



Waterslide!



Some of you may have heard that Coosawattee River Resort, from whom we lease our facility, has decided to construct a four-story inflatable waterslide in our front pasture. We had no knowledge of the proposed waterslide until CRRRA began

advertising the slide. While we're quite unhappy with both CRRRA's failure to include us in this decision, and their failure to uphold their commitment to the 2-year lease we signed last November, there really is no question of re-negotiating our lease: the waterslide would reside less than 100' from our arena. This makes it impossible for us to teach your children how to ride safely – particularly when our published mission statement emphasizes *safe* horsemanship and horsekeeping! We have no choice, therefore, but to end our relationship with CRRRA as soon as possible.

While it makes us sad that this wonderful barn will no longer shelter our horses, we're hoping that the change will open some doors for our riding school. We've been blessed with the opportunity to relocate our business to a very attractive private farm owned by Travis and Mary Fowler. Fowler Farm is within 10 miles of the Eagle Mountain gate – just 5 miles down old Hwy 5 South. The Fowlers will offer a new boarding facility, which will allow our current boarders to move with us and will create possibilities for future boarders that don't exist at Eagle Mountain. Best of all, leaving the boarding business in their capable hands means that we can focus on our riding school.

We plan on moving to Fowler Farm by May 1. You will still be

able to reach us at the same phone number (706-636-2123), but there will be a few logistical changes: moving to a new facility will require a name change, of course, since we cannot continue as "The Stables at Eagle Mountain". Our "new" business will be called "HorseSense Riding Academy" and our website will change its address to: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com.

Be assured, however, that wherever we are located, we will continue to offer our full range of programs: riding lessons, horsekeeping lessons, working students, day camps and shows. Ultimately, we think that offering these services in a better facility – with a better landlord! – can only help our goal to teach our students to ride and care for their horses responsibly. [Look for directions to Fowler Farm on our website after April 30.](#)



Be sure to become a fan of our *new* Facebook page! Search for "HorseSense Riding

Academy", or type in <http://www.facebook.com/pages/HorseSense-Riding-Academy/109187752442518>.

Check in frequently for upcoming events, photos and announcements. Our old fan page will remain online, but will be inactive after April 30.



Barn-warming Party May 1

We already had a barn party on our schedule -- so we're going to make this one a "Welcome to Fowler Farm" party! Students and boarders -- and their family and friends -- are welcome to join us. Students who wish to ride before the potluck supper should come early to help with barn chores.

- 1 - 2 PM Barn chores for students who wish to ride
- 2 - 5 PM Free ride
- 5 - 6 PM Potluck supper

Come help us celebrate a new beginning for our riding school!

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving new Levels since January:

Red Horsemanship:

Heather Courtney

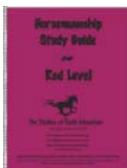
Green Horsemanship:

Arron Brumby

Red Horsekeeping:

Maggie Ringley

Our next ribbon day will be in June 2010.



Don't forget that we have study guides available to help you progress through the levels! Red Horsemanship and Horsekeeping are available now. **Look for Yellow Horsemanship and Horsekeeping in May 2010!**



Changes to Our Schedule

A few of our regularly scheduled classes will be moved due to conflicting camp schedules over the next two months:

- * There will be no Sunday lessons on **April 11** or **April 24**; riders may make up their lessons on Thursday or Friday afternoons.
- * There will be no lessons on **Thurs, April 29**—our horses will be moving to Fowler Farm that day!
- * There will be no morning lessons on **Fri, May 8** and **Fri, May 28**; makeup lessons may be available the preceding Thursday. Ask Nikki for more information!



Arron and Maura race through the poles at Intro to Games Camp.

Camp Season Is Here!



Look for enrollment forms on our website for these popular camps:

HorseSense Show Jump Camp

Apr 24-25 * Green Level and above * \$85 for both days

HorseSense Eventing Camp

June 8-12 * Green Level and above * \$250 for 5 days

HorseSense Rising Riders Camp

May 26 - 29 * July 28 - 31 * Aug 11 - 14

Ages 6-8 * no previous experience required * \$125 for 4 half-days

HorseSense Novice Camps

June 22-26/5-days for \$250 * July 5-7/3-days for \$175

Ages 9 and up * no previous experience required (Red-Yellow Level)

HorseSense Quadrille Camp

July 16-18 * Yellow Level and above * Only \$85 for both days

Class Schedule Spring 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

Friday @ 11am

1/2 hr, \$20

Fri @ 4pm, Sun @ 2:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Fri @ 10:15am

1/2 hr, \$20

Fri @ 5pm

1 hr, \$30

Wed @ 4pm

1 hr, \$30

Thurs @ 11am

1 hr, \$30

Private Lessons Available:

Check website or call Nikki for availability

Most Saturdays in May; Thursdays available for new riders

1hr, \$35

Check out our
revised Schedule
of Events on page 4
of this newsletter
for camp, show and
clinic dates!



