next semester unless a 30-day notice is provided.
 - Semester-Based Enrollment: You commit to a specific semester. To keep your rider's current lesson day/time, you must notify CE within 10 days before the semester ends if you wish to continue.

Billing and Refund Policy:

- Payment is still required for any scheduled lessons during the 30-day notice period, even if the rider does not attend.
- **No refunds** will be issued for lessons already paid for or scheduled within that period or the months following.
- If on a recurring payment, once notice is received the arrangement will be ended at the last month of lessons. If no notice is given, the payment will process as agreed to until notice is given.

Delinquent Accounts:

- If an account remains unpaid for more than 60 days, Callihan Equine reserves the right to pursue collections through legal means.
- The responsible party (rider or parent/guardian) will be liable for all associated costs, including attorney fees, court costs, and any other collection-related expenses.

Payments

Accepted Payment Methods:

- Cash or Check
 - Paid at the 1st lesson of each month if you are on monthly tuition. If you pay as you go, payment needs to be given at the beginning of every lesson.
- Zelle: CallihanEquine@gmail.com

- Credit Card/ACH via QuickBooks Recurring Payments
 - *A recurring payment authorization will be sent to you from CE through Quickbooks for you to complete. See payment acknowledgement page.*

Payment Schedule Options:

Monthly:

- Payment due on the 1st of each month (no later than the 5th).
- A \$25 late fee applies after the 5th.

Pay-as-You-Go:

- Payment is due at the beginning of each lesson.

Important Notes:

- Tuition is due in full by the due date, regardless of cancellations or rescheduled lessons.
- If you have a scheduling conflict, communicate with your instructor, but payment must still be made on time.

Past Due Accounts:

- Monthly:
If payment is not received, CE reserves the right to move your account to pay-as-you-go rates until the balance is cleared.
- Pay-as-You-Go Riders:
You will not be scheduled for your next lesson until both the previous and upcoming lessons are paid in full.

No Guarantee of Results At Callihan Equine, we are committed to providing high-quality instruction and support. However, we do not guarantee any specific level of performance or results. Progress in riding depends on many factors, including the individual effort, consistency, and commitment of each student. Your results are largely determined by the time and dedication you invest in your learning.

Lesson Info/ Reminders/Requirements

1. We are a barn dedicated to committed and passionate riders. We do not hold any inactive lesson spots.
2. 30 min & 1 hour beginner lessons do not need to arrive more than 5 minutes early to your lesson, 45 min private lesson students should arrive 15 minutes early to be ready to be mounted when your lesson time begins. Advanced/ Show team lesson students should arrive in ample amount of time to have their assigned horses ready to ride when their lesson time starts.
3. Majority of the time we are on schedule, but sometimes we could be running a little behind, please be patient with us. This could be your lesson at some point as we may extend focus on what is being covered.

4. Lessons not used for any reason during the month do not carry over to the following month, in any situation.
5. This is a barn, while our horses are very kind and love to give kisses or licks, you still could get bitten/kicked/stepped on/fall off. This is a sport and no sport comes without its own risks.
6. CE currently doesn't send out lesson reminders. If you do not hear from us, your lesson is still scheduled.
7. Please arrive at the barn ready to start your lesson at your scheduled time. Early arrivals are ok, but due to availability of horses, lessons may not be able to begin early.
8. Please bring a water bottle.
9. Appropriate clothing is required for all lesson students. This is for the safety of our riders.
10. Long pants and closed toed shoes. Boots are preferred and will be required after the first month of lessons.
11. Helmets are required and are to be worn at all times while mounted
 - a. I have helmets to borrow, but you're welcome to purchase your own.
12. During the cooler months please bring jackets and gloves as needed.
13. If you wish to order a CE Apparel etc. we can only place this order once payment is received from you. If payment is not received, your order will not be put in.
 - a. We will announce the order and cut off date (allot 2 weeks) so we can gather items/sizes from everyone and payment.
 - b. This will be announced via GroupMe and we can try to post something in the barn
14. Barn updates that are for our riders can be found on GroupMe.
 - a. We have created a group for each of the following
 - i. Overall Barn Updates
 - ii. Show Team Updates
 - iii. Barn Helpers
15. Riders should have their hair contained by a ponytail holder, if their hair is long enough to go in one. Try to also clip back any loose bangs/side hair so it doesn't get in their eyes.
16. When you are done with your lesson and/or put the horse away, please ensure you have done the following:
 - a. Put away any tack that you used back into the correct place.
 - b. Put away all the grooming supplies you used
 - c. Clean up/ Sweep your cross tie area.
 - d. During the cooler months, if horse had a blanket on, please check with your trainer to see if horse should have blanket put back on
 - e. Pick up any poop that your horse may have left in the cross ties
 - f. Pick up any items of yours that you need to take with you or throw away
 - g. Please ensure the horses halter AND lead are hung on the front of the horses stall.

