



We came, we rode, we conquered!

More pictures of the HorseSense show team in action on pg. 2

Camp Season Wraps Up

It's hard to believe that camp season is over already—we've enjoyed full camps all summer with smiling faces and huge achievements! We kicked off the year with a group of impressive Rising Riders, who were all able to trot off the leadline and tackle ground pole courses by the end of the week. June welcomed new faces as well as old in our first Novice Camp of the summer. Everyone was excited to take their skills out into the wide open spaces on trail riding day, and we even had a few first canters!

Many of our regular students, as well as our friends from Southern Star Farm, joined us for an intense four days of Level Up Camp on June 20-23. Participants studied horsekeeping principles as well as practicing their dressage, jumping and cross-country, making huge progress toward their next Levels. Extra kudos to Maggie for learning to stick to a refusal with style!

July saw a second round of Novice and Rising Rider Camps, full of spectacular tie-dye, horseless high-jump competition, and lots of great riding. Finally, our Quadrille campers put on a great show, choreographing complex long pieces of music as a team and performing on Sunday afternoon. Look for video of "Masquerade," "The Sundancers" and "The Blues Brothers" online via our Facebook page.

Huge thanks to our new and returning campers, who amaze us with their ever-growing horsey knowledge; to the parents and grandparents that make summer camp possible; to our hard-working Ground Buddies; and to our talented photographers, Maura and KK. Be sure to check out pictures from the whole season on our HorseSense Facebook page!

CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving new Levels since April:

Red Horsemanship:

Brandy Yates
Halle Chason
Isabelle Campbell
Laura Sutton
Molly O'Sullivan
Rachel Panettiere
Savannah Howell

Green Horsemanship:

Lucy Sabine
Marissa McAuliffe

Orange Horsemanship:

Brandy Yates
Maura Davis

Red Horsekeeping

Elodie Frazier
Marissa McAuliffe

Yellow Horsekeeping

Amber Jeffares
Elodie Frazier

Blue Horsekeeping

Maura Davis

Our next ribbon day will be Sept 29, 2012.

Join us for the American Eventing Championships!



We had such a great time visiting the AECs, held at Chattahoochee Hills in Fairburn, GA, that we're planning a return trip on Sept 8. Come watch some of the best eventers in the nation take on upper-level stadium jumping, walk the beautiful cross-country course, and shop 'til you drop at the extensive trade fair. **We have room to take three students -- more if another family can drive;** please let us ASAP know if you'd like to go or can offer transportation!



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HorseSense Show Team Rocks at Rivermont

On April 21, 2012, the HorseSense show team made a trip to Rivermont Farms in Lyerly, GA, to compete in a hunter/jumper show. Riders Holly, Amber, Heather, Maura, and Maggie entered both flat and jumping classes on our hard-working Paints, Petey and Chase—and yes, both horses were sparkling white! Although there were plenty of show nerves for everyone, our girls demonstrated determination, good horsemanship, grace under pressure and excellent sportsmanship all throughout the show. An extra shout-out goes to Holly for her triumph over the Very Scary Stone Wall, even after getting up-close-and-personal with the arena footing!

Huge thanks to Rob Ringley for his tire changing skills, to Brian McAvoy and Doug Richards for their eleventh-hour work on our trailer doors, and to Isabel Ringley for the beautiful photos—check out our Facebook page for the full album!



We've Got Boots!

Outgrowing your riding clothes? Be sure to check out our box of gently-used items—we currently have several pairs of paddock boots, riding tights, and suede half-chaps! Child and small adult sizes. All items \$5.

We're also cleaning out the tack room this summer and have many items priced to sell. 15" leadline saddle, brand new white polo wraps, nice leather breastplates, stirrup irons, Wintec gullet plates and more! Contact Nikki at gamespony@yahoo.com for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to one of our very first students, Kaitlin, for her marriage to Darrin Canote! KK has been riding with us since she was nine years old, and will be attending Berry College with her wonderful hubby in the fall. We'll be rooting for her to make the Berry Equestrian team!

...and to Elodie, who has taken over the half-lease on Hitman. Elodie earned her lease through lots of studying and progress in her Horsekeeping levels. We're excited to watch this pair turn into a team!

Over-the-Rainbow Schooling Show Full of Sun & Smiles

We had a great turnout for our Over the Rainbow Schooling Show held on May 19, a spring show with a colorful twist. Riders were permitted to dress outside the realm of traditional show attire, and competed as teams while earning individual ribbons. We especially enjoyed the bareback Ride-a-Buck costume classes, which were full of creative entries!

Congratulations to our high-point winners, Team D, made up of Maura Davis, Elodie Frezier and Isabelle Campbell, and to Shayla Finley for winning the prize for Best Costume. All points from this show roll over into our Not-Your-Typical schooling show held in Sept, where we will determine the Grand and Reserve champions for the year!



WELCOME

to our new students: Amy, Hannah, Kadence, Lexi, Mary Elizabeth and Megan! We hope you enjoy all that HorseSense has to offer.



Beat the Heat!



