

Wed, July 5 -- Sat, July 8, 2017
Closing Date: June 28

Welcome to HorseSense Novice Day Camp!

Rainbow/Red Levels

(This camp combines our former Novice and Rising Riders Camps.)

HorseSense Riding Academy
842 Orchard Rd, Ellijay, GA

(Look for directions on our website - don't rely on GPS or online mapping services!)

The following information will help you prepare your child for camp. Please call or email us with any additional questions BEFORE camp starts, so that you and your child will be fully prepared for a fun camp experience.

Keep the **Information section** (Pages 1-4) of this enrollment packet so you can refer to it later, and send the **Enrollment Forms sections** (Pages 5-6) to us along with your fees.

Dana and Nikki Surrusco

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Tentative Camp Schedules

Typical Daily Schedule (Wednesday thru Friday):

9:00 am	Camp begins
9:00 – 9:45	Barn chores/groom & tack up horses
9:45 – 10:30	Group A rides; Group B has Activity Time
10:30 – 11:15	Group B rides; Group A has Activity Time
11:15 – 11:30	Untack horses
11:30 – 1:00	HorseSense lesson
1:00 pm	Camp ends

APPROXIMATE Fun Show Schedule (Saturday):

9:00 am	Camp begins
9:00 – 9:45	Groom & tack up horses
9:45 – 11:30	Both groups demonstrate riding skills
11:30 – 12:00	Untack horses
12:00 – 12:30 pm	Camp closes with awards

Fees and Payment Options

Fees for each session are **\$350.00 per camper**. To secure a spot for your child in a particular session we'll need a non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 along with a completed Enrollment Form. **The balance of remaining fees is due no later than one week before the start of the camp session.** Of course, if you prefer to pay in full ahead of time, that's fine with us! We accept cash and checks, payable to "HorseSense". Our snailmail address for forms and payments is **56 Cindy Lane, Ellijay, GA, 30540**. You may also submit fees online with our secure PayPal account (please include the appropriate processing fee – details on website): www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/payment.htm

Arrival and Departure

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CAMPER IS HERE BETWEEN 8:45 AND 9:00 AM – we will start promptly at 9:00, and will not wait for latecomers. Camp will begin and end each day in the farmhouse; temporary drop-off parking is available in front of the house. (For all other parking, including the Saturday show, please park in the lot behind the arena.)

Parents should plan to attend our 20-minute briefing on the first day of camp, if possible; thereafter you may drop off your camper each morning – although you're welcome to stay and watch the fun! Occasionally, the morning riding session may run a few minutes late, since it's important for both the student and the pony to end each riding lesson on a positive note. If your camper must leave promptly at 1:00 PM, please let us know.

Grouping Campers

We will sort campers into one or two groups, and adjust group activities according to age, maturity, and riding experience. **We enroll a maximum of 10 campers per session**, so groups are small and well supervised by our staff.

Ground Buddies

Inexperienced campers will be assisted by Ground Buddies: our experienced students who are there to lend a hand tacking up and untacking horses. Ground Buddies also walk beside horses in the arena until campers get the hang of steering and brakes. All of our Ground Buddies are student volunteers – but tips are always appreciated!

Parent Communication

Feel free to call us at any time during the camp day – but understand that you may get our voicemail service if we are in the arena and unable to get to the phone! We will return your message as soon as we are able.

What to Bring to Camp

-  A refillable water bottle, labeled with camper's name - PLEASE DO NOT SEND BREAKABLE CERAMIC OR GLASS CONTAINERS.
-  Healthy snack (optional)
-  Backpack or tote bag for extra clothes and personal items.
-  Sunscreen: please apply in the morning before arriving at camp
-  If your child has an ASTM-SEI approved riding helmet, you should bring it. Otherwise, we will provide a helmet.

What Not to Bring to Camp

Please do not bring any extra items such as stuffed animals, toys, trading cards, electronic games, or music players.

