

The RIDING ACADEMY

Our Values...

TEAMWORK DEDICATION PASSION

RESPECT POSITIVITY LEADERSHIP

GRACE KINDNESS FRIENDSHIP

LAUGHTER POISE FITNESS INTEGRITY

The Benefits of Riding...

- The physical and mental rewards of horseback riding are increased core strength, balance and coordination, muscle tone and flexibility, improved cardiovascular health with mental relaxation and stress relief.
- Riding a horse improves the skills of forethought, empathy and the control of one's own emotions.
- Riders learn that such a graceful, large animal helps to improve self-confidence, self-discipline, and the appropriate ability to take risks.
- Caring for a horse teaches patience, kindness, respect, and responsibility.

The Academy at Rocky Branch Stables...

- Our lesson program is designed to make you feel welcome whether you are a seasoned rider or have never sat in a saddle before.
- If your aim is to feel confident riding the trails, or competing in the horse show arena, we can help you enjoy meeting your goal.
- Each English or western lesson will be a complete experience which includes learning to halter, grooming, and tacking up, riding, and after ride care, completed within your lesson time.
- Riders make confident progress with the 6 level, 80 points, lesson tracker board
- Academy riders each earn an actual horseshoe upon joining, to display on the Horse Masters Levels board

The Academy Program fees and scheduling...

Evaluation Lesson: \$ 35

Package: 6 Lesson \$ 180

Riding times, includes: grooming, tack, ride and untack

- Private: 45 minutes
- Semi-private: 1 hour 10 min
- Small Group lessons: 1 hour 30 min
- Show Riders practice: 2 hours

CANCELLATIONS: To cancel call or text 618-444-4377

email: ContactUs@RockyBranchStables.com

- **SAME DAY CANCELLATIONS:** Riders cancelling with less than 24 hours notice will be charged for that scheduled lesson. Missed lessons cannot be rescheduled.
- **24 HOUR NOTICE CANCELLATIONS:** Given 24 hours notice, riders have the option of making up a missed lesson within their 6 week lesson package. Makeup lessons may not carry over into the next package.
- **PACKAGE EXTENSION:** By giving notice today, for next week's lesson, your lesson package will be extended by one week. Limit 1 per session.
- **ATTENDANCE CARDS EXPIRATION:** Lesson cards are valid for 6 weeks and are nonrefundable.
- **LATE ARRIVAL:** Riders more than 10 minutes late will forfeit that lesson
- **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:** In the event of extreme weather, riding lessons may be postponed. Riders will be contacted via text regarding postponed / or cancelled lessons and attendance cards will not be charged.

PROPER RIDING ATTIRE:

- Long pants. Riding helmet. English paddock boots or western boots.
- Dangerous shoes: No dress boots, or boots with high heels. No hiking boots with lug soles.

RENEWAL:

- Riders must renew by the 4th week of the lesson package to reserve their current riding time.