



First flight stands in a cloud of their own steam at the Mock Foxhunt at Flat Branch Farm. We enjoyed a great ride (and brunch!) despite the cold and rain, and all proceeds went towards local therapeutic riding center, Angels on Horseback. Thanks to the Lee family for hosting the hunt, and to all who helped with trailering!

It's All Fun and Games

HorseSense students demonstrated that they've got game at our annual Halloween mounted games competition held on Oct 30. Riders formed pairs and competed in the Novice (walk/trot/canter lightly) and Masters (fast and furious) divisions. Congratulations to our winners, **Cinderella's Entourage** (Amber Jeffares and Holly Kamin) and **Smashing Pumpkins** (Kaitlin Richards and Nikki Surrusco). Not only were we blessed with beautiful weather for Trick-or-Treat Games this year, but we were lucky to have Rebecca and Angela as official event photographers! Their action-packed photos, along with full results of the competition, can be found on our Facebook page.

We had two full teams for our Fall Games Camp, held on Nov 13-14. After a day and a half of intensive practice, the **Lightning Thieves** and the **Gremlins** faced off in an eleven-game tournament on Sunday afternoon. There were many exciting races, with the two teams running neck and neck, but in the end the Lightning Thieves emerged victorious. Congratulations go to all of our riders for their fast, clean and safe demonstration of games play, and special thanks to Carla for her photography skills. Check out our Facebook page for the full album of 200 photos!

On Nov 27, four riders participated in our Intro to Games Camp, developing their games skills at a slightly slower pace. After just one morning of practice, our two pairs teams had a chance to try their hand at competition in a seven-game tournament. **Double Trouble** edged the **Chunky Monkeys** for the blue ribbons, but special kudos go to Katie Courtney for playing the whole day on her four-year-old "baby," Apple. We think Apple is going to be a great games pony with a little more experience under her belt!

Nikki and Brandy make their annual voyage to Mounted Games Across America's Snowball Series over New Year's weekend, and then we've got a few months off before games season begins again. Check out our Calendar of Events on page 4 for more fun and games in 2011!



CONGRATULATIONS

to the following students for achieving
new Levels since Sept:

Rainbow Level:

Chloe Howard

Red Horsemanship:

Amber Jeffares

Holly Kamin

Marissa McAuliffe

Yellow Horsemanship:

Amber Jeffares

Elodie Frezier

Holly Kamin

Maura Davis

Green Horsemanship:

Amber Jeffares

Heather Courtney

Holly Kamin

Katie Kiker

Blue Horsemanship:

Amber Jeffares

Holly Kamin

Red Horsekeeping:

Amber Jeffares

Holly Kamin

Blue Horsekeeping:

Kaitlin Richards

Our next ribbon day will be April 9, 2011.



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page! Search for "HorseSense
Riding Academy", or type in:

<http://www.facebook.com/HorseSenseRidingAcademy>



Ground Games Camp is Back!

Cold and rainy season is upon us. You may not be spending as many hours in the saddle, but that doesn't mean you need to put your horse out to pasture! Ground training is the foundation for all good riding, and a fun and rewarding way of improving your relationship with your horse.

Our weekend Ground Games Camp focuses on a wide variety of ground training skills, including equine learning theory, basic natural horsemanship techniques, clicker training and trick training. You will make your own rope halter and spend hours each day playing with your horse! Camp runs from 9am to 4pm on **Saturday** and **Sunday**, and includes entry in the **Ground Games Tournament** on Sunday afternoon.

Only \$55 for the weekend!



Overnights in the bunkhouse are available for an additional fee. School horses will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Forms are due by **January 29**.

The Rider's Bookshelf

Have you checked out the HorseSense lending library? We have a wide variety of books located in the bunkhouse which may be loaned out to responsible students free of charge. Some of our top picks include:

- * **The USPC Manuals of Horsemanship**—Excellent how-to books suitable for both children and adults. Start at **D Level** and work your way up to the advanced level of horsemanship presented at **B/A Level**.
- * **Happy Horsemanship**—A fun and comically illustrated book of riding just for kids! This one is a favorite with our Rising Riders.
- * **A Very Young Rider**—Ride along with young rider Vivi Malloy as she gives you an inside look into the world of riding, training and showing your own pony.
- * **The Ultimate Horse Book**—An introduction to dozens of different breeds of horses and ponies.



We also have many back issues of equine magazines that are **free to a good home!** Check out the boxes of *Equus*, *Horse Illustrated* and *Practical Horseman* located on the front porch, and help yourself. Winter is a great time to do some reading and expand your Horse Sense.

Want to build a library of your own? Look no further than our website; all of our favorite titles are listed there in partnership with Amazon.com.

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/coolstuff_LLbooks.htm



The HorseSense crew is all smiles after the In Unison Farm hunter pace at Kingston Downs. Congratulations to KK and Rayne for their blue ribbons in the Gone Away division! Also participating were Brandy in Gone Away; Nancy, Terry, Angela and Shayla in Cast and Run; and Nikki, Dana and Kendall in the Bluebird division.