Appropriate Clothing for Camp

- 🐾 T-Shirt and long pants for riding: leggings or stretchy jeans, jodhpurs, or breeches
- 🐾 **Safe footwear is required.** Boots (paddock or cowboy) are preferred, but sturdy shoes – with a heel and a relatively smooth sole – that cover the ankle and toe are acceptable. Tall boots, chaps and half-chaps are optional. *Tennis shoes and sandals will not protect your child's feet from horse feet and are not allowed.*
- 🐾 Campers may bring shorts for a cooler change of clothes on hot days.
- 🐾 All clothing should be reasonably modest (i.e., no cleavage or bare midriffs), and should fit comfortably, neither too tight nor too loose.
- 🐾 Long hair should be tied back securely, and jewelry is discouraged for safety reasons: only stud earrings are allowed.
- 🐾 PLEASE -- Put camper's name on all items! We can't be responsible for wandering clothing, helmets, etc.
- 🐾 Please don't send your child to camp in their brand-new breeches – we get DIRTY! We paint, we tie-dye, we play in the dirt (or mud), we get horsey slobber (and other equine substances) on our clothes. It doesn't all wash out! They can wear their nice stuff on Saturday for the show.

Snacks and Beverages

Technically, Novice Camp ends at lunchtime, but we know that young children tend to get hungry -- especially right after riding -- so we recommend sending a healthy snack in addition to their refillable water bottle. Sugary or caffeinated snacks and drinks are NOT recommended. We will encourage campers to drink plenty of water during camp.

Should you wish to bring treats for the horses, please stick to carrots, apples, or packaged horse treats -- and remember that ALL treats must be given under our direct supervision!

Survival Tips for Summer Heat

We ride in an open hilltop arena full of sand and no shade -- sunscreen and hydration are a MUST! Remind your camper to hydrate BEFORE camp starts, and to drink plenty of water throughout each day. You may send them with natural juices that come in containers or boxes, but avoid caffeinated beverages that will contribute to dehydration on hot days. We will provide plenty of cold water throughout the day for their refillable water bottles.

Camp Photos and Videos

We love looking back at photos and videos of previous camps (ten years and counting!), so we're grateful to have a talented photographer on staff to capture the fun. We'll post a few of our favorites on our Facebook page, and Nikki will eventually post a summer day camp video, all of which will be available via the **Latest News** page on our website.

For a small fee, our photographer can also provide you with a CD that contains ALL of the photos of your camper in a printable high-resolution format. *Please let us know during briefing (or before camp) if you'd like to purchase a personalized photo CD.*

Absence

A parent needs to inform the camp by 8:00 a.m. if a camper is unable to attend camp that day. There is no refund for missed camp days.

Illness/Medical Conditions

We do need to know if your child has ANY medical (allergies, asthma, medications, etc.) or developmental conditions (ADHD, autism, etc.) that may affect their ability to ride or follow directions. Please be explicit when filling out that section of the enrollment form.

If your child is sick, but not contagious, and is well enough to be outside with other youngsters, you may send him/her to camp, but please inform us of your child's condition -- esp. if your child is taking any medication, even if it is non-prescription.

Inclement Weather

Camp will be held rain or shine -- and yes, we ride in wet conditions unless the arena footing is unsafe or there is an immediate threat of lightning. In summer we may change our riding schedule as needed to work around thunderstorms -- but in all other conditions we ride. Most children think this is great fun -- but you might want to send a change of clothes on wet days.

Emergency Policies

We will make every attempt to contact you or your designated contact person if your child should need emergency care. In the event that we are unable to contact you, we will have your child taken to the Emergency Services in North Georgia Medical Center in Ellijay, unless you specifically request another location. We recommend that you provide us with a completed Medical Information form to expedite the treatment process.

Fun Show on Saturday

Novice Camp ends with an informal show that allows campers to show off their new skills. Families and friends are encouraged to bring cameras, canopies and folding chairs to set up on our viewing terraces on Saturday. Please don't hold back on the applause! After the show, we'll all gather on the deck for camp awards -- we hope you'll join us for more clapping and cheering as we close camp.