Barn Rules

1. When you come through the gate, please close the gate behind you.
 - a. Inside the gate, you can park where there is gravel
 - b. Outside the gate, you can park along the fence from tree to the road
2. While we love our parents, please avoid distracting the riders during the lesson.
 - a. Please do not enter the arena unless there is an emergency.
3. We know you love your rider and want the best for him/her, but let us do the coaching while you get a chance to sit back and relax. Enjoy the view and just watch.
 - a. If you have any questions/concerns, reach out to us and we will be happy to discuss further because we also want the best for him/her too!
4. Be kind and respectful to other people and horses that may be at the barn during your lesson.
5. **This barn does not tolerate drama or unfriendly competition.**
6. Please do not pet or feed other horses without asking permission.
7. Never enter a stall or pasture without being told to.
8. No running/yelling near the arena or inside the barn, this isn't a playground.
9. No profanity is allowed to be used by students or parents while on the property.
10. No smoking is allowed on the property at any time.
11. Children are **NOT** to be left unattended in the barn or near the arena.
 - a. Siblings and family are welcome to attend the lesson and watch, but will be asked to leave if causing a disruption.
12. Please do not play and/or climb on the hay bales inside the barn or play on the barn equipment outside or inside the barn.
13. Please do not throw anything into the drains or drain pipes outside. We need these kept clear to allow water to flow!
14. Dogs are allowed if they are kept on a leash, good with other dogs/cats/strangers/horses and UTD on vaccines. Disruptive dogs will be asked to leave
15. Please do not chase our cats or dogs!
 - a. If the cats or dogs want to be left alone, please leave them alone.
 - b. **CE owners dogs:** we all love them, please don't chase them, don't run with them or near them, and please don't get in their faces/space. They are herding dogs, they will think they need to herd you, which we don't want.
 - c. ***We are not liable for any injuries happening because of this.***
16. Please do not use other people's property unless you have permission from the owner.
17. Please clean up any trash or any belongings that you may need to take home with you.
18. Horses not owned by CE are not allowed to be ridden by others unless approved by horse owner and/or Brittany Callihan.
19. We have a zero tolerance policy for clients purchasing a horse intended for our student without the help of one of our trainers. Horse shopping can be very tricky and complex. Let us help you so the best decision and price is made in the end!



Callihan Equine Lesson Program Contract Acknowledgement

Rider's Name: _____ **Age:** _____

I am just committing to 1 semester: _____ or continuous: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____ **Relation to Rider:** _____

Phone #: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Weekly Lessons:

____ 1 hour \$240 per month ____ 45 minute private \$370 ____ 30 minutes \$180 per month

Bi Weekly Lessons:

____ 1 hour \$120 per month ____ 45 minute private \$170 ____ 30 minutes \$90 per month

Pay as you go:

____ 30 minute \$55 ____ 45 minute private \$100 ____ 1 hour \$75

Payment Method: _____ Recurring Payment _____ Cash _____ Check (Payable to Callihan Equine)
_____ Zelle- callihanequine@gmail.com

Responsible Party for Payment: _____ **Relation to rider:** _____
Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

This document along with payment is required when arriving at your 1st scheduled session with your trainer. If we do not you will be put on pay as you go.

