



Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show



Our sixth annual Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show took place on September 25, 2010. We dodged the rain this year and over twenty competitors enjoyed a day of horses and warm sunshine! Riders began the day by showing off their equitation on the flat, riding on the rail and through simple dressage maneuvers. After the flat classes came the games, with three divisions trying their hand at five different races. As always, this section of the show was fast and furious, with some of the classes decided by a fraction of a second! The afternoon was spent over fences, with show jumping equitation classes ranging from ground poles to 3'. Points accumulated throughout the day were tallied and ribbons awarded to our grand champion, **Angela Parn**, and our reserve champion, **Brandy Yates**. Congratulations to you both!

A successful show is a team effort and we have many people to thank for our wonderful day: our popular judge **Brooke Davidson, Bob Surrusco, Carla Yates, Isabel Ringley, Tammy Hermann, Emily Jones, Serge and Reesa Frezier, Katie Courtney, Jeff Riblet** and **Travis Fowler**—and



to all of our students and competitors, who demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and reminded us why we love horse shows!

More photos will be available soon on our website and Facebook page! A full list of results can be found online: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/schoolingshow.htm

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving new Levels since June:

Rainbow Level:

Jenny Lee
Momo Lee

Yellow Horsemanship:

Heather Courtney

Our next ribbon day will be January 1, 2011.

End of Summer Thanks

Another fabulous season of HorseSense Summer Day Camps has drawn to a close: our busiest and hottest yet! We enjoyed more than forty campers, ages 6 through 13, in our Novice and Rising Rider Camps, with great sportsmanship demonstrated by all despite the 100+ degree heat!

Our more advanced campers took their turn in the spotlight on July 16-18, when we held our popular weekend Quadrille Camp. We continue to be amazed by the creativity and skill our riders can deliver in such a short amount of time! Videos of the weekend performances can be found on our website and linked on the HorseSense Facebook page.

As always, we couldn't make it through camp season without a team of very special people: our photographers, who have blessed us with hundreds of beautiful photos of campers enjoying their horses, and our Ground Buddies, who keep the campers safe and Nikki and Dana sane! Thank you **Angela, Kaitlin, Rhonda, Katie, Heather, Brandon, Shayla, Maura, Maggie, Ali, Nancy** and **Grayson**. We couldn't have done it without you!



Welcome to Our New Students

Welcome to HorseSense, **Marissa, Alley, Amber** and **Holly**! We hope you enjoy all that our barn has to offer.

We also want to welcome **Zoe**, Petey's new penpal! Remember that you too can adopt one of our six school horses and receive monthly letters straight from the horse's mouth. Heaven, Zahtar, Sage, Biscuit, Petey and Hitman take you behind the scenes into their daily life at HorseSense, providing an inside look at a year in the life of a lesson horse. A Dream Horse subscription makes a great present for the horse-crazy child in your life! For more information, to read excerpts from letters, or to adopt a horse, visit:



Follow all the latest news at HorseSense on our Facebook page! Search for "HorseSense

Riding Academy", or type in <http://www.facebook.com/pages/HorseSense-Riding-Academy/118236081520621>



Fun and Games at Breyerfest

Nikki and Brandy took their games skills on the road this summer and participated in the most fun games competition we've experienced yet: the MGAA exhibition at Breyerfest! The games were held over the lunch hour on Friday and Saturday, July 23-34, in front of an *enormous* crowd of model horse enthusiasts. We scrambled with riders from Kentucky and Indiana, and although the competition was unofficial, with no prizes awarded, the "Lightning Thieves" rode well and won their fair share of games! Outside of the games arena, Heaven and Charlie Brown enjoyed grazing on the lush Kentucky bluegrass, getting acquainted with famous racehorses, posing for pictures with festival-goers, and facing off on the Horse Park's exercise track.

It was, in many ways, a horse lover's ultimate summer vacation! We've been invited back to play again next year and we're already looking forward to it. Video highlights from the exhibition can be found on our website and on our Facebook page. For more information about Mounted Games Across America, please visit www.mountedgames.org



Unit Studies Available for Homeschoolers

Our new Unit Study program is a fun learning experience based on our own homeschooling experience: we figured out many years ago that kids learn best when the subject matter is something that appeals to them! We use hands-on activities, games, crafts, and friendly team challenges to teach kids about horses in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere. The program reinforces many educational skills, including math, reading, writing, and animal sciences; not to mention the skills necessary for working with horses, such as responsibility, teamwork, sportsmanship, and time management.

For more information, please visit our website: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/unitstudy.htm

Have a Horsey Halloween



There is always lots of fun to be had around the Riding Academy during Halloween. On **Oct 23**, students are encouraged to come volunteer at Brent and Susan Lee's spectacular Halloween Party, held at Flat Branch Farm. We will be in charge of providing horseback rides for the guests and taking care of the horses before and after. The Lee family is very generous in allowing us to ride on their property, and the party festivities are not to be missed!

