



## It's Going to Be a Great Year!

We're excited about our lineup of events for HorseSense students in 2014. In addition to multiple opportunities for our show team to compete at outside shows, we're hosting several new events, including an adult-only weekend for horsey moms and an exciting quiz bowl competition where students can earn prizes for their Horsekeeping knowledge. Check out the full schedule on page 4, then visit our website!

### January 25-26—Ground Games Camp



Have you ever dreamed of having a fairy tale bond with a horse? Ever wondered how to train a horse or teach him tricks? Ground training is the foundation of all good horsemanship and the focus of our special weekend camp. Bring your own horse or play with a school horse. We'll cover basic equine psychology and explore different training techniques (including natural horsemanship and clicker training), with lots of hands on practice and a relaxed Sunday tournament showcasing all the fun you can have with a horse out of the saddle!

**This camp is strongly recommended for students currently leasing or interested in leasing a school horse.** Sign up by Jan 18 for the super-low rate of \$60 for the weekend!

[HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/groundgames.htm](http://HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/groundgames.htm)

### February 22—Show Jumping Level Up Clinic

**NEW** We're combining our annual over-fences tune up with our popular Level Up clinic this year. You'll ride courses tailored to your Level, with an emphasis on equitation and strategies for different types of jumps. There will also be the usual horsekeeping instruction and opportunities to earn checkmarks towards your next level. Sign up by Feb 15; that's also the deadline for our special **Early Enrollment for 2014 Level Up Clinics**—get four clinics for the price of three!

[HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/showjumpclinic.htm](http://HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/showjumpclinic.htm)

### March 29-30—Mounted Games Camps

Come find out why we think mounted games is the most fun you can have on horseback! Our Intro camp, geared for walk/trot riders or horses and/or riders new to games, takes place on Saturday, Mar 29 and includes both mounted and unmounted instruction in addition to a low-key afternoon tournament. Things heat up for our Masters camp on Sunday, Mar 30, geared for more experienced players who are ready for speed. Masters campers who are able to assist on Saturday may stay overnight in our new bunk room for free!

[HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/gamescamp.htm](http://HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/gamescamp.htm)

## CONGRATULATIONS

*to the following students for achieving new Levels since Sept:*

### Rainbow Level:

Ashlynn Poole

### Red Horsemanship:

Addison Lewis

Isabel Crosby

### Yellow Horsemanship:

Aly Gibson

Samantha Miller

Savannah Miller

### Green Horsemanship:

Beth Petrillo

Hannah Walker

### Blue Horsemanship:

Abigail Cantlay

Lauren Cole

Mary Elizabeth Walker

### Orange Horsemanship:

Marissa McAuliffe

### Red Horsekeeping:

Mary Elizabeth Walker

### Yellow Horsekeeping:

Abigail Cantlay

Lexi Lewis



*Katie, Maura, Stormy and Biscuit are all smiles before dressage at Poplar Place, despite the wet weather! Turn to page 2 for more information on becoming a part of the HorseSense show team.*



LEFT: Maura and Biscuit return from the dressage arenas at Poplar Place. RIGHT: Shayla and Sage conquer the down bank while cross-country schooling at Chattahoochee Hills.

## Ready to Show in 2014

**MAURA:** "My experience at Poplar Place was exciting, adventurous, and nerve-racking all at the same time. Biscuit and I were both amazed at the huge cross country courses and the beautiful horses. We didn't place, but I'm so proud of my pony for making it to Poplar, and he tried his hardest even though he was nervous. I don't think we could have gotten through it without each other. I would go show again in a heart-beat!"

**KATIE:** "Had a BLAST at Poplar Place schooling show. The weather was miserable but I still had a great amount of fun!!! I was very happy with my Intro B dressage test. My first jumping class didn't go as planned, but the second one I pulled through! It was a good experience for me and Stormy's first out-of-town show."