New and Noteworthy in 2011

Making goals and plans for the new year? So are we, and we're looking forward to some exciting new additions to the HorseSense lineup in 2011.

Outside Shows—Our show season was extremely limited due to the Big Move of 2010, and will continue to be somewhat limited due to the demands of operating the riding school, but we intend to take qualified students to a **minimum** of one eventing competition in 2011. Students should possess strong and independent riding skills (preferably Orange level and above), be able to pay all entries and related fees, and be willing to participate fully in the show experience, including preparatory training, tack cleaning, grooming and packing/trailer. Coaching fees may be waived for families who are willing to transport horses for us. Please let Nikki know if you're interested!

Level Up Camp—You asked for an intermediate-level summer camp, and we've come up with an idea that we hope will fill everyone's needs: Level Up Camp, to be held as half-days June 28 through July 1. This flexible camp allows students to choose 1-4 days of riding and unmounted instruction geared towards accelerating their progress through the levels. All riders who have passed Red Horsemanship requirements may attend.

American Eventing Championships—Mark your calendars for an exciting September field trip to see the best of the best compete at Chattahoochee Hills. Olympians will be present!

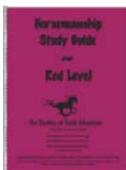


Unit Studies Available for Homeschoolers

Our new Unit Study program is a fun learning experience based on our own homeschooling experience: we figured out many years ago that kids learn best when the subject matter is something that appeals to them! We use hands-on activities, games, crafts, and friendly team challenges to teach kids about horses in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere. The program reinforces many educational skills, including math, reading, writing, and animal sciences; not to mention the skills necessary for working with horses, such as responsibility, teamwork, sportsmanship, and time management.

For more information, please visit our website:

www.HorseSenseRidingAcademy.com/unitstudy.htm



Don't forget that we have study guides to help you progress through the levels! Revised *Red Horsemanship* and *Horsekeeping* will be available Feb 1. *Yellow Level* coming soon!

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 Saturday, **Feb 5** or Sunday, **Feb 6**, due to Ground Games camp. Makeup lessons may be available on the preceding Thursday.
- * There will be no lessons Saturday, **Mar 5** or Sunday, **Mar 6**, due to Dressage camp. Makeup lessons may be available on the preceding Thursday.
- * There will be no lessons Saturday, **Mar 26** or Sunday, **Mar 27**, due to Mounted Games camp. Makeup lessons may be available on the preceding Thursday.

Bring a Friend and Save!

Help us fill our classes by introducing the joys of horseback riding to your friends. **If you recommend HorseSense Riding Academy to a friend and they sign up for weekly lessons, you will receive one FREE lesson.** Help us get the word out and save!

Class Schedule Winter 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

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 Level, ages 8 and up

Advanced

Purple/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

Thurs @ 10am

1 hr, \$30

Private Lessons Available:

Check website or call Nikki for availability

Select Saturdays; *all others slots are full until further notice!*

1hr, \$35

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



2011 Schedule of Events

The dates for our 2011 camps, clinics and shows have been tentatively set! Entry forms and details are available on our website. Occasionally, stuff happens, so we reserve the right to change dates/costs/details as required.

NOTE: 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
Jan 22	*	HorseSense Clinic: Stable Mgmt/Budgeting	15.00 or 2/20.00	Jan 20
Feb 5-6	*	Ground Games Camp	55.00	Jan 29
Feb 19	*	HorseSense Clinic: Conditioning	15.00 or 2/20.00	Feb 17
Mar 5-6	*	Dressage Camp	85.00	Feb 26
Mar 12	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace (Kingston) - must be Orange Level or above		
Mar 19	*	HorseSense Clinic: Gaits & Movement	15.00 or 2/20.00	Mar 17
Mar 26-27	*	Mounted Games Camp	85.00	Mar 19
Apr 9	*	Spring Barn Party	n/c	---
Apr 9	*	HorseSense Clinic: Health & Vet Care	15.00 or 2/20.00	Apr 7
Apr 16-17	*	Show Jumping Camp	85.00	Apr 9
May 7	*	Intro to Mounted Games Camp	55.00	Apr 30
May 14	*	HorseSense Clinic: Bandaging	15.00 or 2/20.00	May 6
May 25-28	*	Rising Riders Camp I	150.00	May 18
Jun 7-11	*	Eventing Camp	225.00	May 31
Jun 11	*	Open Combined Test	30.00 - 45.00	Jun 4
Jun 21-25	*	Novice Camp I	225.00	Jun 14
Jun 28-Jul 1	*	Level Up Camp	200.00 or 55.00/day	Jun 21
Jul 5-9	*	Novice Camp 2	225.00	Jun 28
Jul 14-17	*	Breyerfest Games Exhibition (KY Horse Park)		
Jul 22-24	*	Quadrille Camp	85.00	Jul 8
Jul 27 -30	*	Rising Riders Camp II	150.00	Jul 20
Aug 20	*	HorseSense Clinic: Tack & Grooming	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	*	Not-Your-Typical Schooling Show	5.00/class	Sept 24
Oct 8	*	In Unison Farm Hunter Pace (Kingston) - must be Orange Level or above		
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	---

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