

Riding and Horsemanship:

EquesTraining www.EquesTraining.com

Payments

- Introductory lessons single priced
- Due prior to services
- By the month or semester
- Discount applies to contract price
- A la carte lessons available at full price

Schedule

- By appointment
- Regular day and time
- Emergency & illness excepted
- No additional charge for rescheduled lessons with 24 hr prior notice
- Non-emergency missed lessons w/o notice charged at regular rate

Lesson Format

- Regular one hour sessions
- Time includes horse care & tacking
- Lesson time extended or shortened by instructor as needed
- Lesson structure determined by individual learning style
- Lesson content based on progression of horsemanship skills

***Please note that lessons missed due to absence or illness of the instructor can be rescheduled at no additional charge. Refunds are available on a very limited basis subject to discretion of the management in cases of extenuating circumstances.

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Horseback riding is a skill that is incomplete without understanding horsemanship. Horsemanship is an old fashioned word that describes a person who understands the needs and appreciates the personalities and motivations of horses as a species and as individuals.

Learning riding and horsemanship is the ultimate “hands-on” experience that requires a steady commitment of time, interest, energy, and dedication. Patience, persistence, and pleasure in learning are necessary ingredients for success. Success is sometimes narrowly defined as the skill of winning blue ribbons at a horse show, but true individual success is measured through enhanced and improved physical, mental, and emotional ways of being and coping with challenges.

Horses are large, powerful animals; a certain amount of danger is involved in a close association with them. Learning safe procedures for working with animals requires education and experience. While the lesson ponies and horses are kind, gentle, and enjoy working with humans, they have their likes and dislikes, moods, and “off” days just as we humans, do. Inevitably, those working with and riding horses will have a foot stepped on and take a fall from the back of a moving horse due to a change in, or lack of balance. However, these are usually rare occasions, and normally without lasting consequences.

The goal of EquesTraining is to help each student develop a solid foundation in riding and horsemanship skills that prepares them to enjoy riding and horses safely, for simple recreational pleasure, and as a base for further advancement in particular riding disciplines, if they so choose. Each student is taught as an individual, with particular strengths and weaknesses addressed according to needs. Working with horses can prove to be very helpful for humans on a number of levels, especially as a supplement to traditional therapies.

Please read over the EquesTraining Contract for Services and contact me with any questions you may have concerning it. For the student, having a semester length term allows reasonable goals to be set and mastered within that time frame and contributes to feelings of achievement. For the instructor, it helps with maintaining an established progress for learning. For the horses, it helps develop trust and consistency in work. For the business, a steady income projection ensures that the services EquesTraining provides will continue to be available, and the horses will have plenty of hay to get them through the winter!

Sincerely,

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Some helpful links to explore are:

The United States Pony Club (USPC) www.ponyclub.org

PATH International www.pathintl.org

The American Vaulting Association www.americanvaulting.org