



2012 Horsemanship Series

Times and fees:

Sunday afternoons January through March

Levels 1 – 3: 12:30

Levels 4+: 2:00

Per class: \$15 per person. Max daily fee \$25.

Per series: one level: \$100, both levels: \$150

Notes:

- Be on time.

- Bring notebooks, pens, and clipboards.

- Dress warmly for in barn and arena activities.

Syllabus

January 8

Levels 1-3 Anatomy of the horse: basic parts
Horse colours and markings

Levels 4+ Anatomy: basic skeleton, tendons, ligaments
Foot and shoeing

January 15

Levels 1-3 Horse behavior
Approaching, leading, and tying
Quick release knot
Tying a hay net

Levels 4+ Gaits
Conformation
Horses' natural balance

January 22

Levels 1-3 Bedding
Feeding

Levels 4+ Digestive system
Signs of colic
Feeding

January 29

Levels 1-3 Tack: parts, fitting, adjustments, care

Levels 4+ Soundness and lameness
Stable bandaging, boots, polos
Different types of tack and uses

February 5

Levels 1-3 Rider position and faults
Straightness and bending
Aids
Gaits

Levels 4+ Jumping: phases, position, exercises,
gymnastics, distances
Aids

February 12

Levels 1-3 Arena rules
School figures
Warm-up and cool-down
Riding attire

Levels 4+ Practice rides
Conditioning schedule

February 19

Levels 1-3 Cleaning and grooming
Hoof structure and care

Levels 4+ Preventative medicine
First aid and TPR

February 26

Levels 1-3 Blanketing, winter care, turnout

Levels 4+ Bedding, stall mucking
Stable construction

March 4

- Levels 1-3 Vocabulary
Review and practice:
 - tying quick release knot
 - parts of horse and tack
- Levels 4+ Lunging of horse and rider

March 11

- All riders Competitive rider's planning meeting

March 18

- Levels 1-3 Exam review and prep
- Levels 4+ Exam review and prep

March 25

- All levels Rider Level Testing!!!
GRS School horses available for exams.

Sign-up required.

Examination fee TBC - based on number of candidates.

Candidates must be members of the OEF

