



Summer Camp Season Is Almost Here!

Spring has sprung and our summer day camp season is just around the corner. With many campers returning year after year, and school horses available on a first-come, first-served basis, we encourage HorseSense students to sign up early to ensure a spot! Here are our 2015 offerings:

June 9-13—Advanced Beginner Camp

This camp is uniquely designed for our veteran campers, but is also suitable for HorseSense students at Yellow Level and up. Spots for this one are going quickly, so be sure to get your deposit in soon!

June 24-27—Level Up Camp

We've restructured our Level Up Camps this year to allow for more personalized instruction and extra camp fun. This camp is suitable for all students **Green through Teal Level**, or riders who are secure at a walk, trot, and canter, and ready to jump small fences.

July 8-11—Level Up Camp

Our second Level Up Camp is suitable for students in **Red and Yellow Levels**, as well as first-timers and riders comfortable at the walk and trot.

June 22-25—Rising Rider Camp

With half-days and activities geared towards our youngest riders, this camp is perfect for **Rainbow Level** students and new campers ages 6-8.

July 31-Aug 2—Quadrille Camp

Costumes! Music! Amazing choreography! Our most popular camp of the year, for riders of all ages **Yellow Level and up**.



We had lots of fun playing with our equine partners in the Ground Games Clinic on Jan 31!



After a cold and snowy winter, the HorseSense horses are ready to get fit and strut their stuff! Here are a few upcoming events in our busy spring schedule:

- 🐾 **Apr 18—Chattahoochee Hills Schooling Show**
- 🐾 **Apr 25—Boss Mares Clinic**
- 🐾 **Apr 25—Rivermont Horse Show**
- 🐾 **May 2—Spring Fling Games Competition**
- 🐾 **May 9—North Atlanta Equestrian Show**

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving
new Levels since Dec:

Rainbow Level:

Keller Baughman
Lauren Miller
Lauren Smith

Red Horsemanship:

Alexandra Horne
Grace Settel
Hayden Brinkley

Yellow Horsemanship:

Ashlynn Poole
Tyler Brunner

Blue Horsemanship:

Jenny Lee



Red Horsekeeping:

Grace Settel
Kadence Schneider
Mia Sutton

Yellow Horsekeeping:

Savannah Miller

Green Horsekeeping:

Abigail Cantlay
Marissa McAuliffe



HorseSense on the Road



Horse show season is in full swing and we have several upcoming opportunities for students interested in expanding their competitive horizons. Our show team will be traveling to Fairburn on **April 17-18** for the rescheduled eventing show at **Chattahoochee Hills** and to Cartersville on **May 9** for the **North Atlanta Equestrian Show**; we are also looking ahead to

fall shows, particularly the **Rivermont Show** on **Sept 5** and the **Chattahoochee Hills** show on **Nov 14**.

Eligible students must have previously attended our Ready-to-Show Boot Clinic or traveled with the show team as a Ground Buddy; discussed showing goals with Nikki; and be prepared to take on all show-related responsibilities, including preparation of horse and tack, sending in entry paperwork, acquiring appropriate show attire, arranging transportation for horse and human, and paying all fees, including transportation costs and coaching. Students new to horse showing are strongly encouraged to attend the show as a Ground Buddy, where they will be able to access the show barn and warm-up arenas in exchange for helping our riders prepare for their classes.

For more information, please visit:

HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/showteam.htm

Spring Fling Games

For HorseSense students and friends interested in a spring competition at home, we've added a new mounted games competition to our schedule. Similar to our popular Trick Or Treat Games, our **Spring Fling Competition May 2** features our favorite mounted games and divisions for Leadline, Novice, and Masters levels. Just \$30 for 5 to 9 games, with ribbons for all. **Space in each division is extremely limited, with horses available on a first-come, first-served basis... be sure to get your entry forms in ASAP!**

HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/springflinggames.htm

We've Got Riding Gear!

Need riding gear? Our box of used riding apparel currently includes schooling breeches in adult and small child sizes, half and full chaps in adult and child sizes, tall and paddock boots, warm winter riding gloves for children, and a couple of polo/show shirts. **All items just \$5 for HorseSense students!**



WELCOME
... to our new students, **Abi, Alyssa, Amanda, Heather and Katelyn!** We hope you enjoy all that **HorseSense** has to offer.

Boss Mares Are Back

Leave the kiddos behind and join us on **April 24-25** as we celebrate the special bond between women and horses! This special Ladies Only clinic begins Friday evening with an optional potluck and wine-and-cheese social, and continues through Saturday with morning yoga, two mounted sessions, and unmounted activities and camaraderie. Ride one of our school horses, or bring your own; we also welcome unmounted participants. Just \$60 for the weekend, but be sure to enroll early to reserve your spot!

HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/BossMares.htm



Learning from the Pros

HorseSense students traveled to Athens, GA on Jan 19 on an educational field trip to audit the **Schramm Equestrian** clinic hosted by the UGA Eventing Team. We enjoyed a beautiful day of soaking up the Schramm's positive and upbeat dressage and jumping instruction for all levels, and got to watch HorseSense alumni Kendall Lee participate with her new horse, Remi. (Our students particularly enjoyed hanging out with Vegemite, aka the dog from the "Dressage Skillz" video!)