On **Oct 30**, saddle up for our **2nd Annual Trick or Treat Games**, held at Fowler Farm from 10am to 2pm. There are divisions for Novice and Masters pairs. Each division will play 7 to 9 classic mounted games with a Halloween spin, with ribbons and candy for all! School horses are available for this event on a first come, first served basis, so make sure to get your forms in soon. Entry forms are online: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/TrickorTreatGames.htm

Mock Foxhunt Scheduled for Dec 4

Come enjoy the beautiful trails and support a local therapeutic riding program at our **5th Annual Mock Fox Hunt**, held **Dec 4, 2010**, at Flat Branch Farm. Riders follow a paper trail laid out by our helpful "fox"; several riders designated as "hounds" lead each group. We will be offering three different flights geared towards riders of varying levels of ability:



First Flight: for horses and riders fit and experienced enough for 2 hours of strenuous riding, including some galloping

Second Flight: a gentle walk-trot ride, suitable for students in Yellow Level and up

Pony Ride Flight: for small children or first-time riders, ages 4 and up

Proper hunt etiquette will be observed; formal attire is preferred but not required. There is a capping fee of \$10, and all proceeds go towards **Angels on Horseback**. All of our students are invited to attend, with *limited* school horses available on a first-come, first-served basis, but we **MUST** have plenty of notice to arrange trailering!

For more information, please visit our website: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/mockfoxhunt.htm



Group Lessons Available!

With the start of the fall session, we now have several available openings for regular weekly lessons. New riders are welcome to join any of the following classes:

- Wednesday @ 10am**—Beginner through Yellow Level.
Ages 8 and up (homeschoolers or adults.) Can take 3 riders.
- Wednesday @ 4:30pm**—Beginner through Yellow Level.
Ages 8 and up. Can take 2 more riders.
- Friday @ 10am**—Beginner through Yellow Level.
Ages 8 and up (homeschoolers or adults.) Can take 3 riders.
- Sunday @ 2:30pm**—Beginner through Yellow Level.
Ages 8 and up. Can take 3 riders.
- Sunday @ 3:30pm**—Rising Rider.
Ages 5-8. Can take 2 more riders.
- Sunday @ 4:30pm**—Intermediate (Green/Blue Level).
Ages 8 and up. Can take 2 more riders.

Hard-soled boots with a heel and long pants are required; we will provide a helmet for initial lessons. Call now to sign up for an introductory lesson and reserve your spot!

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 Sunday, **Oct 10**, as the Surrusco family will be out of town.
- * There will be no lessons Saturday or Sunday, **Nov 13-14**, on or Saturday, **Nov 27**, due to mounted games camps. Make up lessons may be available during the week following each camp. Ask Nikki for more information!
- * There will be no morning lessons on Thursday, **Nov 25**, due to Thanksgiving!

Bring a Friend and Save!

Help us fill our classes by introducing the joys of horseback riding to your friends. **If you recommend HorseSense Riding Academy to a friend and they sign up for weekly lessons, you will receive one FREE lesson.** Help us get the word out and save!

Class Schedule Fall 2010

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 Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced

Purple/Teal Level, ages 8 and up

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

1 hr, \$30

Fri @ 5:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Thurs @ 10am

1 hr, \$30

Private Lessons Available:

Check website or call Nikki for availability

Select Saturdays; all others slots are full until further notice!

1hr, \$35

Some class times may change or become unavailable in January 2011, depending on Nikki's college class schedule!



Shayla had FUN at this year's schooling show!

Have a favorite photo of a HorseSense event? Email it to us so we can share it with the universe!

Dress for Success

Christmas is just around the corner, and what makes a better present for a young equestrian than riding gear? Proper riding attire not only keeps riders SAFE, but many students find that their skills improve when they are not having to compensate for ill-fitting or inappropriate clothing.

Riders who have passed their Red Level and plan to continue should budget, at a minimum, for an ASTM-SEI approved riding helmet and a pair of heeled, smooth-soled riding boots. Riding pants and half-chaps are strongly recommended. We will happily help you find inexpensive sources for kid-friendly riding attire! Just ask Nikki or Dana, or check out the following page on our website:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/coolstuff_resources.htm



Fall Games Camps

Get your game on and come enjoy one of our favorite camps in the cool, sunny days of November! We have mounted games camps geared towards two different levels: Intro (walk/trot) and Masters (for riders comfortable at the canter/gallop). Intro riders spend Saturday morning learning the games in preparation for a fun, friendly afternoon tournament, while Masters riders spend a whole weekend sharpening their skills before putting them to the test on Sunday afternoon. No prior experience necessary! We do have horses and ponies available for students on a first-come, first-served basis. Entry forms are available on our website: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/gamescamp.htm



Katie and Zahtar practice their dunking skills during the spring Masters Games Camp.

2010 Schedule of Events

All camps, clinics and shows (except saddle club shows and hunter paces) will take place at Fowler Farm as scheduled below. Current students at HorseSense Riding Academy may be eligible for discounted camp fees -- ask us for details! As always, we reserve the right to change dates/costs/details as required.

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Oct 9	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace (Kingston) - must be Orange Level or above		
Oct 16	*	HorseSense Clinic: Conformation	15.00 or 2/20.00	Oct 14
Oct 23	*	Halloween Party at Flat Branch Farm	n/c	--
Oct 30	*	Trick or Treat Games Competition	20.00	Oct 23
Nov 13 - Nov 14	*	Mounted Games Camp	85.00	Nov 6
Nov 27	*	Intro to Mounted Games Camp	45.00	Nov 20
Dec 4	*	Mock Foxhunt at Flat Branch Farm	10.00	Nov 27
Dec 11	*	HorseSense Clinic: Ground Training	10.00 or 2/15.00	Dec 9
Jan 1	*	New Year's Barn Party	n/c	--

For entry forms and more information, please visit our website!
www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com