DAY CAMP PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

Terms and Conditions 🐾 Release and Waiver of Liability

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT/TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. All participants will agree to abide by all rules and policies of HorseSense Riding Academy and Hy-View Stables, as posted on website and barn door.
2. Directors may dismiss a participant from any program at HorseSense Riding Academy at any time.
3. HorseSense Riding Academy is **NOT** responsible for any lost articles of clothing or campers' personal articles.
4. **FEES** - Fees for each 4-day session are \$350.00 per camper. A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is due with the Enrollment Form to secure a spot in a particular session. The remaining \$325.00 is due no later than one week before the start of the camp session. All fees may be paid in advance.
5. **PAYMENT** - Fees may be paid by check or money order, payable to: HorseSense. You may bring payment to us at the farm, or mail it to: HorseSense Day Camp, c/o 56 Cindy Lane, Ellijay, GA 30540. Online payments via PayPal are accepted (with an additional processing fee); see our website at www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/payments for more information.
6. **REFUNDS** - Our refund policy is designed to discourage last minute cancellations and to help families on the waiting list. Fees (less the deposit) are refundable up to two weeks before the start of the program. After this date there is no refund unless the space can be filled by another camper. There is no refund for missed days at camp.

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY: ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Our camps take place in the outdoors and include activities which are adventurous and challenging. All camp activities contain certain inherent risks. Our purpose for this disclosure is not to cause you undo concern but to inform you of the risks connected with the fun, adventure and challenge of all camp programs. Read this agreement carefully before signing it. Your signature indicates you understand it and agree to its terms. By signing this agreement, you (and your child) are giving up certain legal rights, including the right to sue or recover damages in case of injury, death or property damages, for any reason, including but not limited to, the negligence of HorseSense Riding Academy, Inc., its owner, employees and agents ("Stable"), property owners of Hy-View Farm and Hy-View Stables, or horse's owner ("Owner").

In consideration for allowing my minor child to ride and handle a horse and on behalf of myself, my child or our personal representatives, heirs, next-of-kin, spouses and assigns, I HEREBY:

1. Acknowledge that a horse or mule may, without warning or any apparent cause, buck, stumble, trip, roll, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person; saddles or bridles may loosen or break; a participant may act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability - all of which may cause the rider to fall or be struck or jolted, resulting in serious injury or death.
2. **ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HORSEBACK RIDING IS AN INHERENTLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY AND INVOLVES RISKS THAT MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY AND IN SOME CASES DEATH,** because of the unpredictable nature and irrational behavior of horses, regardless of their training and past performance.
3. Voluntarily assume the risk and danger of injury or death inherent in the handling of the horse, and use of saddles, bridles, equipment, and gear provided to my child by the Stable.
4. Release, discharge and promise not to sue the Stable for any loss, damage, injury (including death) or cost to my child's person or property arising out of riding or handling a horse; use of saddles, bridles, equipment or gear provided by the Stable; or horse care or training information disseminated by the Stable.
5. Acknowledge that information provided by the Stable on training, horse health, care, and treatment is not intended to replace diagnosis or treatment by a veterinarian or other qualified professional, and voluntarily assume all risks of interpreting and applying that information.
6. Release the Stable from any claim that such Stable were negligent in connection with my child's riding activities or handling of a horse, including but not limited to training or selecting horses, maintenance, care, fit or adjusting of saddles or bridles, instruction on handling or riding skills or leading and supervising riders, which resulted in loss, damage, injury or both.
7. Indemnify, and save and hold harmless the Stable from and against any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur arising out of or in any way connected with my child's handling of the horse and/or use of any saddles, bridles, equipment or gear provided therewith resulting from or contributed to by my own negligence.
8. During all riding activities, it is required that my child and all participants wear an ASTM-SEI certified protective helmet. It is my understanding that a protective helmet is available and has been offered for my child's safety.
9. Warrant that a full and fair disclosure of my child's abilities has been made to the Stable.
10. Agree that my child shall abide by and follow Stable's rules and regulations, which shall be posted and/or available from time to time.
11. Expressly agree that the foregoing release and assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement is governed by the laws of the State of Georgia and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by Georgia law, and that in the event any portion of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the balance of the Agreement shall not be affected or impaired in any way and shall continue in full legal force and effect.
12. Acknowledge that this document is a contract and agree that if a lawsuit is filed against the Stable for any injury or damage in breach of this contract, I will pay all attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the Stable in defending such an action.

