



New HorseSense Events in 2012!

We're excited about our lineup of activities for 2012. In addition to some old favorites, we're offering several new camps and competitive opportunities.:

Ready-to-Show Boot Camp



Horse shows are an exciting way to test your skills, and they are about *much* more than ribbons. Our "boot camp" takes you behind the scenes to show you components of a positive show experience, and puts it into practice with a Sunday team competition.

Camp begins with a special morning clinic for parents covering requirements for showing, costs, necessary equipment, preparation and transportation considerations. Afternoon workshops for campers include horse management, conditioning, time management, show etiquette and sportsmanship. Open to all students ages 8 and up; **required for any student who wishes to compete on a HorseSense show team at outside events. Feb 18-19, 2012**
www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/bootcamp.htm

Level Up Clinics

Our 2011 Level Up Camps were so successful that we're adding additional one-day clinics to our schedule throughout the year -- and combined them with barn parties to add to the fun. Ride on the flat and over fences, expand your horsekeeping skills with unmounted instruction, and show off your knowledge to receive checkmarks towards your next Levels ribbon! Although these clinics, like Level Up Camp, are geared towards riders participating in our Levels program, you do not have to be a current student here to attend.

April 7, Aug 25 (Horsekeeping only), Nov 10

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/levelup_barnparties.htm



It's Showtime!

HorseSense students will have several opportunities to shine in the show ring this spring. Qualified students may travel to Lyerly, GA to compete at **Rivermont Farm on April 14**. We've also added a show here at Fowler Farm in May. The **Over-the-Rainbow Show on May 19** is just like our fall schooling show, but with a colorful team competition twist! Look for more

information on our Events section of the website:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/events.htm

Playtime at Ground Games Camp



Our popular Ground Games camp is coming up—and available horses are going fast! We'll spend two days playing with our horses, exploring unmounted training skills and methods, and building partnerships built on trust, respect and FUN. Camp concludes with a low-key tournament; rules and a list of tasks are available on our website. Make sure you get your entry paperwork in soon to reserve a spot!

Jan 28-29, 2012

9am—4pm (Tournament starts at 2pm on Sun)

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/groundgames.htm

Rain or Shine!

Gentle reminder: unless we experience extreme weather such as electrical storms, ice or snow, your lesson WILL NOT be cancelled! If the conditions (including footing) do not permit riding in the arena, we will have an unmounted session in the barn or bunkhouse. There is *much* more to horsemanship than sitting in the saddle!



CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving new Levels since Sept:

Red Horsemanship:

Haley Kenny
Lauren Cole

Yellow Horsemanship:

Lucy Sabine

Orange Horsemanship:

Katie Kiker
Maggie Ringley

Purple Horsemanship:

Kendall Lee

Red Horsemanship:

Haley Kenny

Green Horsekeeping:

Maura Davis

Our next ribbon day will be March 24, 2012.



Horses for Lease & Sale

Have you dreamed of having a horse of your own? Half-leases are a great way to get a taste of horse ownership before making the full commitment to a horse, and they help us keep our school horses fit and happy. Our half-lease arrangement allows you ride three days a week and use the horse for lessons and appropriate camps.

Hitman needs a new rider ASAP—he is currently available for a half-lease, with potential for a full lease when his mommy leaves for college this summer. He is a 13.2hh easy keeper, schooled in flatwork up through Purple Level and jumping up to 2'6". Hitman is bombproof enough for a beginner, but he can be strong-willed and is best suited to a confident rider.



We also have a half-lease available on Fowler Farm's black Arabian gelding, **Halik**, for a qualified student. Halik is an old campaigner with years of Pony Club, jumping, dressage, games and trail riding behind him. He is returning from a year at pasture and is currently working on basic flatwork as he regains condition. At 14.3hh, he is a perfect size for a child or a small adult!

Lessees should be enrolled in regular lessons, well-matched with the horse and prepared to participate in our stable management co-op. Green Level in both Horsemanship and Horsekeeping is preferred. For more information, please visit our website:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/horses_sale_lease.htm

Want to hone your riding and training skills while earning cool prizes? We'll be offering a challenge each month to lessees in 2012—master a simple schooling exercise and win a prize. Ask Nikki for more information!

January—Sidepass
February—Leg yield
March—Figure-8

Weather Winter

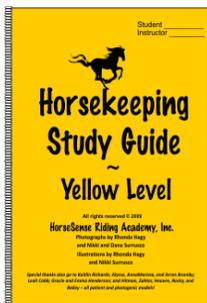
Winter weather is here to stay for a while. Here are some tips for getting the most out of your cold-weather lessons:

- 🐾 Dress in layers. Tights can be worn under breeches or jodhpurs for an extra layer of warmth. Pile on the sweaters, but leave your big, poofy ski-jacket at home—your instructor can't see you inside of it!
- 🐾 After-school lessons experience a sharp drop in temperature as the sun goes down, so be sure to bring an extra sweater or jacket for the end of your ride.
- 🐾 Fingers and toes are the first to freeze. Riding gloves (with an appropriate grip) are a *must* in cold weather, and consider investing in a pair of silk liners and/or socks to help keep away the cold.
- 🐾 HotHands or similar pocket-warmers are a great way to defrost mid-lesson!

Outfitting for the new year? Don't forget that we have a bargain bin of used riding apparel—all items \$5! Currently, we have several pairs of paddock boots in adult and child sizes, suede leather half-chaps suitable for a large child, several pairs of schooling tights and breeches, and a very nice show coat, sized Child XL, along with a matching show shirt. First-come, first-served!



