



It's the winning Racing Stripes team against the Punk Rock Ponies in our March 16 Intro Games Camp!

A New Season of Camps and Clinics

Spring is finally here—and camp season along with it! Our spring calendar is packed with weekend camps and clinics leading up to our second annual **Over-the-Rainbow schooling show**. Be sure to mark your calendars with upcoming events, and get your paperwork in early -- or sign up online -- to avoid late fees.

Show Jumping Clinic

A great opportunity to tune up jumping skills before the show season! This one-day clinic focuses on developing a solid jumping position and strategies for coursework, with two mounted sessions covering a wide variety of jumping challenges. Appropriate for all riders who have completed Yellow Level —we will start at ground poles and work our way up!

Eventing Camp

Back by popular demand... our action-packed four-day camp geared towards budding eventers. Camp will run from May 29 through June 1 and culminate in a low-key horse trial. Since this camp is held in lieu of regular weekly lessons, we must have a **minimum** of six participants—please let Nikki know ASAP if you would like to make this a goal for you or your child.

Summer Day Camps

Enrollment forms/info for our wildly popular summer day camps -- **Novice Camp, Level Up Camp, and Rising Riders Camp** -- are now on the website. Sign up early to reserve a spot!

 **NEW!** We now have an online enrollment system for HorseSense camps and clinics. You can sign up early for your favorite activities without having to deal with printed forms, and just bring camp fees to your next lesson (or first day of camp). Please try it and let us know how the online form works for you - and save a few trees!
www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/online_entry.htm

Ready-to-Show Boot Camp: The Show Must Go On!

We kicked off the camp season with an extra-challenging weekend of **Ready-to-Show Boot Camp**, March 2 and 3. Participants learned how to prepare for all aspects of showing, including budgeting, time management, veterinary and conditioning requirements, paperwork, learning tests and acing tack and turnout. New skills were put to the test with a combined test team competition on Sunday, in which their behind-the-scenes work, as well as the dressage and jumping, were judged. Congrats to **Maura, Amber, and Hannah** for a winning effort!

As horse show veterans well know, shows will go on in all weather—and so we carried on despite snow and sub-freezing temperatures! We were proud of how our competitors learned to make the best of a tough situation and demonstrated grace under pressure. Special thanks to our judge, **Nicole Kelley**, for braving the cold! A full album of photos can be found on our HorseSense Facebook page.



CONGRATULATIONS

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

Rainbow Level:

Emma Petrillo
Kadence Schneider

Red Horsekeeping:

Lucy Sabine

Red Horsemanship:

Aly Gibson
Amy Cagle

Yellow Horsemanship:

Haley Horton
Mary Elizabeth Walker
Megan Bird

Green Horsemanship:

Jenny Lee
Momo Lee

Our next ribbon day will be April 27, 2013.



Over-the-Rainbow Schooling Show: April 27

Celebrate spring in our colorful farm schooling show, held April 27, 2013. Competitors are allowed to deviate slightly from traditional attire and dress in colors representing their team and/or horse. In addition to our usual dressage and equitation over fences classes, dress your horse up for our bareback costume contest and win additional prizes! A special award will also be given to the team with the highest number of points; all individual points will be tallied and added to our fall schooling show totals to determine the year's Grand and Reserve champion. Classes range from Leadline to 3' fences, suitable for all ages!

For more information—and a video of last year's show!—please visit: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/rainbowshow.htm

School Horses Available for Lease

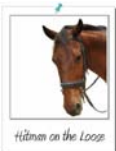
Want a taste of horse ownership without the commitment of a half or full lease? We still have a couple of school horses available in our new quarter-lease program. For \$50 a month, quarter-lease students will be able to come and ride one additional day a week, as well as have first dibs on the horse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



Biscuit is a 15.2hh Quarter Horse gelding, jumping 2'6" courses and schooling Training Level dressage. He needs a confident, enthusiastic rider who can motivate him to work. Biscuit is available for lease on **Thursdays**.



Hitman is a 13.2hh grade pony, a lesson veteran capable of jumping 2'-2'6" with ease. He can be strong, so not suitable for a timid rider. Hitman is VERY fat and needs a dedicated young rider to help keep him in shape! Hitman is available for lease on **Mondays**.



We love our new home at Hy-View Stables!



NEW! Farm Crew Potluck/Sleepover

HorseSense is pleased to offer a new opportunity for our horsey kids to socialize and learn farm management together. We're hosting monthly Friday potluck socials from 6-8pm, after which students may stay for a free sleepover in our bunkroom. We'll provide a hearty breakfast, then put our crew to work feeding horses, cleaning stalls, and performing other farm chores until 1pm on Saturday.