Warning-Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities pursuant to Chapter 12 of Title 4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

I have read this document. I understand it is a promise not to sue and to release the HorseSense Riding Academy, Hy-View Stables, Hy-View Farm, its owners, employees and agents, for all claims. I have made a free and deliberate choice to sign this Release and Waiver as a condition to the Stable allowing my child to ride or handle a horse. I have concluded that the risks involved and the release and waiver of liability is worth the pleasure of horseback riding experience.

DATE _____ SIGNATURE of MINOR CHILD'S PARENT or GUARDIAN _____

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Camper's Name: _____ Nickname: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent or Guardian: _____ Cell #: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Cell #: _____

Current Student's HorseSense Level: HORSEMANSHIP _____ HORSEKEEPING _____

OFFICE USE ONLY	
Total \$ _____	Deposit _____
Date Paid _____	Due = \$ _____
Check # _____	or Cash _____

T-Shirt Size:	<input type="checkbox"/> Child S (6-8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child M (10-12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child L (14-16)	<input type="checkbox"/> Child XL (18-20)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult S (34-36)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult M (38-30)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult L (42-44)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult XL (46-48)

RIDING OPTIONS

I plan to bring a horse: Please attach a current copy of your negative Coggins to this form. Call or email us for boarding options.

Horse's name: _____ Horse's Age: _____ Horse's Height: _____ Mare Gelding Breed: _____

Horse's experience: _____

I would like to borrow a school horse for camp. I understand that school horses will be assigned by our instructor according to ability and availability. We need this info to assign horses: Rider's height _____ Rider's weight _____

I plan to bring my own ASTM-SEI helmet.

Has your child ever ridden or been exposed to horses before? No Yes (please explain): _____

Has your child ever attended a camp before? No Yes (please explain): _____

Is your child in good health and able to participate in all activities? Yes Yes, with the following restrictions: _____

Does your child have any allergies, medical diagnosis, special needs or requirements (i.e., ADD, ADHD)? No Yes (please explain): _____

What would you like your child to gain from camp? _____

Camp Fees

Camp fee is \$350.00 \$ _____

AFTER CLOSING DATE (June 28) add late fee of \$10.00 \$ _____

Check total, payable to "HorseSense" = \$ _____

-- or --

add processing fee and pay online:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/payments.htm

Completed entry forms must be received by **June 28** to reserve a place in camp. Include a check for fees with your entry form, payable to: *HorseSense*. Mail entry forms, fees, and a current copy of your horse's negative Coggins to:

HorseSense Riding Academy
c/o 56 Cindy Lane, Ellijay, GA 30540

By your signature, you agree as follows: "I hereby hold harmless the organizers, judges, and officials of HorseSense Riding Academy, Hy-View Stables, Hy-View Farm, their officers, agents and employees, and the host and property owners from all liability for accidents, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, employees, attendants, spectators, or any person or property suffered during or in connection with this camp. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA. UNDER GEORGIA LAW, AN EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSOR OR EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERIT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12 OF TITLE 4 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED."

An ASTM/SEI-approved HELMET is required at all times when mounted -- no exceptions!

No vet or farrier on premises; riders assume all risks.

Signature (parent or guardian if rider is under 18): _____ Date: _____