

ENCORE STABLES RIDING ACADEMY

LESSON INFORMATION

Riding lessons can be enjoyable for the instructor as well as the students. It's gratifying to teach riders of all ages and levels safety measures and the proper care of horses. To this end, Encore Stables offers qualified instruction, reliable school horses, and organized scheduling.

Instructor, Kasee Trefzger, has a BS in equine teacher/trainer from Lake Erie College. She is trained in classical dressage and hunter/jumper and has competed successfully. Private lessons are \$40.00, semi-private are \$35.00, and group lessons are \$30.00 per hour, paid at time of lesson. These rates will begin March 1st, 2005. A cancellation must be made at least 24 hours before a lesson so that, if possible, someone else could take your place.

REQUIREMENTS FOR RIDING

- 1 Students should be at least seven years of age.
- 2 All riders must wear boots with at least a ½ inch heel. These protect the feet more than tennis shoes and will keep feet from slipping through the stirrups. Boots also should be worn while one is working around horses.
- 3 ASTM/SEI approved helmets must be worn by all riders and instructors while mounted. They are highly recommended while working around horses.
- 4 Long pants must be worn by all riders when mounted. No sweats are permitted because they tend to ride up the pant leg and do not provide adequate protection.
- 5 Dangling jewelry should be left off while riding since it could get caught on horse equipment and break or cause injury.

EVALUATION OF RIDERS

All riders are evaluated according to previous riding experience and size, and then matched with an appropriate horse. Students may also receive instruction on his/her own horse. All students begin with private lessons and are evaluated before being allowed in semi-private or group lessons.

A rider shall be denied the privilege of riding if he/she does not abide by the safety rules.

A horse must be respected as an animal, not just a pet. A horse will, by instinct, run away from unfamiliar or scary sounds and/or movements. When unable to run, it may kick out, paw, rear, or buck. For this reason, it is very important for a student to listen to, learn, and respect what the instructor has to say. This also will make learning much easier and more fun. Parents are urged to support their children in riding and are welcome to stay during the lesson as long as the student continues to listen to the instructor and doesn't feel uncomfortable.