



## Camp Season Wraps Up



Another HorseSense camp season is in the books, and what a camp season it has been! We've been fortunate to have great campers, well-behaved ponies, invaluable Ground Buddies and somewhat cooperative weather throughout the summer.

**Rising Riders** kicked off the season June 1 through 4, looking impressively confident in the saddle by Saturday's show. We can't wait to see what everyone can do when they've grown a bit taller!

Next up: our popular **Eventing Camp**, held June 7 through 11, culminating with the **Combined Test** competition. We had six talented campers who worked hard all week on their dressage, cross-country, stadium jumping and horse management skills... and a *very* exciting Combined Test in which we had to break multiple ties! Congratulations to our co-champions, **Kendall Lee** and **Maggie Ringley**.

After one short week it was back into the swing of things with our first **Novice Camp** on June 21-25. We saw some great riding skills in this one—even a few "accidental" canters! We love our returning campers and it looks as though we're going to have to offer an Intermediate camp for next summer...

Following Novice Camp we held our first ever **Level Up Camp** from June 28 - July 1, which was a *huge* success—six out of our seven campers earned ribbons, and progress was made both in the saddle AND in Horsekeeping skills. We believe a true horseman is as knowledgeable in the barn as he is skilled in the saddle, and it was exciting to see our students demonstrate so much enthusiasm for learning!

No time to rest: the following week was our second **Novice Camp**, with six more campers and a full team of boys! Then on July 14-17 it was time for our personal favorite, **Quadrille Camp**. Blessed with some cool weather, our campers did their usual stellar job of forming drill teams and choreographing their songs, delivering a great performance after just 24 hrs of planning. Finally, we had our last camp of the year, **Rising Riders II** on July 27-30, with a fun mix of new and returning riders.

Thanks to all of our campers, students, parents, *and especially our wonderful Ground Buddies* for making our 2011 season a success!



### CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving  
new Levels since April:

**Rainbow Level:**

Halle Chason

**Red Horsemanship:**

Jenny Lee

Momo Lee

**Blue Horsemanship:**

Maura Davis

**Orange Horsemanship:**

Holly Kamin

Shayla Finley

**Red Horsekeeping**

Elodie Frazier

Katie Kiker

**Yellow Horsekeeping**

Maura Davis

Maggie Ringley

Shayla Finley

Our next ribbon day will be Oct 8, 2011.

## Time to Party at the Barn!

Barn parties are a great way to socialize with fellow horsepeople, eat good food, and Get Stuff Done. We have two events on the horizon:

### Aug 20—Save the Trails Workday

Summer storms have left our trails impassable! We love our riding trails, and need help clearing them before peak trail riding season in fall foliage. There will be a job for everyone, but we also need capable chainsaw-wielders for the larger trees. We will meet at **3pm** and work until **5:30**, followed by a pot-luck supper and, if we get enough of the trail cleared, a celebratory trail ride! Beverages will be provided. Please RSVP if you think you can help!

### Sept 17—We-Survived-Summer Barn Party

Help us prepare for the schooling show at our annual workday. All members of the HorseSense Family—students, family and friends—are invited to come spruce up jumps, share a pot-luck dinner, and celebrate the welcome arrival of autumn. The party will start at **2pm** and go until **7pm**. Free riding time available for all workers!



### Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show is Just Around the Corner!



Mark your calendars! Our popular Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show will be taking place at Fowler Farm on Saturday, Oct 8. This relaxed and low-key show is a great introduction to competition for both horse and rider. Classes will be offered for equitation on the flat and over fences, with a third division featuring some of our favorite mounted games. With four leadline classes,

even our youngest riders can join in the fun! Ribbons will be awarded to all competitors, with a Champion and Reserve Champion awarded at the end of the show.

The closing date for the show is **Oct 1, 2011**, with late entries subject to a \$5 late fee, so get your paperwork in early! School horses are available for each class on a first-come, first-served basis. If you or your child would like to compete, please let Nikki know ASAP!

For the class list, forms and more information, check out:

[www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/schoolingshow.htm](http://www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/schoolingshow.htm)



### Beat the Heat!

Summer vacation is nearly over, but we all know the southern heat can continue well into September. Here are a few tips to help you keep your cool in the saddle:

-  Drink plenty of fluids, starting the day *before* your lesson. Unfortunately, soda does not count! Carbonated beverages *dehydrate* you and will leave you too drained to ride. Stick with a refillable water bottle, with the occasional sports drink such as Gatorade.
-  Riding in a sand arena is just like being on the beach, only without the ocean! Wear 15 SPF or higher sunblock, and reapply it as needed.
-  Wear lightweight and light-colored clothing. We do allow students to ride in tank tops through the summer, but no bare midriffs, please—and leave your shorts in the barn!
-  Put a damp, folded paper towel in a plastic baggie and stick it in the freezer. Before you ride, remove the frozen baggie and place it inside your helmet.
-  Mist yourself AND your horse off with the hose as needed!

### Horses for Lease and Sale

Have you dreamed of having a horse of your own? 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 school 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 have a potential half-lease available on Fowler Farm's black Arabian gelding, **Lu Nor Halik**, for a qualified student. Halik is an old campaigner with years of Pony Club, jumping, dressage, games and trail riding behind him. He has been out of work for almost a year and will need to be *slowly* brought back into condition. At 14.3hh, he is a perfect size for a child or a small adult!