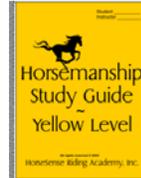


Changes to Our Schedule

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 available Easter Sunday, **Apr 4**. Students on spring break the following week may be able to schedule a makeup lesson Wed through Fri.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons Friday afternoon, **Apr 17** and Saturday, **Apr 18** due to our show team's journey to compete at the rescheduled **Chattahoochee Hills** show. Makeup lessons may be available the following Tues.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons Saturday, **Apr 28** due to our **Boss Mares clinic**.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons Saturday, **May 2** due to our **Spring Fling** games competition. With divisions for all levels of experience, students are encouraged to participate in this fun morning of mounted games!
- 🐾 There will tentatively be no lessons available Saturday, **May 9**, due to the **North Atlanta Equestrian show**.
- 🐾 There will be no or limited lessons available Mother's Day, **May 10**, as former HorseSense student Angela Parn is getting married! Makeup lessons will be available the following Tuesday.

New Study Guides Available!



Don't forget: we have study guides to help accelerate your progress through the Levels. Printed copies of the study guides are available to purchase, individually or as part of our special study binders; HorseSense students can also access a special link to read/download study guides online for free. We currently have Horsekeeping and Horsemanship booklets available for both **Red** and **Yellow** Levels, along with our new **Rainbow** Level coloring book illustrated by Rhonda Hagy. **Green Horsekeeping** is in post-production and should be available by Apr 15! *Contact Dana via email to join the online study group.*

A gentle reminder for students new and old...

Barring emergency, we have a 24-hour cancellation policy. Students who are unable to make their lesson at the last minute must call the farm: (706) 636-2123 and notify us prior to the lesson's start. (This is necessary for the sanity of lesson ponies as well as instructors!) If a student fails to arrive for a scheduled lesson without calling, payment for that lesson is still due in full.

Class Schedule Spring 2015

*Classes will be held **rain or shine**, with unmounted barn 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 Red, ages 5-8

Wed @ 5:30pm

1/2 hr, \$20

Beginner

Red & Yellow Level, ages 8 and up

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

1 hr, \$30

Intermediate

Green through Orange Level, ages 8 and up

Fri @ 5:30pm; Sun @3pm; Sun @4pm

1 hr, \$30

Advanced Intermediate

Orange & Purple Level, ages 8 and up

Wed @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Advanced

Purple & Teal Level, ages 10 and up

Sun @ 5:15pm

1 hr, \$30

Homeschooler's Special

Red through Green Level, all ages

Wed @ 2:30; Fri @ 11am

45min, \$25

Private Lessons Available:

Call for availability

Select Thursdays & Saturdays

1hr, \$45 or 1/2 hr, \$25



2015 Schedule of Events

NOTE: Stuff happens, so all of this is subject to change!

Check our website, Facebook page and newsletters for the latest schedule revisions.

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
APR 18	*	Chattahoochee Hills Schooling Show, Fairburn, GA - Orange Level and above		Apr 9
APR 24-25	*	Boss Mares Club Potluck & Clinic	60.00	Apr 18
MAY 2	*	Spring Fling Games Competition	30.00	Apr 25
MAY 9	*	North Atlanta Equestrian Show, Cartersville, GA - Orange Level and above		
JUN 9-13	*	Advanced Beginner Camp	350.00	Jun 2
JUN 24-27	*	Level Up Camp: Green-Teal Levels	300.00	Jun 17
JUL 8-11	*	Level Up Camp: Red-Yellow Levels	300.00	Jul 1
JUL 22-25	*	Rising Riders Camp: Rainbow-Red Levels	300.00	Jul 15
JUL 31-AUG 3	*	Quadrille Camp	85.00	Jul 25
SEP 12	*	End-of-Summer Barn Party	FREE	Sep 5
SEP 26	*	Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show	10.00 + 5.00/class	Sep 19
OCT 3	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace, Kingston, GA - Orange Level and above		Sept 26
OCT 31	*	Trick or Treat Games Competition	30.00	Oct 24
NOV 14	*	Chattahoochee Hills Schooling Show, Fairburn, GA - Orange Level and above		Nov 1
NOV 28	*	Level Up Clinic	40.00	Nov 21
DEC 12	*	Holiday Barn Party	FREE	Dec 5



We still have plenty of room in our schedule for Power Up Camps, one-day private sessions featuring intensive instruction in both riding and Horsekeeping skills. Each day is personalized towards the rider's individual needs and goals, with two mounted sessions, two unmounted sessions covering riding theory as well as essential horse care skills, and photo/video analysis at the camp's conclusion. Great for riders who wish to focus on a particular challenge outside of group lessons, or simply want an all-day horse experience. Power Up Camps must be scheduled **by appointment** at least two weeks in advance. For more information, please visit:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/powerup.htm

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