

## 2022 Avalon Academy

Welcome to the Avalon family. We hope to educate you in all things equestrian! Whether you are a part of the show team or a recreational rider, we want you to feel encouraged and challenged. Let us know what we can do to answer your questions and help attain your goals.

### **Lessons (as of October 1, 2022)**

\$55- 30-minute private lesson

\$55- 30-minute group lesson

\$200- package of four, thirty-minute private/ group lessons

A package of four lessons can be purchased at the beginning of the month for \$200.00. This package will not roll over to the next month, so be sure to get your regular lessons in each week. Riding once a week helps you maintain your skills, muscle memory, and gain new skills quicker. Riding more often makes your riding techniques, feel for your horse, and correct body balance more natural. If you take additional lessons during the month, please pay for them at the time of the lesson. Remember that we only accept cash or check for payments in the payment box at the farm. If you would like to use a credit or debit card, you can use the Venmo website to pay for your lesson, lesson packages, camps, or board. To create an account, go to [venmo.com](https://venmo.com) or download the Venmo app. Then, when you are ready to make a payment, find Avalon Stables, enter the amount, and hit send. Remember to pay board and lesson packages at the beginning of each month.

### **Cancellation Policy**

Our cancellation policy is 24 hours before your scheduled lesson. For any weather-related worries- if we call you and tell you the lessons are suspended due to bad weather of course there is no charge.

### **Parking and Speed Limit at Avalon**

Please park in the designated parking lot area unless everything is full. If the parking lot is full, please park around the barn on the driveway, being sure not to pull off into the grass. The grass at Avalon can be deceiving and with just a little rain, it can lead to your being stuck. Please drive slowly down the Avalon driveway, your extra minutes you gain by speeding may in danger another rider on a horse. Let's ensure all of our rider's safety and our horses comfort by driving down the driveway slowly and cautiously please. Additionally, please remember to never stop, park, drop off, or pick up at the lesson barn. Please go to the parking lot as this is the safest spot for mounted riders, as well as pedestrians. Issues have arisen with drivers stuck in mud, cars slamming doors near horses, clogging up flow of traffic, and distracting instructors or helpers during

mounting process. Side note on safety, strollers and umbrellas are always a surprising thing for horses, so please be sure to not bring them around any horses being ridden, led, or in the barns for the safety of our riders and caretakers. Thank you for understanding this helps everyone at Avalon to be safe.

### **Avalon Adventures :**

#### **September:**

Saturday 10th: Summer End Horse Show - **Academy Session (\$850)**

#### **October:**

Saturday 1st Lunch Lease Program Talk

12-1pm: Lunch and Conversation

1pm: Display of Horses

Bring your own lunch to enjoy while gaining information on what may be a right fit for your rider to step up. Topics will include clothing, setting yourself apart from the average academy rider, purpose of a lease, cost, and advancing your riding. Bring your questions!

Ocala International Horse Show- **limited Academy Session (not FI Highpoint)**

#### **November**

Saturday 5th - Avalon Show Team Clinic

Strongly encourage riders showing or planning on showing to attend

Clinic 9am-12pm

Lunch 12-1 bring your own lunch

T-shirt included

Sunday 13th- Highpoint Banquet at Rusty Pelican

#### **December:**

4th: Avalon Horse Show (\$250) plus \$50 each additional class

\* Leadline: \$150 for one class plus \$50 for each additional class

#### **February:**

TBA date and location Winter Warm Up

### **Avalon Academy Horses**

Avalon has an incredible roster of lesson horses to learn on. You do not have to own your own horse to take lessons, show on the academy level, or increase your equestrian knowledge. Let our team start you off in your equestrian journey, until you are ready to

purchase your first horse. Avalon also offers horse leases to ensure a specific horse to show, learn to work with one specific partner, or have the opportunity to learn more when ready on a more advanced horse. When you are curious about how purchasing or leasing works, don't hesitate to ask your instructor. We are happy to sit down with you to go over all the responsibilities as well as financial commitments, so you are fully educated before committing to the program.

### **Equestrian Gear**

If you ever need gift ideas for your equestrian, feel free to ask your instructor for some suggestions. Some of the first things riders typically get when they realize this sport is for them are their very own helmet, riding gloves, paddock boots to help stabilize their feet in the stirrups, and comfortable riding pants. When you know this is your sport and are ready to purchase your own saddle or your own stirrup leathers, please contact your instructor as they can help you find the right brand, size, and help you understand the price tag.

These items can be found, tried on, and purchased at local tack shops:

Whip N Spur  
14434 N Dale Mary Hwy, 33618  
813- 962- 6610

JC Saddlery  
8541 Gunn Hwy, 33556  
813-920-3587

**Kentucky jodhs for saddle seat practice can sometimes be hard to find in a "hip" version unless you know where to look online:**

Freedman Harness  
[www.freedmanharness.com](http://www.freedmanharness.com)

American Jodhpur Company  
[www.americanjods.com](http://www.americanjods.com)

Mod Jods  
[www.modjods.com](http://www.modjods.com)

Jelly Bean Jodhs on Facebook

Alympic Equestrian  
[www.alympicequestrian.com](http://www.alympicequestrian.com)

SmartPak- bootcut breeches

[www.smartpak.com](http://www.smartpak.com)

State Line Tack

[www.statelinetack.com](http://www.statelinetack.com)

World Champion Horse Equipment

[www.wcircle.com](http://www.wcircle.com)

**Show essentials** like number magnets, tie bars, lapel pins, and bun bows can often be found:

### **Scintilla Equestrian**

Carries everything for the showering from head to toe. They also carry great riding apparel for casual camps, lessons, and clinics. Show clothing for saddle seat shirt, vest, and tie can range from \$250 to \$450 for new and custom. Jods priced separately. Call or message them to touch base about a timeline on your show needs so they can best accommodate. New outfits purchased through them enter you into their trade out program. So, when your rider outgrows it, your outfit can be traded in to put toward next.

### **Show Ring Outfitters**

Sells great accessories

[www.showringoutfitters.com](http://www.showringoutfitters.com)

### **Kim's Tailor**

Schedule with your instructor so they can accompany you to ensure correct clothing fit

(813) 961-5488

10035 Dale Mabry Hwy

Tampa, FL 33618

### **Commotion Consignment**

[www.Shopcommotion.com](http://www.Shopcommotion.com)

Check out how to measure yourself and call in your measurements and let them know what you are looking for and a price range.

### **Dale Becker**

[www.Beckerbrothersllc.com](http://www.Beckerbrothersllc.com)

### **Diane Tanguay**

For your academy show outfit needs

(813) 777-4408

**Avalon Gear**

[www.Avalonstables.com/store](http://www.Avalonstables.com/store)

We can't wait to see what you achieve!



**Avalon Lesson Horses & Staff**

**Avalon Staff**

Pam Roush (813) 765-7162      Tom Bombolis (309)258-1622      Lonna Carter (205) 994-5456

Holly Grandchamp (813) 943-1390      Tiffany Jenkins (818) 430-5834

And our dedicated caretakers: Carlos, Cashe, Cuco, Sybil, and Elise