

# Spring 2018

The **Spring Riding Session** runs 12 weeks starting Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and ending Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Make-up week starts Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. **Lessons** will be offered Monday - Friday 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm / Saturdays 9 am, 10 am, 11 am & 12:30 pm / Sundays 9:00 am, 10:00 am and 11:00 am. Registration will determine length of lesson (1 rider/30 minutes, 2 riders/45 minutes, 3 or 4 riders/full hour). **Private lessons**, specifically requested, will be scheduled where available.

The cost for the Spring Riding Session is \$1,140 (group or semi-private), \$1,260 (private ½ hour), \$1,680 (Private ¾ hour) and \$2,100 (private 1 hour), which covers 12 lessons. Spring lesson blocks must be used by June 16<sup>th</sup>. It is **your responsibility** to schedule make-ups prior to the end of the session. Availability cannot be guaranteed for more than one make-up lesson. If you wish to pay weekly, your spot is not guaranteed and scheduling will need to be done on a week by week basis. Adults can buy a block of 12 lessons and have 8 months to complete the lessons from the date of purchase.

The **EXCEL Program** is offered as an alternative to the Spring Riding Session. The EXCEL Program is scheduled upon request – subject to availability. Riders must be able to independently control their horse. Contact office for EXCEL Program details. The **Saddle-Up Program** is an introductory program which includes horsemanship and riding. Limit 3 riders per lesson. Sundays, May 13<sup>th</sup> – June 10<sup>th</sup> / 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm / 5 weeks for \$425. **Junior Stable Hand Program** - Approval Required - For ages 12 and up. Participant must be signed up for regular weekly lessons for the Spring Session and volunteer 1 – 2 hours per week for barn work. Participant will earn 1 free lesson at the end of the Spring Session

**Own-Your-Own-Horse for a Day** is a full day program designed to give the experience of horse ownership. Includes 2 riding lessons (AM & PM), feeding your horse, mucking stall, grooming, tacking & untacking and more! 8:30 am - 3:30 pm / lunch not provided / Weekdays March 12<sup>th</sup> – March 30<sup>th</sup> / \$350 / Space Limited

**Spring Horsemanship Riding Program** is a week long comprehensive program that includes 1 group riding lesson and countless horsemanship topics / 8 am – 12 noon / Ages 6 & up / Space limited / contact office for Registration form

## WAIVER PACKET:

An approved original Waiver Packet must be on file at least 1 week prior to start of lessons. Both parents are required to sign. Dates on signature page of Hold Harmless Agreement must show that both parents have had the document for at least 24 hours.

## PAYMENT:

Payment in full is required to reserve a weekly lesson. If you wish to pay weekly, your spot is not guaranteed and scheduling will need to be done on a week by week basis. Credit card payments must be made in person. If you wish to pay by phone, a \$50 surcharge will be added to the transaction.

## EQUIPMENT:

Long pants and closed-toe, hard-soled shoes/boots with a slight heel are required attire in order to participate. No sneakers! We will supply a helmet for the first lesson, but riders will be required to purchase their own helmets if they continue.

## CANCELLATION POLICY:

In order to cancel a lesson, clients must call the office at **203-322-4984** or email us at [meadfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:meadfarm@hotmail.com) at least 24 hours prior to a scheduled lesson. Please be aware that lessons canceled less than 24 hours prior to a lesson time and “No Shows” will be charged in full.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER:

Lessons are “on as scheduled” unless you are notified by Mead Farm. We will contact you if riding lessons are canceled for that day. Horsemanship will be offered in lieu of riding on days of inclement weather. The first horsemanship class for each session is mandatory. Each subsequent horsemanship class offered is optional at the \$70 rate.

Mead Farm reserves the right to substitute a comparable instructor without prior notification.

**Full payment is required with submission of registration form.**

MEAD FARM / 107 June Rd, Stamford, CT 06903 / Tel: (203) 322-4984 / Fax: (203) 321-1051

Email: [meadfarm@hotmail.com](mailto:meadfarm@hotmail.com) / [www.meadfarm.com](http://www.meadfarm.com)

# The EXCEL Program at MEAD FARM

Weekly session includes Riding Lesson and Horsemanship

3-4 riders required for 2 hour session

2 riders - 1 1/2 hour session

1 rider - 1 hour session

No make-ups or carryovers permitted

All prepaid lessons are non-refundable

Program meets weekly regardless of weather

In the case of inclement weather, the session will be horsemanship only.

**10 weeks for \$1,600 / 11 weeks for \$1,760 / 12 weeks for \$1,920**

## Sessions:

Scheduled upon request – subject to availability

## Requirements:

Riders must be able to independently control their horse.

