



Great Day of Showing At HorseSense Riding Academy!



Our 9th annual **Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show**, held on Sept 28, was all sunshine, sportsmanship and smiling faces! We had 26 riders competing in dressage seat equitation, mounted games trail, and show jump equitation classes. Not only were we impressed with the level of horsemanship demonstrated by participants, but the show was kept running smoothly and on time thanks to the efforts of some fabulous volunteers! Special thanks to Brooke Davidson for her usual stellar job at the judge's table... Bob Surrusco for his tireless announcing... Reesa Frezier and Beth Petrillo for keeping everyone on track and safe in the coaching area... Aly, Shannon, Kalli, Landon and Dalton for truly living up to their title as runners... Evan Surrusco for his efforts in helping make the farm look beautiful for the big day... Paul Kiker for directing human traffic... our excellent ring crew who helped us set courses in record time... and to Josh Savola for capturing both the big and small moments of the day on camera.

Photos from the show may be viewed at Josh's Shutterfly gallery—look for the link on the Latest News page of our website. Contact Josh directly if you are interested in purchasing high-quality originals! Also be sure to check out the highlight video on our YouTube channel.



Congratulations to our high-point Champion
and Reserve Champion for the year:
Elodie Frezier and Katie Kiker!

CONGRATULATIONS

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

Red Horsemanship:

Delaney Witbrod
Emma Petrillo
Journey Baughman
Kadence Schneider
Olivia Desmond
Samantha Miller
Savannah Miller

Yellow Horsemanship:

Amy Cagle
Delaney Witbrod
Hannah Walker

Green Horsemanship:

Delaney Witbrod
Mary Elizabeth Walker

Blue Horsemanship:

Delaney Witbrod
Momo Lee

Orange Horsemanship:

Delaney Witbrod
Elodie Frezier

Purple Horsemanship:

Katie Kiker
Shayla Finley

Red Horsekeeping:

Abigail Cantlay
Aly Gibson
Delaney Witbrod
Lauren Cole
Olivia Desmond

Yellow Horsekeeping:

Delaney Witbrod
Marissa McAuliffe

And an extra-special congratulations to our **FIRST**

Purple Horsekeeping:

Kendall Lee!

Coming Up Next:

🐾 Level Up Clinics on Nov 9/Dec 28

🐾 XC Schooling on Nov 24

🐾 Poplar Place Farm Schooling Show on Dec 13/14

🐾 Holiday Barn Party on Dec 21 (*new date!*)



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. (By necessity, the additional day must be a day of Nikki's choosing, when the horse is not already scheduled to work!)

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.

Need Riding Gear?

We still have some used riding apparel available! Currently we have schooling breeches in child size 10 and adult size 30, adult-sized suede full chaps, small children's paddock boots, a child's show shirt, and a few equine-themed tie-dye T-shirts. All items just \$5—save yourself \$\$\$!

Missing Clothing or Water Bottles?

Our collection is growing again! Please stop by the farmhouse and check our Lost-and-Found box to claim your missing items. Anything unclaimed by **Dec 1** will be donated to the hand-me-down box or local thrift shop!

Summer Horsekeeping Challenge Winners

Congratulations to the winner of our summer Horsekeeping Challenge, **Lexi Lewis!** Lexi won a prize package (including a free competition pass) for having earned the most checkmarks towards her Horsekeeping Levels during the months of June and July. Here are our top ten participants:

1. Lexi L. (11 pts)
2. Olivia D. (9 pts)
3. Mary Elizabeth W. (8 pts)
4. Abigail C. (7 pts)
5. Emma P. (7 pts)
6. Marissa M. (7pts)
7. Lauren C. (6 pts)
8. Kendall L. (5 pts)
9. Shayla F. (5 pts)
10. Kalli B. (5 pts)



We hope everyone enjoyed expanding their knowledge.



We had a huge turnout for our 5th Annual **Trick-or-Treat Games Competition!** Kudos to our winning teams: the **Nightmares** (Addision Lewis and Sarah Hoek), the **Spookzillas** (Bethany Pam and Katie Kiker), and the **Halloweenies** (Katie Kiker and Lauren Cole).



Bundle Up—Winter Weather is Here!

