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## **October 2023 Newsletter**

### **Dear Parents/Riders:**

We're looking forward to our Fulton Co. Fall Break clinics coming up on 10/9-11, as well as our Thanksgiving and Winter Break offerings. As the weather cools down, please send riders with layers. Have them bring back home with them as our lost and found gets full this time of year.

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the Blue Springs fire relief. We were able to raise \$3,600 and donated it to the many owners who lost their horses and tack in the fire. This will be a huge help to them – thank you all for your generosity.

## Halloween Party & CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

Our annual Halloween Party is Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Festivities include stall decorating and dressing up the horses for all lesson students 2:00-4:00, a horse costume parade, and a cookout 4:00-5:00/5:30 for the rest of the family. We hope you all are able to join us! Sign up for a horse's team <u>here</u> and to RSVP and let us know how you can help, fill out the link <u>here</u>. We're looking forward to a great event!

# Congratulations to: Kate Thompson for passing Level I

## October Tuition

Reminder that effective 10/1, our lesson fees are increasing by \$5 per lesson. We have not increased our tuition in over a year, but in this last year, our business expenses have increased substantially for grain, hay, shavings, utilities, vet bills, etc. We have also needed to increase the salaries of our staff (deservedly so) as their cost-of-living increases. Thank you for your understanding.

Accepted payment methods are:

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

October Tuition is due at your first lesson of the month to avoid a \$15 late fee and the whole month should be paid in full at that time.

Tuition rates:

- Full time (weekly) groups/semis \$80/lesson
- Less than full time groups/semis \$90/lesson
- Full time (weekly) 4-6 yo privates \$85/lesson
- Less than full time privates \$90/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.

<u>Tuition tuition is below if weekly</u>. Reminder for the school year, we do require make-ups for any lessons missed or you forfeit the cost of that lesson. If attending less than weekly, multiply your number of lessons attended by \$90.

• 5 Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays @ \$400 for groups/semis or \$425 for privates

We will be open on Halloween, Tues 10/31, and are planning to hold your lesson. If you will not be in attendance on Halloween or would like to try to get an earlier lesson time that day, please let us know. If you aren't going to attend and would like a makeup lesson, please let us know that as well.

- 4 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays @ \$320 for groups/semis or \$340 for privates
- 3 or 4 Saturdays @ \$240 or \$320 for

groups/semis or \$255 or \$340 for privates We have our Halloween Party on Saturday 10/28. We will hold our morning lessons from 8:30AM-1:10PM but will not be able to hold our regular 1:20 or 2:20 private lessons, or our 5:15PM group or 5:40PM semi private. If you are in one of these afternoon lessons and would like to schedule a makeup, please let us know. We do hope you'll join us for the Halloween Party too!

## HORSE PARTNERSHIPS/LEASING

15 of our horses are in a joint-partnership program with so many of our families and The Equestrian Reserve. This is a great opportunity to "own" a horse at a fraction of the cost. Lacey & Conner are available in time for Christmas and Candyman & Zippy are available now to a suitable rider. We also have a few horses available to lease for a 3.5 hour period on a weekend day.

If you're interested in either of these, please contact Donna. For both of these opportunities, the rider must have passed Level I and taken our Horse Project Camp which is offered during the Summer or Winter Break each year.

#### 2023 Show Season Our last show of the season is 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 this last show, or you would need to observe the first 2024 show in February. See us at the Wills Park Equestrian Center Covered Arena.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION: 2024 Horse Show Opportunities

It is time to begin thinking about the 2024 show season. If you are serious about having your rider compete next year at several of the Rolling Hills Saddle Club shows, it is mandatory that you attend one of the informational Parent Meetings held late Nov-early Dec. This is how you begin the process to reserve a desired horse for the season. If your child has not been on our show team, it is mandatory that you attend <u>one</u> of these meetings with your child.

If you are interested in competing in 2024 and haven't filled out our Google Form to sign up for meeting dates, please click <u>here</u>. We will let you know which date everyone has been assigned to shortly.

In order to be on our Show Team, requirements are that the parent attends the informational meeting, the rider attends the World of Showing Clinic, the rider passes Level I, and you observe one show. If you are planning on showing in 2024 but did not make it to one of our 2023 shows, you will need to plan on observing one of the first 2024 shows in February.

We will have our Annual Show Tack and Show Clothing Sale beginning Dec 1 and it will run through the end of the year.

# **\*Upcoming Events\***

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

## Fall Break Day Camps

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)

Halloween Party October 28th 2:00-5:00/5:30pm

## **THANKSGIVING DAY CAMPS**

We Love Horses Day Mon 11/20 10:00AM-2:30PM \$140 FUN DAY Tues 11/21 9:00AM-2:30PM \$140 Jumping Wed 11/22 9:00-11:30AM \$85 Equitation/Horsemanship Wed 11/22 12:00-2:30PM \$85 (or do both Jumping & Eq/Horsemanship for \$150)

### MORE ACTIVITIES

to be announced for the Winter Break Holidays! FUN DAY, Jumping, The World of Showing and Showmanship Clinics and <u>The Horse Project Camp</u>

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