Horse shows involve a lot of time, money, and effort, but we believe they are worth it! We have several opportunities on the horizon for our traveling show team this spring—two eventing competitions at beautiful Chattahoochee Hills (**March 15** and **June 7**) and a return trip to Rivermont Farm for some hunter/jumper fun (**April 12**).

Eligible students must have previously attended our Ready-to-Show Boot Camp, discussed showing goals with Nikki, and be prepared to take on all show-related responsibilities, including preparation of horse and tack, sending in entry paperwork, acquiring appropriate show attire, arranging transportation for horse and human, and paying all fees, including transportation costs and coaching. For more information, please visit:

[HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/showteam.htm](http://HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/showteam.htm)



Our box of used riding apparel currently includes breeches for adults and teens, size 1 child's paddock boots, large half and full chaps, an extra-small helmet, and a very nice show coat! Check it out—all items \$5 for students!

## School Horses Available for Lease

Want a taste of horse ownership without the commitment of a half or full lease? We still have a couple of school horses available in our new quarter-lease program. For \$50 a month, quarter-lease students will be able to come and ride one additional day a week, as well as have first dibs on the horse for regular lessons and camps.

As with our full and half-lease programs, a minimum of Green Level experience is **strongly preferred**. Students must agree to all riding and horse care expectations, and be enrolled in our Horsekeeping program, actively working to expand their unmounted knowledge. In the event that a leased horse becomes lame or otherwise unfit for work, we will provide a substitute ride if possible, but no make-up days are offered for inclement weather. Ask Nikki or Dana for more information!



**Hitman** is a 13.2hh grade pony, a lesson veteran capable of jumping 2'3" with ease. He is quiet enough for a total beginner, although he will take advantage of a timid rider! Hitman is available for quarter-lease on **Mondays**.



**Merlin** is a 16hh Thoroughbred gelding, a dressage veteran learning to jump small fences. While Merlin is quiet enough for a novice, he would benefit most from an experienced rider with quiet hands who can help him build correct muscles.

**Merlin is available for quarter or half-lease**; contact Nikki to discuss scheduling.

## HorseSense Gear is Here!

It's taken us a long time to find the right company to embroider our HorseSense logo on apparel in a way that makes it easy for all of us. Luckily, we found **LogoUp**, and we think you'll be pleased with their selection, prices, and quick turnaround. Browse through their large selection of shirts, jackets, caps, etc., and use our exclusive code to have items embroidered with the HorseSense logo. (As a starting point: black polo shirts will be our uniform of choice when traveling to Rivermont, hunter paces, etc.!) 

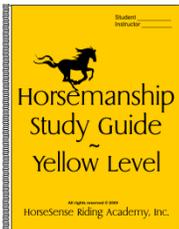
**NEW!**

We've asked for a color adjustment to the embroidery, but as soon as we get that processed, ordering information will be posted here:

[HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/coolstuff\\_LogoUp.htm](http://HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/coolstuff_LogoUp.htm)



## Study Guides Available Online



Don't forget: we have study guides to help accelerate your progress through the Levels! Printed copies of the study guides are available to purchase for \$10 each, or two for \$18—but in 2014, HorseSense students will be able to access a special link to read/download study guides online for free. We

currently have Horsekeeping and Horsemanship booklets available for both **Red** and **Yellow** Levels (yes, **Yellow Horsemanship** is finally done!) with **Rainbow** and **Green Horsekeeping** coming soon. *Contact Dana via email to join the online study group.*

### 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!

### WELCOME

... to our new student, **Hayden**! We hope you enjoy all that HorseSense has to offer.

## Changes to Our Schedule

A few of our regular classes will be moved due to conflicting event schedules in the upcoming months. Ask Nikki if you have any questions about scheduling!

