



Camp Season Heats Up!

HorseSense Day Camps are well underway! We kicked off the season with a full Rising Rider camp May 26 through 29. Our youngest campers learned horse safety, grooming, and basic riding skills—not to mention the dreaded stable management (aka stall cleaning)! We had so much fun with this half-day camp that we're offering two more this summer: one in late July and one in the second week of August.

Advanced students got their turn in the spotlight June 8-12 at our popular Eventing Camp. Riders spent four intense days practicing their dressage and jumping skills, preparing horse management presentations, and learning about the sport of eventing. All of their hard work paid off on Saturday at the Combined Test competition! **Full results of the combined test and dressage show are listed on page 2.**

We had the special opportunity this year to take our eventing campers on a day trip to Flat Branch Farm, graciously hosted by the Lee family. Riding in their beautiful open fields and around the cross-country course was an experience we'll never forget! Special thanks go to Brent Lee and Doug Richards for helping us trailer ponies back and forth; to Angela Parn and Rhonda Hagy for the *hundreds* of beautiful photos and video footage; and, of course, to all of our helpful Ground Buddies. As always, we couldn't do it without you!



CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving new Levels since March:

Blue Horsemanship:

Shayla Finley
Katie Hermann
Maggie Ringley

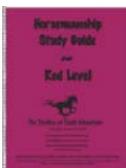
Purple Horsemanship:

Kaitlin Richards

Red Horsekeeping:

Heather Courtney
Maura Davis
Shayla Finley

Our next ribbon day will be in September 2010.



*Don't forget that we have study guides available to help you progress through the levels! **Red Horsemanship and Horsekeeping** are available now. **Yellow Horsemanship** has been delayed due to the MOVE, but look for it along with **Yellow Horsekeeping** in August 2010!*

Camps Still to Come:

Look for enrollment forms on our website these popular camps—there are only a few spaces remaining!

HorseSense Rising Riders Camp

- * July 28 - 31
- * Ages 6-8
- * no previous experience required
- * \$125 for 4 half-days

HorseSense Quadrille Camp

- * July 16-18
- * Ages 9 and up
- * Yellow Level and above
- * \$85 for weekend

HorseSense Rising Riders Camp

- * Aug 11 - 14
- * Ages 6-8
- * no previous experience required
- * \$125 for 4 half-days



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Results of Our June 12 Eventing Show



We got to break out our pretty new horse show ribbons at our Dressage and Combined Test show, Saturday, June 12. Riders had the option of competing in the combined test (determined by the combined scores of one dressage test and one jumping

round), a dressage test only, or a jumping round only. Most riders mixed and matched their classes to try to earn points towards the coveted Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons!

Full results of the show are listed below. Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help keep the show running smoothly—especially our warm-up and gate stewards, Katie and David Courtney! We were also lucky to have Angela Parn available as a show photographer; pictures can be viewed online at our Facebook page and will be in our website's photo gallery soon.

Pre-Amoeba: Combined Test

1st—Maura Davis on Sage
2nd—Heather Courtney on Hitman

Pre-Amoeba: Show Jumping

1st—Heather Courtney on Hitman
2nd—Maura Davis on Sage

Amoeba through Beginner Novice: Combined Test

1st—Kendall Lee on Cayenne, riding Beginner Novice
2nd—Shayla Finley on Sage, riding Tadpole
3rd—Maggie Ringley on Zahtar, riding Amoeba
4th—Kaitlin Richards on Hitman, riding Beginner Novice
5th—Katie Kiker on Peter Pan, riding Amoeba

Amoeba through Beginner Novice: Dressage

1st—Maggie Ringley on Zahtar, riding Intro B
2nd—Kaitlin Richards on Hitman, riding Beginner Novice Test A
3rd—Kendall Lee on Cayenne, riding Novice Test A
4th—Shayla Finley on Sage, riding Beginner Novice Test A

Amoeba through Beginner Novice: Show Jumping

1st—Maggie Ringley on Zahtar, riding 18"
2nd—Kaitlin Richards on Hitman, riding 2'
3rd—Shayla Finley on Sage, riding 2'

Overall Grand Champion:

Maggie Ringley on Zahtar

Reserve Champion:

Kaitlin Richards on Hitman

Sage Shows Off in the Gilmer County Saddle Club Open Show

Nikki, Shayla and Sage took a day trip to the Gilmer County Fairgrounds to participate in the Gilmer County Saddle Club Open Horse Show, held May 22, 2010. This is the first year the Saddle Club has offered English classes at their show and we think everyone should encourage them to continue! Shayla participated in Walk/Trot, English Pleasure, Walk/Trot/Canter Equitation, and the Crossrail class, and came away with four blue ribbons. She was the only competitor in her age division, but rode well and made us proud.



