



Camp Season Wraps Up

With a week of Rising Rider Camp geared towards our littlest and most inexperienced riders, and a weekend of Quadrille Camp featuring some great performances and triumphant costuming, another summer of HorseSense day camp has drawn to a close. Special thanks to our hardworking Ground Buddies, **Lexi, Maura, Olivia, Elodie, Delaney, Jodee, Kendall and Momo...** to our enthusiastic new and returning campers... and to the parents and grandparents who have made our day camps possible for 10 straight years.

We were also fortunate to have **Maura** on the job as official camp photographer for our Novice and Rising Rider camps. A selection of her work (along with photos from Level Up and Quadrille) can be found on our Facebook page; highlight videos from all our summer day camps (including Quadrille Camp performances) can be found on our HorseSense YouTube channel.



"The Olympians" practice for their epic Greek quadrille!

It's Almost Showtime



Our 10th annual **Not-Your-Typical-Show** is just around the corner! Held here at Hy-View Farm on **September 20**, our fall show offers equitation classes on the flat and over fences, mounted games classes for all ages, and an exciting show jumping competition. Individual points will be tallied and added to our spring show totals to determine this year's Grand and Reserve champions. Suitable for students in every level, and especially appropriate for new students showing for the first time. **School ponies are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so get those forms in ASAP!** For more information and enrollment forms, please visit:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/schoolingshow.htm

The fall fun is just beginning! Check out page 4 for more information about upcoming events at HorseSense!

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving new Levels since June:

Rainbow Level:

Alex Horne
Grace Settler
MacKinzye Godfrey

Red Horsemanship:

Ashlynn Poole
Bethany Parn
Tyler Brunner

Yellow Horsemanship:

Bethany Parn
Journey Baughman
Kadence Schneider

Blue Horsemanship:

Aly Gibson
Savannah Miller

Purple Horsemanship:

Maura Davis
Lexi Lewis

Red Horsekeeping:

Bethany Parn
Emma Petrillo
Jenny Lee
Tyler Brunner

Yellow Horsekeeping:

Olivia Desmond

Green Horsekeeping:

Delaney Witbrod

Lexi Lewis

Momo Lee

Blue Horsekeeping:

Lexi Lewis

Orange Horsekeeping:

Katie Kiker

Lexi Lewis

Shayla Finley

...and a VERY special congratulations



for the recipient of our first ever Teal Horsemanship and Teal Horsekeeping ribbons, Kendall Lee! We wish Kendall all the best as she begins her college career at the University of Georgia.



Equine makeovers, saddle time with new friends, amazing costumes, and falling in love with your first equine partner—just a few of the highlights of HorseSense Day Camp!

Horsey Know-it-all Contest Winners

We had fierce competition in our second annual Summer Horsekeeping Challenge, and loved seeing what HorseSense students can learn when they put their minds to it.

Congratulations to our winner, **Katie Kiker**, with a grand total of 17 new checkmarks towards her Horsekeeping Levels! The top ten participants are listed below; a link to download the full list can be found at

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/latestnews.htm

A special honorable mention goes to our defending Champion and working student extraordinaire, **Lexi Lewis** - who, although ineligible for the prize, powered through two-and-a-half levels this summer for a grand total of 23 points!

1. Katie K. (17)
2. Shayla F. (15)
3. Tyler B. (13)
4. Delaney W. (12)
5. Bethany P. (11)
6. Morgan L. (10)
7. Kendall L. (8)
8. Savannah M. (8)
9. Kadence S. (7)
10. Addison L. (7)

WELCOME

... to our new students, **Eli, Keller and Lydia!** We hope you enjoy all that HorseSense has to offer.

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 **Tuesdays**.



Merlin is a 16hh Thoroughbred gelding, a former dressage mount now jumping small fences. Merlin is quiet enough for a novice, but would benefit most from an experienced rider who can help him build correct muscles. **Merlin is available for quarter or half-lease**; contact Nikki to discuss scheduling.



Jay is a 14hh Haflinger gelding, our young project pony learning to jump and play games. No vices, but needs a confident, assertive rider to help his training progress. **Jay is available for quarter-lease**; contact Nikki to discuss scheduling.

Need boots?

Check the [HorseSense](#) exchange box first!



Our box of used riding apparel currently includes breeches in adult and small child sizes, large half and full chaps, equine-themed T-shirts, size 8.5 women's tall boots, and paddock boots ranging from child's size 11 to ladies 7.

All items \$5 for HorseSense students!



