



We Came, We Showed, We Conquered

The HorseSense show team proved once more that they can handle a little adversity, overcoming cancellations, pouring rain and sizzling heat to show successfully at both of our spring outings. First up: a wet weekend of cross-country schooling and combined test competition at **Chattahoochee Hills** on **April 18th**. **Katie** and **Stormy** dominated the weekend, placing first and second in their Tadpole and 2'6" show jumping classes, but we were also proud of **Lexi** (with a little help from **Biscuit**) and **Jay the Wonder Pony** (with a lot of help from **Rebecca**) in their eventing debuts! Splashing through the water complex was a highlight of the trip; we look forward to schooling at Chatt Hills again this fall, hopefully in drier conditions.

We traveled to Cartersville and **North Atlanta Equestrian** on **May 9** for another schooling show adventure. **Katie** successfully piloted her green pony **Bo** to a second place in the Amoeba division; **Momo** and **Coby** successfully completed their Tadpole combined test to earn fourth place; **Maura** and **Biscuit** also placed fourth in their Intro C dressage test; and HorseSense alumni **Kendall** and **Nikki** placed first and second in the Beginner Novice division.

Thanks to **Hollie**, **Rebecca** and **Brent** for their efforts in making these trips possible, and to our hard-working Ground Buddies, **Marissa**, **Mia** and **Journey**. We will be showing again this fall, with trips planned to **Rivermont** on **Sept 5** and **Chatt Hills** on **Nov 14**.



Interested in showing, but not ready to join the show team quite yet? **Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show** is just around the corner! Held on **Sept 20**, our annual fall show features classes for all levels, leadline through 3' jumpers, and is just **\$5 a class**. For more information, please visit: www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/schoolingshow.htm

Fun in the Sun at HorseSense Day Camp

We had a blast with both our new and returning campers at our **Advanced Beginners Camp**, held **June 9-13**. Our cheerful, entertaining campers learned basic drill team maneuvers, jumped, tackled a tricky mounted games course, and rode over hill and dale (without their saddles!) before putting on a great demonstration for friends and family during the Saturday show. Highlights from **Maura's** epic camp photography can be seen on our Facebook page—she will be available to shoot individual photo CDs at our Level Up and Rising Rider camps in July, so be sure to contact her if you'd like one of your child!



Our Level Up and Rising Rider camps are now FULL— but let us know if you'd like to be added to a waiting list. **Quadrille Camp spots are going fast, so get those forms in soon!**

CONGRATULATIONS

*to the following students for achieving
new Levels since March*

Rainbow Level:

Addison Smith

Red Horsemanship:

Abi Call

Alyssa Pegg

Amanda Settel

Lauren Smith

Lydia Hyde

Yellow Horsemanship:

Eli Gibson

Grace Settel

Orange Horsemanship:

Abigail Cantlay

Lauren Cole

Purple Horsemanship:

Momo Lee



Red Horsekeeping:

Ashlynn Poole

Yellow Horsekeeping:

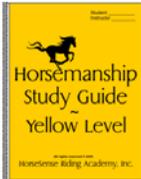
Mary Elizabeth Walker

Green Horsekeeping:

Lauren Cole



Summer Horsekeeping Contest



School's out and summer is a great time to expand your horsey knowledge. HorseSense students can participate in our third annual **Horsey-Know-It-All** contest for a chance to earn Horsekeeping ribbons and cool prizes. The winning student is the one who earns the most checkmarks in their Horsekeeping

booklet during the months of June and July.

As always, students are welcome to borrow books from our extensive lending library as needed. **We have printed and/or online study guides available for Rainbow through Green levels**, and a list of recommended reading on our website.

Don't have a Horsekeeping booklet started? Ask Nikki or Dana for one and start your journey of becoming a well-rounded equestrian!

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/LearningLevels.htm

Boss Mares Return October 24

We enjoyed a beautiful spring day with some of our favorite **Boss Mares** on May 30, full of mounted games, good food, morning yoga and lots of girl talk! Big thanks to **Rhonda**, who spent the morning as official photographer before saddling up to join our afternoon ride.

We're already looking forward to our next gathering, tentatively scheduled for **Oct 24**. Our fall clinic includes two mounted sessions and the usual unmounted festivities followed by an optional wine-and-cheese potluck in the evening. Overnight sleepovers are available. School horses are available for the clinic on a first-come, first-served basis, so be sure to register by Oct 17.