Dark evenings and winter winds have returned to Hy-View Farm. While horseback riding is a year-round sport, it can be challenging to ride while frozen! Here are a few tips to keep you warm and comfy during your winter lessons:

- 🐾 Dress in lots and lots of **LAYERS**. Tights or leggings are an inexpensive way to add warmth to your riding pants without hindering flexibility. We suggest several long-sleeved, close-fitting layers under a weather-resistant jacket. (Please try to avoid poofy ski jackets... your instructor can't see your form when you wear them!)
- 🐾 Frozen fingers have a hard time holding reins. **Gloves are a must on cold days**—we prefer lined riding gloves, but anything with a grippy palm is acceptable. Silk glove liners are good for adding warmth to summer weight gloves.
- 🐾 While hats, sadly, do not work with riding helmets, there are helmet covers available with fleecy ear flaps. You may also be able to stretch a headband over your helmet.
- 🐾 Finally, we love *Hot Hands* pocket warmers! Keep them in your pocket to warm your hands during breaks, or try out their heated insoles for your boots.

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 tentatively will be no lessons on Sunday, **Nov 24** due to the cross-country schooling expedition to **Chattahoochee Hills**. Makeup lessons may be available the following Mon.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons on Thurs, **Nov 28** due to Thanksgiving.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons available Friday, **Dec 13**, or Sat, **Dec 14**, due to our show team's trip to compete at **Poplar Place**. Makeup lessons may be available the following Mon.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons available the afternoon of Saturday, **Dec 21**, due to our **Holiday Barn Party**. All students are invited to attend!
- 🐾 There will be no lessons available Wednesday, **Dec 25** due to Christmas.

Don't forget... using your cell phone while handling a horse is unsafe, and disrespectful to your horse and your instructor! Please leave your phone in a designated safe area before your lesson.



Class Schedule Fall/Winter 2013

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 & Red Level, ages 5-8

Junior Beginner

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

Fri @ 5:15pm; Sun @ 5pm

1 hr, \$30

Select Saturdays; Sun @ 2pm

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

Our winter lesson schedule is FULL! Thanks to all of our students, new and old, who have spread the word about HorseSense.

We currently have a waiting list for weekend and after-school students. Please call and let us know if you'd like to us to notify you when a spot opens up.



WELCOME

... to our new students: **Addison L., Addison S., Ashlynn, Gracie, Isabel, Landon, Lauren, Melissa, Samantha, Sarah, Savannah, and Tyler!** We hope you enjoy all that HorseSense has to offer.



We had another wonderful season of summer camps here at HorseSense! Clockwise from top, our Novice campers get enthusiastic about tie-dye; Shayla has some gymnastic jumping fun at Level Up Camp; the Ringleaders perform their crowd-favorite quadrille routine; and Tyler takes a break with his new buddy Hitman at Rising Rider Camp.

Upcoming Events:

Cross-country Schooling

We had so much fun schooling the championship course at Chattahoochee Hills last November, we're going back to do it again! This trip is tentatively set for **Nov 24**. Qualified students must be capable of jumping 2'6" and able to ride confidently in the open—a strong Orange Level or above. Please note that unless this trip gets cancelled or rescheduled, there will be no regular Sunday lessons this day!

Poplar Place Farm Schooling Show

Our HorseSense show team is ready to go out into the world, so we want to wrap up this year with a trip to compete at Poplar Place Farm. In order to qualify, students must have attended a **Ready-to-Show** camp here at HorseSense, have earned their Blue or above Horsemanship ribbon, and be capable of taking on all show responsibilities, including regular practice, sending in entry paperwork, securing lodging and trailering arrangements, and paying all show expenses. We will need to leave on Fri, **Dec 13** in order to get the horses settled for the **Dec 14** show. Cross-country schooling will be part of the experience! Please talk to Nikki for more information.

Holiday Barn Party on Dec 21

Come celebrate the holiday season with us and stuff your favorite pony's stocking! Join us from 3:30 to 5:30 for hot cider, Christmas goodies and riding time, weather permitting. Bring your favorite holiday treat to share as well as peppermints, carrots, apples or packaged horse treats for our hard-working school horses. **Please note: this is a date change from the original date listed on our calendar and website!**

Level Up Clinics on Nov 9/Dec 28

Wrap up your year with our final Level Up Clinic, held **Dec 28** from 1-4pm. This is a great opportunity to finish up some of those 2013 goals and earn your next ribbon. Sign up by Dec 21; for more information, visit our website!

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