-  There will be no lessons on Saturday, **January 25** and Sunday, **January 26** due to **Ground Games Camp**. Students who are not participating are encouraged to come and watch the tournament on Sunday afternoon.
-  There will be no afternoon lessons available Saturday, **February 22** due to our **Show Jump Level Up clinic**.
-  There will tentatively be no lessons available Saturday, **March 15**, due to our show team's trip to compete at **Chattahoochee Hills**. Makeup lessons may be available the following Sun.
-  There will be no lessons available Saturday, **March 29** or Sunday, **March 30** due to our **Mounted Games Camps**. All students are encouraged to join in the fun and games instead, or come help us ring crew at our afternoon competitions!
-  There will tentatively be no lessons available Saturday, **April 12**, due to our show team's trip to compete at **Rivermont Farm**. Makeup lessons may be available the following Sunday.

## Class Schedule Winter 2014

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 joining a group class. For more information, please visit:

[www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/lesson\\_schedule.htm](http://www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/lesson_schedule.htm)

### Rising Rider

Rainbow & Red Level, ages 5-8

### Junior Beginner

Red & Yellow Level, ages 6-9

### Beginner

Red & Yellow Level, ages 8 and up

### Intermediate

Green through Orange Level, ages 8 and up

### Advanced Intermediate

Orange & Purple Level, ages 8 and up

### Advanced

Purple & Teal Level, ages 10 and up

### Private Lessons Available:

Call for availability

### Sun @ 4pm

1/2 hr, \$20

### Sun @ 3pm

1/2hr, \$20

### Wed @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

### Fri @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

### Thurs @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

### Sun @ 2pm

1 hr, \$30

### Select Saturdays

1hr, \$40 or 1/2 hr, \$25

The days are growing longer, and we're eagerly looking forward to reopening our 5:30 lesson spots in the middle of February. We're tentatively looking at beginner classes Thurs and Fri evenings, with a private lesson spot available on Wed. For those of you on our waiting list, thanks for your patience!



## 2014 Event and Clinic Schedule

*Stuff happens, so all of this is subject to change! Check our website and newsletters for the latest schedule revisions.*

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
JAN 25-26		Ground Games Camp	60.00	Jan 18
FEB 22		Show Jumping Level Up Clinic	40.00	Feb 15
MAR 15		Chattahoochee Hills Schooling Show, Fairburn, GA - Orange Level and above		Feb 15
MAR 29		Intro to Mounted Games Camp	55.00	Mar 22
MAR 30		Mounted Games Advanced Camp	55.00	Mar 22
APR 12		Rivermont Schooling Show, Lyerly, GA - Green Level and above		Apr 11
APR 25-26		Boss Mares Potluck (FRI EVE) & Clinic (SAT)	60.00	Apr 19
MAY 3		Ready-to-Show Boot Camp	40.00	Apr 26
MAY 10		Over-the-Rainbow Schooling Show	10.00 + 5.00/class	May 3
JUN 7		Chattahoochee Hills Schooling Show, Fairburn, GA - Orange Level and above		May 3
JUN 10-14		Novice Camp I	350.00	Jun 3
JUN 25-28		Level Up Four-Day Camp	200.00 or 55.00/day	Jun 22
JUL 8-12		Novice Camp II	300.00 - 350.00	Jul 1
JUL 23-26		Rising Riders Camp	175.00	Jul 16
AUG 1-3		Quadrille Camp	85.00	Jul 26
AUG 16		Level Up Clinic (Horsekeeping Only)	20.00/free	Aug 9
SEP 6		Level Up Clinic/Summer Barn Party	40.00/free	Aug 30
SEP 20		Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show	10.00 + 5.00/class	Sep 13
OCT 18		In Unison Farm Hunter Pace, Kingston, GA - Orange Level and above		TBD
OCT 25		Trick or Treat Games Competition	20.00	Oct 18
NOV 15		HorseSense Team Challenge	20.00	Nov 8
NOV 29		Chattahoochee Hills Schooling Show, Fairburn, GA - Orange Level and above		Nov 1
DEC 13		Level Up Clinic/Holiday Barn Party	40.00	Dec 6

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