Clockwise from left: Maura and Haley show off their Levels ribbons earned over Christmas break; Katie makes a quick mount during the 2011 Mounted Games camp; and "foxhound" Brandy poses for a photo op!



Study and Win!

Don't forget: we have study guides to help accelerate your progress through the Levels! Revised Red Horsemanship and Horsekeeping are in stock, along with Yellow Horsekeeping. The guides are available online or at the Riding Academy, at \$8 apiece, or two for \$14.

Find the Lucky Horseshoe and Win a Prize!

There is a horseshoe hidden within the pages of each of our new study guides. Tell us which page it is on to win a prize from the Box of Cool Horse Stuff!

Horsekeeping Question of the Month

We'll be offering a chance to win a prize with your horse knowledge each month in 2012. Answer the Horsekeeping quiz question correctly, either via our Facebook page or by emailing info@HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com. One prizewinner will be drawn from all correct answers at the end of the month.

January's question:

Changes to Our Schedule

A few of our regularly scheduled classes will be moved due to conflicting event schedules in the upcoming months:

- 🐾 There will be no lessons the weekend of **Jan 28-29**, due to Ground Games Camp. Regular Sunday students are invited to come watch the Ground Games tournament on Sunday afternoon!
- 🐾 There will be no regular lessons available the weekend of **Feb 18-19**, due to Ready-to-Show Camp.
- 🐾 There may be no lessons available **the first full week in March**; Nikki has finally rescheduled her trip to Colorado and hopefully will make it there this time!
- 🐾 There will be no regular lessons available the weekend of **Mar 10-11**, due to Dressage Camp.
- 🐾 There will be no regular lessons available on the following Saturdays: **Mar 24, Apr 7, Apr 14**, due to conflicting events and clinics. Students are encouraged to participate in the Show Jumping Clinic and/or Level Up clinic instead!

Ask Nikki for more information!

Class Schedule Winter/Early Spring 2011

Classes will be held **rain or shine**, with unmounted Horsekeeping sessions if we are unable to ride. Students are required to take 1-5 private lessons before advancing to the next class. For more information, please visit:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/lesson_schedule.htm

Rising Riders

Rainbow Level, ages 5-7

Rising Riders - Homeschooler's Special

Rainbow Level, ages 5-7

Beginner

Red & Yellow Level, ages 8 and up

Beginner - Homeschooler's Special

Red & Yellow Level, ages 8 and up

Intermediate

Green & Blue Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced Intermediate

Orange & Purple Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced

Teal Level, ages 8 and up

Private Lessons Available:

Call Nikki for availability

Sun @ 3:30pm

1/2 hr, \$20

Fri @ 11am

1/2 hr, \$20

Wed @ 4:30pm, Sun @ 2:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Wed @10am, Fri @ 10am

45min, \$25

Sun @ 4:30pm, Thurs @4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Fri @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Wed @ 3pm

1 hr, \$30

Select Saturdays; Thurs @10am; Wed & Fri @11am

1hr, \$35





Upcoming Events for 2012

Level-Up Clinics/Barn Parties = Camps and Shows =
**** New event/new format**

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Dec 28-Dec 30	*	Level Up Three-Day Camp**	120.00 or 45.00/day	Dec 21
Jan 28-29	*	Ground Games Camp	60.00	Jan 21
Feb 18-19	*	Ready-to-Show Boot Camp**	60.00	Feb 11
Mar 10-11	*	Dressage Camp**	85.00	Mar 3
Mar 24	*	Show Jumping Clinic**	55.00	Mar 17
Apr 7	*	Level Up Clinic/Easter Egg Hunt/Trail Ride**	40.00/free/free	Mar 31
Apr 14	*	Rivermont Schooling Show (Lyerly, GA)		Apr 7
May 5	*	Intro to Mounted Games Camp**	55.00	Apr 28
May 6	*	Mounted Games Advanced Camp**	55.00	Apr 28
May 19	*	Over-the-Rainbow Schooling Show**	10.00 + 5.00/class	May 16
May 23-26	*	Rising Riders Camp I	150.00	May 16
Jun 5-9	*	Novice Camp I	250.00 - 300.00	May 29
Jun 20-23	*	Level Up Four-Day Camp	200.00 or 55.00/day	Jun 13
Jul 10-Jul 14	*	Novice Camp II	250.00 - 300.00	Jul 7
Jul 25 -28	*	Rising Riders Camp II	150.00	Jul 18
Aug 3-5	*	Quadrille Camp	85.00	Jul 27
Aug 25	*	Level Up Clinic (Horsekeeping Only)/Night Ride**	20.00/free	Aug 18
Sept 8	*	Field trip: US Nat'l Eventing Championship (Chattahoochee Hills, GA)		Sep 1
Sept 15	*	We-Survived-Summer Barn Party	free	Sep 10
Sept 29	*	Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show	10.00 + 5.00/class	Sep 26
Oct 6	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace (Kingston)--must be Orange Level or above		Sep 30
Oct 27	*	Trick or Treat Games Competition	20.00	Oct 20
Nov 10	*	Level Up Clinic/Bonfire/Trail Ride**	40.00/free	Nov 3
Nov 17	*	Mock Foxhunt at Flat Branch Farm	10.00	Nov 10
Dec 15	*	Holiday Barn Party	free	Dec 8

Stuff happens, so check our website for up-to-date information and entry forms !
www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com