Lessees should be enrolled in regular lessons, well-matched

with the horse and prepared to participate in our stable management co-op. Green Level in both Horsemanship and Horsekeeping is preferred. For more information, please visit our website at [www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/horses\\_sale\\_lease.htm](http://www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/horses_sale_lease.htm)

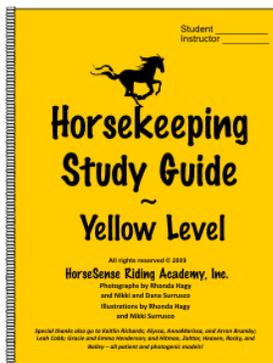
After four great months with Jody, **Baileys on the rocks** is back on the market and needs a home ASAP! Bailey is a 15.2hh Thoroughbred gelding, 14 years old, with hunter pace and lower-level eventing experience. Jumps 3', currently barefoot, and FULL of personality. Bailey is eager to please and forward, and prefers a confident rider with a steady leg. Sale price of **\$1800** is very negotiable to a good home—will consider a free lease to the right person! Contact Nikki at **(706) 636-2123** or at [gamespony@yahoo.com](mailto:gamespony@yahoo.com) if interested.



**Welcome to our new students: Lucy, Katie and Annalise! We hope you enjoy all that HorseSense has to offer.**



### New Study Guides Available!



The Yellow Level study guides are finished at last! We have **Yellow Horsekeeping** guides printed and available for immediate purchase; **Yellow Horsemanship** is in production and will be here by September 1, along with **revised Red Level** booklets.

HorseSense study guides are designed to be a supplement to regular lessons, and are particularly useful for students with irregular riding schedules. Each

requirement of the Levels program is explained in detail, with dozens of illustrations, photographs, and suggestions for home practice. Great for students who want to accelerate their progress through the levels, and **strongly recommended** for Horsekeeping students as a primary study aid.

Study guides are \$8 each, or two for \$15. You can pick them up at the bunkhouse or purchase them online:

[www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/studyguides.htm](http://www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/studyguides.htm)

### 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 **August 30-September 6**, as Nikki will be out of town. Lessees may still ride this week, provided they have adult supervision.
- \* There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Sept 10** due to our field trip to the American Eventing Championships!
- \* There will be no *afternoon* lessons available Saturday, **Aug 20** and Saturday, **Sept 17** due to our barn workdays. Lessons will still be available in the morning both days.
- \* There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Oct 1** due to the In Unison Farm Hunter Pace, and Saturday, **Oct 8** due to our schooling show.
- \* Pending the availability of the course, lessons may be unavailable one Sunday in late Sept due to cross-country schooling. Makeup lessons will be available.

Call or email Nikki for more information!

## Class Schedule Summer/Fall 2011

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](http://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 & Purple Level, ages 8 and up

### Advanced

Teal Level, ages 8 and up

Sun @ 3:30pm

1/2 hr, \$20

Fri @ 11am

1/2 hr, \$20

Wed @ 4:30pm, Sun @ 2:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Wed @ 10am, Fri @ 10am

45min, \$25

Sun @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Fri @ 5:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Wed @ 2pm

1 hr, \$30

Private Lessons Available:

Call Nikki for availability

Select Saturdays; Thurs @ 10am; Thurs @ 4:30pm

1hr, \$35

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



### 2011 Schedule of Events

Fall is an exciting season at HorseSense, with special events at every turn! Please let us know if you are interested in any of the following:

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**Field Trip to the American Eventing Championships.** Come watch Olympic riders in action! We will take as many students as possible to Chattahoochee hills with us on **Sept 10**. *Parents, please let us know if you can help carpool.*
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**Cross-country Schooling at Chattahoochee Hills.** We will be putting together a trip for Purple Level Students and above to school the course at Chattahoochee Hills following the Championships in late September. Exact date and time TBA, depending on when the course officially reopens. There is a \$50 schooling fee, and riders will need to provide a protective vest. Please let Nikki know ASAP if you are interested so we can coordinate trailering!
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**In Unison Farms Hunter Pace.** Our biannual excursion to the beautiful Kingston Downs will take place on **Oct 1**. We want to take as many qualified students as possible (riders should have **strong** cross-country skills, Orange Level or above) but horses and trailering, as always, are available on a limited first-come, first-served basis.



Above: Holly and Chase are all about color-coordination!  
Below: The Party Animals perform at Quadrille camp.

*We've done a little more tweaking to our 2011 schedule—for more information and entry forms, be sure to check out our website. As always, we reserve the right to change dates/costs/details as required.*

**REMEMBER: Effective Jan 1, 2011, paperwork for camps and shows must be turned in by the deadline to avoid a \$5 late fee!**

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Aug 20	*	Save the Trails Workday		
Aug 20	*	HorseSense Clinic: Health & Vet Care	15.00 or 2/20.00	Aug 18
Sept 10	*	Field trip: US Nat'l Eventing Championships (Chattahoochee Hills, GA)		
Sept 17	*	HorseSense Clinic: Hoof Care	15.00 or 2/20.00	Sept 15
Sept 17	*	We-Survived-Summer Barn Party	n/c	--
Oct 1	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace (Kingston) - must be Orange Level or above		
Oct 8	*	Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show	5.00/class	Oct 1
Oct 22	*	HorseSense Clinic: Horse Behavior & Safety	15.00 or 2/20.00	Oct 20
Oct 29	*	Trick or Treat Games Competition	20.00	Oct 22
Nov 12 - Nov 13	*	Mounted Games Camp	85.00	Nov 5
Nov 19	*	Mock Foxhunt at Flat Branch Farm	10.00	Nov 12
Dec 11	*	Holiday Barn Party	n/c	---



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