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 Saturday, **Sept 20** due to our **Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show**, or Sunday, **Sept 21**, while ponies and people recover from a long day of showing. With classes for all levels of ability, students are encouraged to participate in the show instead!
- 🐾 There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Oct 18** due to our annual excursion to the **In Unison Hunter Pace** in Kingston.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Oct 25** due to our **Trick-or-Treat Games Competition**.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Nov 15** due to our **HorseSense Team Challenge**. All Levels students are strongly encouraged to participate in the challenge!
- 🐾 There will be no lessons Thursday, **Nov 27** due to Thanksgiving.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Dec 13** due to our **holiday barn party**. Hope to see everyone there!

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. (If not, do please let us know!)

Our official HorseSense show team attire (polo shirts, fleece jackets, baseball caps, bags, etc.) features a teal/purple logo on a black background. For everything else, you can proudly display our logo on your stuff -- shirts, jackets, hoodies, caps, bags, whatever -- on all your favorite colors. To order:

- 🐾 Browse through the LogoUp website to find the stuff you want to order, adding it to the shopping cart.
- 🐾 Go through the checkout process. When you get to Section 4, just add the following line to the customer comments box :

"Please use the logo from Order #AB-51589."

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/coolstuff_LogoUp.htm

Class Schedule Fall 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

Rising Rider

Rainbow through Yellow Level, ages 5-8

Sun @ 4pm

1/2 hr, \$20

Junior Beginner

Red & Yellow Level, ages 6-9

Sun @ 3pm

1/2hr, \$20

Beginner

Red & Yellow Level, ages 8 and up

Wed @ 4:30pm, Thurs @5:30pm, Fri @4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Intermediate

Green through Orange Level, ages 8 and up

Fri @ 5:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Advanced Intermediate

Orange & Purple Level, ages 8 and up

Thurs @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Advanced

Purple & Teal Level, ages 10 and up

Sun @ 5pm

1 hr, \$30

Homeschooler's Special

Private lesson; all levels

Fri AM

45min, \$25

Private Lessons Available:

Call for availability

Select Saturdays

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

Our class schedule is currently full! Prospective new students may contact us to schedule an assessment lesson, after which we will add you to a group at the first available opportunity.



Trick or Treat Games



Our popular Halloween mounted games competition returns on **October 25!** With divisions for all levels of ability, everyone can play—but with limited division space, and school horses available on a first-come, first-served basis, you'll want to get those entries in soon. Just \$20 per entry! Read the rules for our haunted games and

sign up online or via downloadable entry form at:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/TrickorTreatGames.htm



Boss Mares Are Back

We're ready for another weekend with the HorseSense Boss Mares! Join us for a Ladies

Only clinic on **October 3-4** featuring great food, morning porch yoga, adult conversation, and morning and afternoon mounted sessions (including plenty of fun and games). Bring your own horse or reserve a school horse for the day. Participation in the Friday evening wine-and-cheese potluck is optional, but we do hope you'll join us as we celebrate the bond between women and horses!

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/BossMares.htm

HorseSense Challenge

Put your horsey knowledge to the test for a chance to win GREAT prizes in this fun, low-key competition based on our experiences with United States Pony Club Quiz, held **November 15**. Competitors are grouped into teams based on their level and compete in three phases:

TABLES -- Competitors identify the objects on the table, matching the items with the correct term.

TASKS -- Teams work together to complete a hands-on activity (e.g., converting a cross-rail jump to a vertical).

QUIZ BOWL -- Competitors take turns answering verbal questions, with or without the help of their teammates.

Prizes and glory will be awarded throughout the competition, with Grand Prizes going to the winning team in each division and to the high-point Challenge Master. Appropriate for ALL students aged 7 and up (younger students who are not yet reading/writing with confidence may have help from a Ground Buddy), the Challenge is a great way to progress towards Horsekeeping ribbons as well. Study materials available by request! For more information, please visit:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/HorseSense_challenge.htm



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 |
|---------|--|---|--------------------|-----------------------|
| SEP 20 | | Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show | 10.00 + 5.00/class | Sep 13 |
| OCT 3-4 | | Boss Mares Potluck & Clinic | 60.00 | Sep 27 |
| OCT 18 | | In Unison Farm Hunter Pace, Kingston, GA - Orange Level and above | | Oct 10 |
| OCT 25 | | Trick or Treat Games Competition | 20.00 | Oct 18 |
| NOV 15 | | NEW HorseSense Team Challenge | 20.00 | Nov 8 |
| DEC 13 | | Level Up Clinic/Holiday Barn Party | 40.00 | Dec 6 |

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<http://www.youtube.com/user/Nenya217> (or type "Nikki Surrusco" into the search field)