This summer has already been a sizzler, and we can expect the hot weather to stick around until late September. Here are a few tips and reminders to help you keep your cool in the saddle:

-  Hydration, as always, is *extremely* important. Drink plenty of fluids, starting the day *before* your lesson. Please steer clear of soda—carbonated beverages dehydrate you and will leave you too drained to ride. Students should come to lessons with a labeled, refillable bottle of water... and drink it!
-  Horses, just like children, are not designed to work well in extreme heat. If we decide it is too hot to safely ride in the arena, lessons will be modified to include hacking on the trail and unmounted barn sessions. This is a great time to catch up on some Horsekeeping skills and horsey knowledge.
-  Lightweight clothing is a must; tank tops are fine, but don't forget the sunblock. You may bring shorts to change into for unmounted sessions.
-  Finally, be prepared to get wet. Rides will include a hose-down and periodic splash breaks; beginner ground lessons may include some pony bathing.

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 the afternoon of Saturday, **Aug 25**, due to our Level Up Clinic and night ride.
-  There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Sept 8** due to our field trip to the American Eventing Championships!
-  There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Sept 15** due to our Level Up Clinic/barn workdays. Students are encouraged to attend the clinic and/or stay for the barn party (which includes the usual free ride for hard workers).
-  There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Sept 29** or Sunday, **Sept 30**, due to our fall schooling show. (As always, horses and people need a day to recover!) Don't forget that the show is open to ALL students.
-  There will be no lessons available Saturday, **Oct 6** due to the In Unison Farm's hunter pace.

Call or ask Nikki for more information!

Class Schedule Summer/Fall 2012

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 & Yellow Level, ages 8 and up

Junior Beginner

Red & Yellow Level, ages 6-8

Intermediate

Green & Blue 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

Advanced (Orange/Teal Level) on Wed; Novice (Red/Blue Level) on Thurs

Sun @ 3:30pm

1/2 hr, \$20

Wed @ 4:30pm, Fri @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Fri @ 10am, Sun @ 2:30pm

1/2hr, \$20

Thurs @ 4:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Sun @ 5:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Fri @ 5:30pm

1 hr, \$30

Wed @10am, Thurs @10am

Private Lessons Available:

Call Nikki for availability

Select Saturdays; Wed @ 5:30pm, Thurs @11am

Private Lesson fees: 1hr, \$40; 15-30 min Rising Rider, \$25

As of Aug 1, 2012,
our classes are
nearly full! Thanks
to our loyal students
for spreading the
word about
HorseSense.



Upcoming Events at HorseSense Riding Academy:

Level Up Clinics



Ready to Level Up and earn ribbons for your achievements? We have several one-day clinic opportunities on the horizon. On **August 25**, beat the heat with an intensive Horsekeeping-Only session, from 1-5pm, focusing on horse care and stable management skills. This is a great chance to catch up on your unmounted knowledge! Stay after the clinic for a potluck supper and a ride in the cool of the evening, free for all clinic participants. **Only \$20!** RSVP by **Aug 18** to attend.

Due to the huge turnout in our spring clinic and summer Level Up Camp, we've added another clinic to the schedule. Come join us on the morning of **September 15** from 9am to 1pm, for a riding lesson as well as Horsekeeping instruction and a "test" session to earn checkmarks towards your next level. In order to hold this clinic, we need a **minimum of three participants** to RSVP by **Sept 10**. Bring a lunch, and stay for an afternoon of schooling show prep and barn party fun!

For more information, please visit:
www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/levelup_barnparties.htm

Fall Schooling Show

Mark your calendars! Our popular Not-So-Typical



Schooling Show will be taking place on Saturday, September 29. 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, and a third division featuring some of our favorite mounted games. With several leadline classes, even our youngest riders can join

in the fun! Ribbons will be awarded to all competitors; high point winners from our schooling show series will be awarded Champion and Reserve Champion at the conclusion of all show classes.

The closing date for the show is **Sept 26, 2012**, with late entries subject to a \$10 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 classlist, forms and more information, check out:
www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/schoolingshow.htm

Event and Clinic Schedule

Don't forget to get your forms in by the deadline to avoid the late fee!

DATE		EVENT or CLINIC	COST	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Aug 25	*	Level Up Clinic (Horsekeeping Only)/Night Ride	20.00/free	Aug 18
Sept 8	*	Field trip: US Nat'l Eventing Championship (Chattahoochee Hills, GA)		Sep 1
Sept 15	*	Level Up Clinic/We-Survived-Summer Barn Party	40.00/free	Sep 10
Sept 29	*	Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show	10.00 + 5.00/class	Sep 26
Oct 6	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace (Kingston)--must be Orange Level or above		Sep 28
Oct 27	*	Trick or Treat Games Competition	20.00	Oct 20
Nov 10	*	Level Up Clinic/Bonfire/Trail Ride	40.00/free	Nov 3
Nov 17	*	Mock Foxhunt at Flat Branch Farm	10.00	Nov 10
Dec 15	*	Holiday Barn Party	free	Dec 8

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