## Equipment:

- 1) Long pants, jeans or riding pants
- 2) Closed-toe, hard-soled shoes/boots with a slight heel are required. No sneakers!
- 3) Riding helmet - SEI Certified and meet or exceed ASTM specifications. Please put rider's name on equipment.

## Waiver Packet:

An approved original packet must be on file at least 1 week prior to start of the program. The Waiver Packet is available for download from our website or you may email the office and one will be sent to you. An **email copy** can be accepted as an original. A separate waiver packet is required for each rider.

## Pick Up Policy:

Pick up must be promptly at end of session. No supervision is available after the end of each session. All children must be accompanied by an adult when not under the supervision of their instructor. If your child is not picked up on time, there will be a \$25.00 charge.

## Horsemanship Topics

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| 1. Barn safety and etiquette                 | 24. Different types of bits and uses  | 42. Checking to see if a horse is back sore  |
| 2. Name all the horses in the barn           | 25. How to fit a bridle   | 43. Loose shoes  |
| 3. Where do all of the horses go?            | 26. Types of tack (why and how to use) <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. -martingales</li><li>b. -boots</li><li>c. -pads</li></ol> | 44. Signs of colic   |
| 4. Parts of the horse                        | 27. Different types of crops/whips  | 45. Where and how to listen for bowel sounds   |
| 5. Markings, colors and breeds               | 28. Acceptable and non-acceptable riding pads   | 46. Pulse  |
| 6. Proper fit of a halter                    | 29. Replacing a stirrup leather   | 47. Respiration  |
| 7. How to get horse to and from a stall      | 30. Safety stirrups and why we use them   | 48. Lameness vs. unsoundness   |
| 8. How to set horses on cross ties           | 31. Confirmation  | 49. Taking a horse's temperature   |
| 9. Break away halter                         | 32. How to put boots on a horse   | 50. Minor first aid <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. -cuts and scrapes</li><li>b. -abscesses</li><li>c. -heat in legs/hooves</li></ol> |
| 10. Proper grooming                          | 33. How to polo wrap  | 51. Proper turnout etiquette   |
| 11. Proper tacking and untacking             | 34. How to standing wrap  | 52. How to turnout a horse   |
| 12. Adjusting bit in horse's mouth           | 35. Re-wrapping of wraps  | 53. Which horses need a chain lead rope/ how to use it   |
| 13. Cleaning the bit                         | 36. How to blanket and types of blankets  | 54. How to fly spray a horse and one that does not like to be sprayed  |
| 14. How to lead a horse to and from the ring | 37. Proper blanket fitting  | 55. How to safely retrieve a horse from the paddock  |
| 15. After riding horse care                  | 38. Proper blanket folding  | 56. Morning and night time procedures  |
| 16. How to put a halter away                 | 39. How to tell if a horse is too hot to eat  | 57. Cleaning water buckets / stalls  |
| 17. Parts of a saddle and bridle             | 40. Feeding of horses and types of feed   |  |
| 18. Proper cleaning of saddle and bridle     | 41. Feeling heat in a horse   |  |
| 19. Proper oiling of saddle and bridle       |   |  |
| 20. How to take bridle apart                 |   |  |
| 21. Assemble a bridle                        |   |  |
| 22. How to fit a saddle                      |   |  |
| 23. How to wrap and unwrap the reins         |   |  |

**MEAD FARM**  
**Spring 2018 – Registration Form**

Rider's Name / Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Spring Riding Session**

- A) Group lessons will be held Mon. - Fri. 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm /  
Sat. 9 am, 10 am, 11 am & 12:30 pm / Sun. 9:00 am, 10:00 am & 11 am.  
B) Private lessons will be scheduled where available.

\_\_\_\_\_ **EXCEL Program** will be scheduled upon request (subject to availability)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Saddle-Up Program** will be held on Sun. 2:30 pm (5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10)

1<sup>st</sup> Choice – Day / Time: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Day / Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Riding Level (check all that apply)

Never Ridden \_\_\_\_\_

W, T, Learning to Canter \_\_\_\_\_

Walk Only \_\_\_\_\_

W, T, Canter \_\_\_\_\_

Walk, Learning to Trot \_\_\_\_\_

W, T, C, Learning Cross Rails \_\_\_\_\_

Walk, Trot \_\_\_\_\_

W, T, C, Cross Rails \_\_\_\_\_

W, T, Know Diagonals \_\_\_\_\_

Walk, Trot, Canter, Jump \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Junior Stable Hand Program** (approval required)

1<sup>st</sup> Choice – Day / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Day / Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Own-Your-Own-Horse for a Day**

1<sup>st</sup> Choice – Day / Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Choice – Day / Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**We will get back to you ASAP with lesson confirmation.**

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Payment required with submission of Registration Form

Credit Card payments require presentation of card