The Gilmer show is a *long* day, but convenient and very affordable for riders—and horses! — who want to get their first taste of showing away from home. A schedule of upcoming Saddle Club events can be found on their website: www.gilmercountysaddleclub.com

Dress for Success



A reminder to all our students and parents: like any other sport, horseback riding has a dress code! Proper riding attire not only keeps you SAFE, but many riders find that their skills improve when they are not having to compensate for ill-fitting or inappropriate clothing.

Riders who have passed their Red Level and plan to continue should budget at a minimum for an ASTM-SEI approved riding helmet and a pair of heeled, smooth-soled riding boots. Riding pants and half-chaps are strongly recommended. We will happily help you find inexpensive sources for kid-friendly riding attire!

"Horses change lives. They give our young people confidence and self-esteem. They provide peace and tranquility to troubled souls. They give us hope!"

~ Toni Robinson



Beat the Heat!

It looks like this summer is going to be a sizzler! Although summer can in many ways be a great season for riding, with long days and no school, it can be dangerously easy to overheat. Riding requires a lot of physical activity, and arenas never seem to have enough shade!

You should **always bring a full water bottle** to your lesson. We will take frequent water breaks in hot weather, and refill your bottle as necessary at our ringside cooler. Gatorade or similar sports drinks are also acceptable, but please **DO NOT** bring soda!

Wear lightweight, cool clothing (**but no shorts...** your legs and midriff must be covered!) and plenty of **sunblock**. We recommend a skin protection factor of at least 30 SPF or higher; riding in a sand arena is just like spending an hour on the beach. Tie your long hair back and if possible, tuck it under your helmet to keep your neck cool. You can soak the inside of your helmet with cool water before riding, or place a frozen paper towel in a baggie inside of it, as long as it doesn't compromise the fit!

Avoid the arena during the hottest part of the day (12pm to 4pm) and keep fast work like cantering and jumping to a minimum. Horses can get heat exhaustion, too!

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 lessons on Saturday, **July 17** or Sunday, **July 18** due to Quadrille camp. The camp will also interfere with afternoon lessons on Friday, **July 16**. Intermediate class will be moved to Thursday, **July 15**, at the usual 5pm time. Makeup lessons may also be available on Thursday or Friday morning.
- * There will be no lessons Thursday, **July 22** through Sunday, **July 25** — Nikki and Heaven will be competing at Breyerfest!
- * There will be no *morning* lessons Wednesday, **July 28** through Saturday, **July 31**, due to Rising Rider camp; limited makeup lessons *may* be available the in the afternoons.
- * There will be no *morning* lessons Wednesday, **August 11** through Saturday, **August 14**, due to Rising Rider camp; limited makeup lessons *may* be available the in the afternoons.

Ask Nikki for more information!

Class Schedule Summer 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/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

Wed @ 4pm, Sun @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Fri @ 10:15am

1/2 hr, \$20

Fri @ 5pm

1 hr, \$30

Thurs @ 10am

1 hr, \$30

Private Lessons Available:

Check website or call Nikki for availability

Select Saturdays; Sun @ 4pm, Thurs @ 11am

Thursday afternoons available for new students only

1hr, \$35



Some class times
may change or
become unavailable
in August 2010,
depending on
Nikki's college class
schedule!



Welcome New Penpals!

Welcome to our new Dream Horse penpals, **Sophia** (writing to **Petey**), Ava (writing to **Zahtar**) and Chloe (writing to **Zahtar**)!

Would you like to keep in touch with your favorite horse at HorseSense Riding Academy? Adopt one of our six participating horses and receive monthly letters straight from the horse's mouth. Heaven, Zahtar, Sage, Biscuit, Petey and Hitman take you behind the scenes into their daily life at HorseSense, providing an inside look at a year in the life of a school horse.

We're offering three levels of Dream Horse subscription: Bonus, Basic, and Email Only. For more information, to read excerpts from letters, or to adopt a horse, visit:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/dreamhorse.htm

Games Opportunities in GA

Oglethorpe Saddle Club will be holding a mounted games competition in combination with their barrel show, on Saturday, August 28, in Stephens, GA. (Approximately two hours from Fowler Farm, east of Athens.) Divisions are offered for both novice and advanced players, and the entry fee is only \$35 for 16 games! For more information, contact Morgan Muffley at: morgan_muffley@yahoo.com

Office in the Trees!

We're excited to have expanded our facility here at Fowler Farm. Come and visit our new office space at the bunkhouse, affectionately known as the "Treehouse," on the hill behind the arena! Students are welcome to use the restrooms and kitchen area, provided they clean up after themselves.



2010 Schedule of Events

All camps, clinics and shows (except saddle club shows and hunter paces) will take place at Fowler Farm as scheduled below. Current students at HorseSense Riding Academy may be eligible for discounted camp fees -- ask us for details! As always, we reserve the right to change dates/costs/details as required.

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
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 20
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	--

For entry forms and more information, please visit our website!
www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com