First Annual HorseSense Challenge Winners

We had a lot of fun at our Feb 28 HorseSense Challenge! Nine competitors put their horse knowledge to the test in a series of tasks and identification tables. Among other things, we learned that there are some unusual breeds of horses in the world and that *everyone* needs to practice bandaging! Congratulations to Brandy for winning high-point Champion, to Brandy and Sydney for winning the blue ribbon team challenge, and to Maura, Brandy and Angela for winning high-point in their division. And thanks to all of our wonderful judges (Marilyn, Sally, Sam, Lauren, and Carla) for making the whole thing work.

HorseSense Riders Ribbon at Hunter Pace

HorseSense enjoyed another successful day at the In Unison Farm Hunter Pace, located in beautiful Kingston, GA. Nikki and Angela rode Heaven and Magic in the Cast and Run division and placed second and third, while KK and Hitman took third in the fast and furious Gone Away. Nancy and Terry rode Shiloh and Brave Kitty in the Cast and Run Hilltoppers divisions and just enjoyed the open countryside. Although much of the course was flooded after a week of solid rain, our riders put their horse sense to good use and enjoyed a safe and scenic ride!

Horses For Half-Lease

Congratulations to **Heather, Katie, and Shayla** for half-leasing their favorite school horses! 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 horses fit and happy. Our half-lease arrangement allows you ride three days a week and use the horse for lessons and appropriate camps.

We still have a half-lease available on our palomino gelding, Biscuit, for a qualified student. Lessees should be enrolled in regular lessons, well-matched with the horse and prepared to participate in our stable management co-op. For more information, please visit our website at www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/horses_sale_lease.htm.

Wildflowers Brave Winter Weather to Compete at the Kentucky Horse Park

Nikki and Brandy made their annual journey north to play in Mounted Games Across America's Snowball Series, held every winter at the Kentucky Horse Park. Despite rain on Friday, snow on Saturday, and a high of 26 degrees on Sunday (!), the "Wildflowers" team played hard and brought home fourth place in the very competitive Intermediate/Masters division.

Both riders have been invited to ride in the Breyerfest Invitational, held at the Kentucky Horse Park on July 28-29. We're honored and thrilled to be returning to Kentucky just a few short months before the World Equestrian Games take place—and excited for the opportunity to play games *without* five layers of clothing. Special thanks go to Carla for transporting ponies and people there and back again, and to Heaven and Charlie Brown for getting their game faces on despite the frozen ground!



Welcome to our new Dream Horse penpals, **Max** (writing to Petey), **Lexi** (Heaven), **Molly** (Sage), and **Haley** (Biscuit)! Find out what our horses have to say on our website:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy/DreamHorse.htm



2010 Schedule of Events - Revised!

We've had to tweak our schedule for 2010, thanks to the waterslide! All camps, clinics and shows (except saddle club shows and hunter paces) will take place at Fowler Farm as scheduled below. Entry forms and details are available on our website.

We'll include more outside shows and events where possible -- in hope of broadening our students' show experiences.

NOTE: Current students at HorseSense Riding Academy may be eligible for discounted camp fees -- ask us for details!

Changing locations has also required us to move our new Dressage Show and Combined Test to June 12 - mark your calendars now!

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Apr 10 - 11	*	Mounted Games Camp	85.00	Apr 3
Apr 17	*	HorseSense Clinic: Health & Vet Care	10.00 or 2/15.00	Apr 15
Apr 24-25	*	Show Jumping Camp	85.00	Apr 17
May 1	*	Spring Barn-Warming Party	n/c	---
May 8	*	HorseSense Clinic: Bandaging	10.00 or 2/15.00	Apr 28
May 22	*	Gilmer County Saddle Club Open Show -- all students are encouraged to attend!		
May 26 - May 29	*	Rising Riders Camp I (4 half-days)	125.00	May 19
Jun 8 - Jun 12	*	Eventing Camp	225.00	Jun 1
June 12	*	Open Dressage Show and Combined Test	20.00 - 35.00	Jun 5
Jun 19	*	HorseSense Clinic: Farrier Care	10.00 or 2/15.00	Jun 17
Jun 22 - Jun 26	*	Novice Full Camp (5 days)	225.00	Jun 15
Jun 26	*	Gilmer County Saddle Club Open Show -- all students are encouraged to attend!		
Jul 5 - Jul 7	*	Novice Mini Camp (3 days)	175.00	Jun 28
Jul 16 - Jul 18	*	Quadrille Camp	85.00	Jul 9
Jul 28 - Jul 31	*	Rising Riders Camp II (4 half-days)	125.00	Jul 21
Aug 11 - 14	*	Rising Riders Camp III (4 half-days)	125.00	Aug 4
Aug 28	*	HorseSense Clinic: Tack	10.00 or 2/15.00	Aug 26
Sept 11	*	HorseSense Clinic: Trailer Safety	10.00 or 2/15.00	Sept 9
Sept 18	*	We-Survived-Summer Barn Party	n/c	--
Sept 25	*	Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show	5.00/class	Sept 18
Oct 2	*	HorseSense Clinic: Conformation	10.00 or 2/15.00	Sept 30
Oct 9	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace (Kingston) - must be Orange Level or above		
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 14
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	--

Just like our horses, the website has moved!
Visit us at:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com