



INFO SHEET - Effective May 1, 2007

About the Lesson Program:

Riders must wear boots or paddock boots (or shoes with a heel for first lessons). We provide helmets, but it is recommended that you purchase your own if you will be riding on a regular basis. Half chaps are recommended to wear with breeches or jeans.

Lessons are 45 minutes long (with the exception of Tiny Tot lessons, which are 30 minutes long).

If you (or your child) are still learning to groom and tack up a horse, the time set aside for your lesson will include this instruction. On the average, you will ride for 25 minutes and spend 15 minutes tacking up with 5 minutes at the end for assistance in untacking. As you grow comfortable tacking up, your riding time becomes longer.

Riders who can tack and untack on their own should allow 20 minutes before the start time of their lesson to groom and tack up, and will spend 45 minutes riding. Please allow 20 minutes after to cool out your horse, groom and clean tack. Please do not put a horse away hot or sweaty. All tack and supplies must be neatly put away. Please sweep out the cross tie area and barn aisle. Horse poop must be cleaned up immediately. If you are the last one to ride your horse at the end of the day, please make sure you put on it's sheet or blanket.

Please be on time! Lessons are scheduled in 45 minute blocks-if you are late, your lesson will still end at the scheduled time.

Learning the various aspects of horsemanship are equally important as learning to ride! Horsemanship lessons include grooming, tack cleaning, horse health, and horse safety. Wet winters give us a chance to focus on more in depth horsemanship and stable management such as grooming, tacking, nutrition, and confirmation.

As riding skills progress, riders who are ready to start jumping should work up to 2 lessons per week. Every rider who jumps must do one flat lesson every week. Riders must be able to sit trot without stirrups, hold the 2 pt easily in the trot and canter, canter confidently in a circle and state what lead they are on, before they are able to start jumping.

Tiny Tot lessons include 15 minutes of grooming time and approx. 15 minutes of riding time, as the child's attention span permits. Some children may only spend 5-10 minutes in the saddle and longer working around the horse on the ground. When riding, these riders learn the basics of walking and halting, and begin basic trotting on the longeline. When our youngest riders are ready to do more trot work and have the ability and focus to start riding off the longeline, they may join the regular lesson program.

About the Training Program:

Training is available to clients boarding with us at White Rock Ranch. Please see us for availability and detailed information.

Training rates are based on a 4 week month. Full plus training is Full training is 20 lessons/rides per month, Full training is 16 lessons/rides per month, 3/4 Training is 12 lessons/rides per month.

All programs will be billed on a monthly basis. Any changes to lesson or training programs must be made in writing and received in the Ridgemark office by the 15th of the month. Changes will go into effect the following month. Mid-month changes will not be accepted. A 30 day notice is required if you will be leaving the training program.