

Benbrook Stables - Lessons: What to Expect

Our aim is to provide invaluable information for anyone with an equestrian interest. Whether you want to ride for pleasure or competition, are planning to purchase your first horse, want to brush up on forgotten skills, or just love horses and are ready to get started, we have a program for you. Our lessons focus on proper riding techniques, safety, daily care, grooming, tacking, nutrition, and total horsemanship. To help all of our students become accomplished horsemen, we will provide them with as many diverse riding experiences as possible. Therefore, you will enjoy riding one on one with the instructor, as well as with other students. You can also expect lessons to be spent in the arena, some focusing on groundwork while others being taught on the trails.

Lessons: What you can Expect

- ❖ Please do not follow a student to the arenas or lesson area. There is seating inside the office and outside at our pergola where you may wait until the end of the lesson. All guests not signed up for a lesson must remain in one of those areas.
- ❖ Grooming and tacking is not a one-time lesson. This is an extremely important aspect of learning to ride. You will learn to tack and untack your horse efficiently.
- ❖ Your instructor must be confident in your ability to control your horse before advancing to a faster gait. If you cannot turn or control your horse at a walk, you won't be able to do it at a trot! Don't worry, if you're not loping right away, you will be very soon!
- ❖ You may have any one of our talented instructors on different days. All of our instructors are very knowledgeable, experienced, and capable. They all bring different abilities and points of view to each lesson. Don't be afraid to try a new instructor!!
- ❖ You may or may not have the same horse in every lesson. Different horses will teach you different skills. You will find the type of horse and gait you are most comfortable with by riding various horses. This will greatly improve your riding ability and give you a greater knowledge of horses in general.

Scheduling and Cancellations:

- ❖ If you cancel a lesson, you must do so 24 hours before your scheduled time. Lessons canceled less than 24 hours prior, will be forfeited.
- ❖ Your check-in time is 15 minutes prior to your lesson. Lessons begin on the hour and are 45 minutes long. If you are late for a lesson, it will still end at the scheduled time.
- ❖ Lessons are never canceled due to inclement weather. Groundwork is an important part of learning to ride and will be taught on days when riding is not an option. Rainy day lessons may include feeding/nutrition, grooming, anatomy, horse health and maintenance, and an explanation of various horse disciplines.
- ❖ All scheduling must be done through the office, not the instructor. Call *817-249-1001* to schedule.
- ❖ Our lessons are meant to be fun and informative. Please feel free to provide any feedback you feel can help us improve.
- ❖ Lessons are \$60 when purchased individually, \$275 for a book of 5 or more, and \$85 for private. Lessons are cash only when purchasing one at a time.
- ❖ Lessons are Non-Transferrable to other family members, friends, or students. Prepaid lessons can not be used for any other activities.

Thank you for choosing Benbrook Stables. We hope you enjoy each and every lesson!