

New and Special Classes

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TRAIL ETIQUETTE & Jr. TRAIL ETIQUETTE (Must complete in order to qualify for a Trail Card) **Mondays 7:30pm, Thursdays 11am and 5:30pm, Saturdays 4pm**

Level: Advanced Intermediate 1/B and higher levels

Any rider wishing to obtain a trail card must first complete a 5 week trail etiquette class. This class will cover proper trail riding manners, tips, and techniques for an enjoyable trail ride.

We will be offering two 5 week sessions for each time offered. Junior are only required to take one 5 week session as well.

WESTERN ARENA TRAIL RIDING – 1st 5 WEEKS ONLY

Mondays 6:30pm

Level: For anyone who has taken Western

For riders who have taken one previous Western session. This special class will introduce riders to the finer points of negotiating a trail obstacle class. Participants will learn how to negotiate a bridge, open and close a gate, side pass, back through an obstacle, and more.

WESTERN TRAIL CLASS

Mondays 6:30pm – 2nd 5 weeks and Fridays 6:30pm

Level: For anyone who has taken Western

For riders who have taken one previous Western session. This class will be a trail ride for riders who would like to ride western on our trails.

SCHOOLING 101 – FLAT

Mondays 7:30pm

Level: Advanced 1/BB/Advanced Flat 1 and higher levels

By learning how to choose and use appropriate exercises, participants will:

- Help the horses improve their balance, flexibility, and responsiveness to commands so that they can become better school horses.
- Learn how to evaluate a horse to determine if it can do the expected job, and how to develop the horse's potential to its fullest.
- Learn how to teach a horse the basis building blocks that make the foundation of its education. The horse, with training from its rider, needs to master the simplest and most basic of skills in order to successfully advance to higher levels of performance.
- As the horse improves, riders will be taught how to decide what steps are needed next in the training process.

When faced with an issue, riders will often not know how to solve the problem. Riders will learn how to determine:

- Exactly what happened
- What is the problem or question
- Why it happened
- Find the answer to “what needs to be done to correct the cause of the issue”
- Become aware of what is happening at every moment and learn when and how to respond



INTRO TO WESTERN

Mondays 7:30pm and Fridays 8:30pm

Level: Intermediate 2/C2 and higher levels

For riders who are looking to learn Western riding and participate in our other Western classes. The class will concentrate on neck reining and western riding.

ADVANCED DRESSAGE

Mondays 8:30pm

Level: Advanced Intermediate 1 and higher levels

For riders who have taken Intro to Dressage or who want to learn more about Dressage. Riders will learn the placement of the letters, measurements, transitions, and movements used in the levels of dressage.

WESTERN PATTERNS

Mondays 8:30pm and Fridays 7:30pm

Level: For anyone who has taken Western

For riders who have taken one previous Western session. The class will concentrate on Patterns and Movements such as reining and western riding.

EQUINE GYMNASTICS

Tuesdays 9am, Thursdays 8:30pm, and Saturdays 8am

Level: Advanced Intermediate 1/B and higher levels

Riders will be assigned one to two horses for the ten week session to advance together. The class will focus on balance and simple gymnastic exercises to progress from ground work to raised cavaletti.

PATTERNS AND MOVEMENTS

Tuesdays 6:30pm and Fridays 6:30pm

Level: Intermediate 3 and higher levels

Learn to ride dressage tests and equitation patterns with accuracy and precision. The class will focus on individual movements which comprise the tests.

INTRO TO DRESSAGE

Tuesdays 7:30pm

Level: Intermediate 1/C-1 and higher levels

Intro to Dressage is for riders who want to become familiar with the dressage ring. Riders will learn the placement of the letters, measurements, transitions, and movements used in the lower levels of dressage.

LOOKING FOR HARMONY WITH YOUR HORSE

Wednesdays 10am for Intermediate 1 and higher levels

Wednesdays 8:30pm for Intermediate 2/C-2 and higher levels

This is a Walk/Trot class. A way to develop better balance and oneness with your horse.

SCHOOLING 102 – OVER FENCES

Wednesdays 6:30pm

Level: Advanced 1/BB and higher levels

Will encompass some of the techniques used in schooling 101 – FLAT in addition to:

- Introducing jumping to the horse
- Teaching the horse proper balance and technique so that the horse will jump easier and with more confidence

INTRODUCTION TO LOOKING FOR HARMONY WITH YOUR HORSE

Wednesdays 7:30pm

Level: Beginner 2 and 3 and Intermediate 1

This class is an introduction to looking for harmony with your horse. It will be a walk/trot class and begin to help you start to develop a better balance and oneness with your horse.

FUN WITH JUMPING

Thursdays 6:30pm

Level: Advanced Intermediate 2/A and higher levels

This class is a combination of gymnastics over fences and gymkhana games that include jumping. In the course of playing games over fences riders will reinforce how to judge distances and rate a horse's speed and stride length. This class will have use of the entire ring.

MUSICAL RIDE

Fridays 11am for Intermediate 1 and higher levels

Fridays 8:30pm for Advanced Intermediate 2 and higher levels

This special class will focus on riding to music. Learn how to choose appropriate music, coordinate movements, and then practice the routine you have developed.



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If you have individualized needs due to a disability, please call 908-526-5650 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable accommodations. Three weeks notice is required to ensure that appropriate accommodation can be provided.