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August 2023 Back-to-School Newsletter

Dear Parents/Riders:

Wishing everyone a happy first day back to school, whenever that may be for you! We had a great summer and are excited for what this upcoming school year will bring. Reminder that our summer lesson schedule runs through Sunday, August 6 and then our 2023-2024 school year schedule begins on Monday, August 7 and will continue through the end of the school year in May.

For those of you coming to your lesson straight from school, please know that carpool lines can be a bit busier and bus schedules can be a bit late during these first few weeks as everyone gets back into the swing of things. Typically, things settle after these first few weeks and timing is much better. So please don't stress if you're a few minutes late to your lesson – we will always help get your child's horse ready. And again, the timing should be better after everyone gets back into the routine.

Please continue to send your child with a water bottle – with this Georgia weather, we have at least a few more weeks of the heat, so please make sure they're staying hydrated.

Congratulations to:

Hayden Holcombe, Alaina Lather, Zoe Leiner, Tarania Ramesh, & Elizaveta Stoupine for passing Level I

And congratulations to our instructors who are going off to college! We wish you all the best and will miss you!

Mia Erasmus – Kennesaw State University
Ava Joninas – Georgia College & State University
Jordan Kula – University of Georgia

August 7-31 Tuition

***Note payment for Aug 1-6 was included in July tuition, but if you didn't include that in your July payment, please be sure to include in August's payment**

Accepted payment methods are:

Check, Cash, Payment Processing thru your bank, our business Venmo (@equestrianreserve) or business Zelle (info@equestrianreserve.com). If you pay via Venmo you will need to add the additional fee.

August Tuition is due at your first lesson of the school year schedule to avoid a \$10 late fee and the whole month should be paid in full at that time.

Tuition rates:

- Full time (weekly) groups/semis \$75/lesson
- Less than full time groups/semis \$85/lesson
- Full time (weekly) 4-6 yo privates \$80/lesson
- Less than full time privates \$85/lesson
- If you are riding more than once/week or have questions about our sibling/family discount, let us know and we can inform you what your rate is.

Tuition is below if weekly. Reminder for the school year, we do require makeups for any lessons missed or you forfeit the cost of that lesson. If attending less than weekly, multiply your number of lessons attended by \$85.

- 4 Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays @ \$300 for groups/semis or \$340 for privates
- 3 Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays @ \$225 for groups/semis or \$320 for privates

Want to earn a Middle School or High School letter?

While riding with us you can be part of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) Athletic Lettering Program

We offer an alternative to IEA. USEF is recognized across the country and all colleges/universities. If you are interested, please send us an email or talk to Donna or Hannah and they will send you more information.

Best,

Donna, Hannah, and all of the staff at the Equestrian Reserve

2023 Show Season

Upcoming shows are: Aug 5, Sept 23, Nov 4.

We would love for you to come see us at Wills Park in Alpharetta. If you are interested in being on our show team for the 2024 season, one requirement is that you observe one show first. It is best to try to come to one of the remaining shows this season, or you would need to observe the first 2024 show in February. You can find us at Wills Park Equestrian Center's Covered Arena.

HORSE PARTNERSHIPS/LEASING

15 of our horses are in a joint partnership program with 15 of our families and The Equestrian Reserve. This is an opportunity to "own" a horse at a fraction of the cost. **At this time, Candyman and Zippy are available to a suitable rider.** Call or email Donna to find out more.

We also have some horses available to lease for a 3.5 hour period on a weekend day. If you're interested, please contact Donna.

For both of these opportunities, the rider must have passed Level I and taken our Horse Project Camp offered during the Summer or Winter Break each year.

Latest Happenings

Please join us in welcoming Bria Buttafuoco to our team! Bria comes to us with over 15 years of horse experience and has also been riding in our adult program. She has a degree in English and was a high school English teacher in Florida before moving to Georgia. You may have seen her around some over the summer, but we're excited to say that she will be with us about four days a week this school year.

Welcome back to Rachel Kong! Rachel began taking lessons at the Equestrian Reserve at the age of 6 and eventually became a barn worker, then Jr. Instructor before working her way up to Lead Instructor. During her time as a student, Rachel was on our show team and earned multiple Champion and Reserve Champion titles. She also co-owned Finn through our joint-partnership program and the pair were titled RHSC Green Hunter Champions in 2019. She is currently attending Kennesaw State University and is able to be here a few days a week as she works towards her degree.

* Upcoming Events *

See the bulletin board/website for registration forms
Email for availability

Showmanship Clinics

Sat 9/9 & 9/16 1:15-3:00PM \$75

Fall Break Day Camps

Forsyth County No School 9/25-28

We Love Horses Day Mon 9/25 9:30AM-2:00PM \$125

Fun Day Tues 9/26 9:00AM-2:30PM \$125

Jumping Clinic Wed 9/27 9:00-11:30AM \$75

Equitation Clinic Wed 9/27 12:00-2:30PM \$75

(or do both Jumping & Equitation for \$130)

Western Riding Thurs 9/28 9:00-11:30AM \$75

Western Trail Thurs 9/28 12:00-2:30PM \$75

(or do both Western Riding & Trail for \$130)

Fulton No School 10/9-11, Gwinnett No School 10/9

We Love Horses Day Mon 10/9 9:30AM-2:00PM \$125

Fun Day Tues 10/10 9:00AM-2:30PM \$125

Jumping Clinic Wed 10/11 9:00-11:30AM \$75

Equitation Clinic Wed 10/11 12:00-2:30PM \$75

(or do both Jumping & Equitation for \$130)

**Interested in selling your boots or helmet?
Bring these in if they no longer fit your rider.**

This is the time to bring these in as we will have many new lesson students and campers. These can be sold in our office. Please place your name, the item description, size and amount for sale on an envelope you attach. We'll also have you fill out and sign one of our Riding Apparel/Tack Sale Agreement forms.