By signing below, you acknowledge and agree to and you are stating you have read and understand what has been laid out in this document: lesson types, lesson fees, lesson policies/ procedures, lesson reminder/requirements, and barn rules/information for Callihan Equine.

CE holds the right to discontinue lessons for any student or family that does not adhere to these guidelines.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

CE Representative Initials/ Date: _____

Recurring Payment Set- up Information

** Only needed if you would like to use this electronic option for payments instead of Zelle**

Recurring payments are scheduled to process on the **1st of each month**, unless a different date is requested.

Payments may be scheduled **up to one week prior to the due date or no later than the 3rd of each month.**

Please indicate your preferred payment date: _____

Payment Method & Processing Fees

- **Credit/Debit Card:** A **3% transaction fee** will be added to each invoice
- **ACH Bank Transfer:** A **1% transaction fee** will be added to each invoice.

Payment method selected (required for setup): _____

Authorization Setup

QuickBooks will be used to send a recurring payment authorization to the email address provided. You will have **30 days from the start of lessons** to review and approve this authorization.

Cancellation & Discontinuation of Lessons

If lessons are discontinued and **proper notice is provided**, the recurring payment authorization will end following the rider's final month of lessons.

If **proper notice is not given**, billing will continue in accordance with the stated **opt-out policy**.

By signing below, you acknowledge and agree to the recurring payment terms outlined above for Callihan Equine.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CE Representative Initials/ Date: _____

Equine Activity Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

1. I, _____, the undersigned have read and understand, and freely and voluntarily enter into this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement with Callihan Equine(company), understanding that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement is a waiver of any and all liability(ies).
2. I understand the potential dangers that I could incur in mounting, riding, walking, boarding, and feeding said horses; including, but not limited to, any interactions with other horses. Understanding those risks I hereby release that Company, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees, and anyone else directly or indirectly connected with that Company from any liability whatsoever in the event of injury or damage of any nature (or perhaps even death) to me or anyone else caused by or incidental to my electing to mount and ride a horse owned or operated by Brittany Callihan.
3. I understand and recognize and warrant that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, is being voluntarily and intentionally signed and agreed to, and that in signing this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement I know and understand that this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement may further limit the liability of equine professionals to include any activity, whatsoever, involving an equine, including death, personal injury and/or damage to property.
4. I recognize and agree that I know which equine professional(s) I will be working with, and acknowledge that I agree said equine professional(s) has/have made reasonable and prudent efforts to determine my ability to engage in the equine activity, and has/have sufficient knowledge of my equine and horseback riding skills as to relieve, release and hold harmless said equine professional(s) from any continuing duty to monitor my equine activities.
5. I further voluntarily agree and warrant to Release and Hold Harmless this (these) equine professional(s) from any liability whatsoever, including, but not limited to, any incident caused by or related to said equine professionals' (s') negligence, relating to injuries known, unknown, or otherwise not herein disclosed; including, but not limited to, injuries, death or property damage from mounting; riding; dismounting; walking; grooming; feeding; use of horse barn; paddock; trails or horse ring; in any capacity; falling off horse whether the horse is bucking, flipping, spooked; or my failure to understand any equine professional(s) directions relating to my riding or otherwise use and control, or lack thereof, of my horse or the horse I have been assigned to.
6. I agree to release Callihan Equine and property owner Jerry Hughes of any liability relating to myself and my horse(s) and enter into this agreement understanding I am solely responsible for my horse(s), myself and any guest present.

Date: _____

Company: Callihan Equine

5920 Bannister Road, Cumming GA 30041

Person voluntarily entering into this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement:

(Signature)

(Child's Name)

(Printed Name)

If a minor, the person representing himself/herself to the lawful Guardian under this Release and Hold Harmless Agreement: _____