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/BossMares.htm



*We enjoyed a wonderful day of mounted games at our **Spring Fling Competition** on May 2! Congratulations to the **Spring Riders**, the **Mayflowers**, and the **Wildflowers** for their first place finishes in the Leadline, Novice and Masters divisions... as well as chief Unicorn Tamer, **Grace**, for winning the Judge's Choice award for her colorful attire.*

Join the Party September 12

What better way to celebrate the end of a long, hot summer than a barn party? Our annual **We-Survived-Summer** party will be held **Sept 12**, starting at **2pm** with a community workday to get our farm and jumps beautiful in preparation for the fall show. Following a potluck supper at 5pm, a free ride is available for all volunteers, in the cooler evening hours of 6-8pm. All students, families and friends are invited! We ask that all attendees wear barn-safe shoes, and **please RSVP**.

Wrap-It-Up Clinic August 22

By popular request, we've added a **bandaging clinic** to our late summer schedule. Appropriate for all students working on Green Horsekeeping skills and up, as well as current and prospective horse owners, the clinic will cover basic equine bandaging skills, including safe bandaging techniques, selection of materials, stable and polo wraps,



and specialty bandages for hooves, knees and hocks. The clinic will begin at **10am on Saturday, August 22** and run until **12pm**. \$20 per participant; all materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own bandaging supplies. A minimum of three participants is required; RSVP by **August 18**.



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 during the camp hours of 9am-4pm **July 8-11**, due to our **Red/Yellow Level Up Camp**. Afternoon classes will still take place at their regularly scheduled time unless you hear otherwise.
- 🐾 There will be no morning lessons **July 22-25** due to our **Rising Rider Camp**. Afternoon classes will still take place at their regularly scheduled time.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons the evening of Fri, **July 31**, or all day **Aug 1-2** due to our **Quadrille Camp**. All students are invited to come and watch the Friday and/or Sunday performances... quadrille campers love an audience!
- 🐾 There will tentatively be no lessons Saturday, **Sept 5** due to our show team's plans to compete in the **Rivermont Schooling Show**. Makeup lessons may be available the following week.
- 🐾 There will be no lessons the afternoon of Saturday, **Sept 12** due to our **End-of-Summer Barn Party**. Free riding will be available for all party attendees who come early to participate in our community workday!

Beat the Heat

Hot weather is here to stay—here are a few tips to you keep your cool in the saddle this summer:



- 🐾 Hydration, as always, is extremely important. Drink plenty of **water**, starting the day before your lesson. Students should come to lessons with a labeled, refillable bottle of water... and drink it! (Please remember to collect your bottle from the arena/barn before you leave.)
- 🐾 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.
- 🐾 Be prepared to get wet! Lessons will include a pre-ride hose down and on the hottest days, period splash breaks. Wet paper towels, frozen in a plastic baggy, are great for wiping down mid-lesson or lining hot helmets.
- 🐾 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 groundwork and unmounted barn sessions. This is a great time to catch up on some Horsekeeping skills and horsey knowledge.

Class Schedule Summer 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 Red Level, ages 5-8

Advanced Beginner

Green through Blue Level, ages 8 and up

Intermediate

Orange & Purple Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced

Teal Level, ages 10 and up

Homeschooler's Special

Red through Green Level, all ages

Wed @ 5:30pm

1/2 hr, \$20

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

1 hr, \$30

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

1 hr, \$30

Sun @ 5:15pm

1 hr, \$30

Wed @ 2:30; Fri @ 11am

45min, \$25

Private Lessons Available:

Call for availability

Select Thursdays & Saturdays

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

We will have a couple of new lesson slots opening up the second full week of August—please call or email to reserve your spot and/or schedule an assessment lesson!



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
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
AUG 22	*	Wrap-It-Up Clinic	20.00	Aug 18
SEP 5	*	Rivermont Schooling Show, Lyerly, GA - Orange Level and above		Aug 15
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 24	*	Boss Mares Clinic & Potluck	60.00	Oct 17
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 limited 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



We had a lot of fun with Grace and Mia at their custom Power Up Camps this spring!

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