

Riding Academy



Handbook

Chestnut Lane Riding Academy



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Chestnut Lane is a Premier Training Stable and Riding Instruction facility located in Monroe, NC. We specialize in an English style of riding called Saddleseat with a focus on training American Saddlebred and Hackney Ponies.

ABOUT THE LESSON PROGRAM:

Each Lesson is 30 minutes in duration. Lesson's are tailored around the student's abilities. All initial riding lessons are private lessons, but as the student progresses they will be introduced to a group environment. Group lessons are vital to the rider's progression.

There are two different options for purchasing/paying for riding lessons. The first option is to pay for each lesson on an individual basis.

- The cost of a Single Lesson is \$40.00

Lessons packages are also available at a discount. We have 3 packages to choose from:

- Package of 4 lessons, must be used within a 4 week span - \$150 (\$37.50/lesson)
- Package of 6 lessons, must be used within a 6 week span - \$210 (\$35/lesson)
- Package of 10 lessons, must be used within a 10 week span - \$300 (\$30/lesson)

There is a 24 hour cancelation policy on all riding lessons. If you cancel within 24 hours without re-scheduling or do not notify us you will not be coming for your scheduled lesson you will be charged in full for the lesson. To cancel a riding lesson, you must call the farm at (704) 225-8522 or email us at chestnutlane.nc@gmail.com. Weather, illness and family emergencies can be uncontrollable, and we understand that at times 24 hours' notice is not possible in these situations.

Chestnut Lane offers a variety of Camps throughout the year. We do Beginner camps for those riders just starting out as well as Advanced Camps for riders that are able to Walk & Trot on their own with no assistance. Our Advanced Camps are a perfect introduction to those wanting to Horse Show, as there will be a lot of group riding time as well as learning to work as a team.

ATTIRE

It is important to have the proper riding attire while riding for both the safety of the student and the horse. It also helps the student ride to the best of their ability.

Helmets – It is mandatory for all students under the age of 18 to wear a riding helmet. Students over the age of 18 have the choice to wear one, however it is strongly encouraged. We do have helmets available in a variety of sizes that students are able to use. It is recommended if you are riding on a regular basis you purchase a helmet of your own. All helmets must be approved riding helmets, Students can not wear bicycle helmets. Brands to choose from include Troxel, Ovation and IRL.



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Boots – Proper riding boots serve multiple purposes. First it protects the student’s feet while working around horses, but more importantly a proper riding boot provides safety while your foot is in the stirrup. If you are not able to purchase a jodphor or paddock style boot, boots worn while riding should have a heel, and smooth sides to prevent the foot from getting caught in the Stirrup.

Riding Pants – We recommend riding in a saddleseat jodhpur style pant (also known as “jods”). While leggings and jeans are ok to wear initially you may find the seams on the inside of the pants may rub and cause sores. We ask that if you do wear jeans please know that we do not allow our students to ride in jeans with any type of embellishments on the back pockets (bling or metal) as they can ruin the leather on the saddles.

Gloves – Wearing riding gloves can assist students in gripping the reins and preventing them from sliding through their fingers. There are numerous styles of riding gloves from light weight to heavier cold weather riding gloves. Students should avoid all cotton gloves as there is nothing to help them grip. When purchasing a glove for riding, you want to make sure it has a gripping ability.

The Attire Listed about is for riding at home, if you are interested in showing, there are specific items each rider will need. Please speak with Matt if showing is of an interest.

If you have any questions on any of these items, please feel free to ask, we are here to help! On our website under the **Riding Academy Program Tab** there is a list of suggested retailers to purchase any of these items. Again, when in doubt, please just ask!!

Also on our website under the **Barn News Tab** we have a logo shop where you can purchase Chestnut Lane Logo’d items such as Jackets, Shirts, Sweatshirts ect.

EQUIPMENT

One of the first pieces of equipment any rider should purchase is a set of Stirrup Leathers and Irons. Having your own stirrups will save time at the start of each lesson, avoiding having to adjust the leathers each ride. To purchase a set of Leathers and Irons please see Matt.