

BEGINNER HORSEBACK RIDING
Syllabus
2010

Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to basic horsemanship and beginner riding skills through working with horses on the ground as well as using mounted exercises. Topics learned will cover safety issues, basic horse health care, basic tack/equipment care, grooming, tacking, and mounted exercises at the walk and trot. Those who show promise for riding and who can demonstrate good solid control of their horse at the walk and trot may advance to learning to canter by the end of the course (you should be able to sit and post to the trot without your stirrups before I will let you canter.).

This syllabus is only a guideline and any or all course work is subject to change depending on class/individual advancement. Learning to ride is both a challenging and rewarding experience! Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

Course Objectives:

- Gain knowledge and safety skills in and around the barn
- Learn basic horse health care and the importance of grooming and proper equipment care
- Gain basic riding skills including tacking, walking, trotting, and horse care after the ride
- To have fun, learn and enjoy being around the horses!

Grading Policy:

Grades will depend on several factors, but primarily will be based on skill and knowledge gained. Students will also be evaluated on attitude and willingness to learn and help others. There will be one written knowledge test and three skills evaluations throughout the semester. I will also expect a journal of daily lessons (can be note form, but needs to show basic understanding of concepts and skills learned each lesson) to be handed in before the end of the semester.

Final:	20%
Skill/Attendance:	60%
Attitude:	10%
Journal:	10%

Attendance/absence Policy:

Attendance will be taken for each class. Students are allowed three unexcused absences. After three absences your grade will drop by 1/3. Missed classes will be made up only if time and/or horses are available. The instructor should be given in advance a notice of absence and intent to reschedule.

Facility Rules and Regulations:

- **NO SMOKING ON THE PROPERTY**
- Classes will be held at Quail Roost Riding School on Quail Roost Farm in Rougemont, NC.
- Please drive **slowly** into and out of the farm.
- Proper riding attire must be worn including pants, ASTM/SEI approved hard hat, and boots with a heel. Sandals, sneakers, cowboy boots, dress shoes or chunky shoes will not be allowed. Cell phones must be turned off while riding or working at our facility.
- Each student is responsible for his/her own transportation. Carpools should be established and make sure to notify others in your carpool if you have to miss a class.
- If UNC cancels classes due to inclement weather, then there will be no riding lesson that day. If you are unsure if there will be a class held during inclement weather, try the following: Call the barn # 919 477-8932, call the instructor, Kate, at 919 972-1932
- Be considerate, respectful and nice to all on the farm. Remember this is a working facility with several operations on one farm.

Horseback Riding Fee Policies:

1. The fee for the riding course is \$585.00. Fees may be paid by cash or check made out to UNC-CH. Students will receive a receipt for amount paid.
2. A deposit of **\$270.00 is due by Jan 15th, and \$315.00 due by Mar. 15th.**
3. ***Students who do not pay the fee will not be able to ride until course is paid for.***
4. Students who drop or withdraw from the class may request a refund from the Department of EXSS. Students will be refunded their fee minus a charge per class attended (as verified by the riding instructor) and a \$15.00 administrative fee.

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