Eligible students, aged 10 and up, must be mature enough for the sleepover and ready to learn. We'll give them plenty of hands-on stable management experience, camaraderie, a chance to find new horse-loving friends, invaluable practice time for Horsekeeping skills, and a realistic taste of life on working farm.

Our first Farm Crew event will be held **Fri, April 19 -- RSVP by Apr 12**. Additional opportunities will be added to our schedule eventually ... stay tuned!

CONGRATULATIONS

... to Beth Petrillo for beginning her half-lease experience with our popular school horse, Sage.
Wishing you many wonderful rides!

WELCOME

... to our new students, **Rosie, Jennifer and Jackson!**
We hope you enjoy all that HorseSense has to offer.



New and Improved Learning Levels

Effective February 5, 2013... we have revised our Learning Levels! Most changes are minor, but be sure to look over your current level and review the requirements. New booklets will be arriving in March and will be updated to reflect the changes. Stop in at the office to look through your booklet anytime.

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/LearningLevels/htm



Katie, Elodie, Lucy and Molly rocked our March 23 Level Up Clinic!

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 available Sunday, **Mar 31** due to **Easter**. Makeup lessons will be available on Saturday, **Mar 30** and Monday, **April 1**.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Apr 13** due to our **Show-Jumping Clinic**. Students are encouraged to participate in the clinic instead, which includes a ground pole division.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Apr 27**, or Sunday, **Apr 28**, due to our **Over-the-Rainbow Schooling Show**. All students are eligible for the show.

Call or ask Nikki to reschedule your lessons.



A gentle reminder to all students... using your cell phone during a lesson or 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.

Need Boots or Breeches?



We still have lots of used riding apparel available! Several pairs of paddock boots in child and adult sizes, muck boots, schooling breeches, show shirts and some really cute equine T-shirts. All items just \$5—save yourself \$\$\$!

Class Schedule Winter/Spring 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 advancing to the next class. For more information, please visit:*

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/lesson_schedule.htm

Rising Riders

Rainbow Level, ages 5-7

Beginner

Red through Yellow Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced Beginner

Yellow through Green Level, ages 6-8

Intermediate

Green through Orange Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced Intermediate

Orange & Purple Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced

Purple & Teal Level, ages 8 and up

Just For Adults

Red through Blue Level

Private Lessons Available:

Call Nikki for availability

Sun @ 3:30pm

1/2 hr, \$20

Sun @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Thurs @ 5:30pm; Fri @ 4:30pm

1hr, \$30

Wed @ 4:30; Thurs @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Sun @ 2pm

1 hr, \$30

Fri @ 5:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Thurs @10am

1 hr, \$30

Select Saturdays; Wed @ 10am

1hr, \$40

Check out
page 4 for a full
list of 2013
camps, clinics
and shows!



2013 Event and Clinic Schedule

NOTE: Stuff happens, so all of this is subject to change! Check our website and Facebook page for the latest schedule revisions -- then download infosheets with detailed information/forms for each camp or show.
You can also sign up via our new online enrollment forms.

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Apr 13	*	Show Jumping Clinic	55.00	Apr 6
Apr 19-20		Farm Crew potluck/sleepover	free	Apr 12
Apr 27	*	Over-the-Rainbow Schooling Show	10.00 + 5.00/class	Apr 20
May 29-Jun 1	*	Eventing Camp	200.00	May 22
Jun 11-15	*	Novice Camp I	250.00 - 300.00	Jun 4
Jun 26-29	*	Level Up Four-Day Camp	200.00 or 55.00/day	Jun 19
Jul 9-13	*	Novice Camp II	250.00 - 300.00	Jul 2
Jul 24-27	*	Rising Riders Camp	150.00	Jul 17
Aug 2-4	*	Quadrille Camp	85.00	Jul 27
Aug 24	*	Level Up Clinic (Horsekeeping Only)	20.00/free	Aug 17
Sept 14	*	Level Up Clinic/Summer Barn Party	40.00/free	Sep 7
Sept 28	*	Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show	10.00 + 5.00/class	Sep 21
Oct 5	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace (Kingston)--must be Orange Level or above		
Oct 26	*	Trick or Treat Games Competition	20.00	Oct 19
Nov 9	*	Level Up Clinic/Bonfire/Night Ride	40.00/free	Nov 2
Nov 16	*	Mock Foxhunt at Flat Branch Farm	20.00	Nov 9
Dec 14	*	Holiday Barn Party	free	Dec 7
Dec 28	*	Level Up Clinic	40.00	Dec 21

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