



Oak Meadows Stables

Natural Horsemanship

Riding Lesson Contract

DATE _____

RIDER _____ RIDER's GUARDIAN _____

Horsemanship lessons are telling the whole story of the horse and rider

This is a contract between above rider and Oak Meadows Stables and the above rider. Riding lessons are to be paid on the first lesson of each month, minimum of 4 lessons paid in full. Some months will have a fifth weekday four times a year these will be paid as attended or used as make up lessons. Group lessons are \$35. Per lesson. Private lessons are \$45. Monthly group lessons are \$140 with extra lesson week at regular price. Please contact Oak Meadows Stables if any other payment arrangement needs to be made. Lessons are one hour and 30 minutes. We will make every attempt to start on time and end on time. If you arrive late for your lessons the time will not be adjusted. The only condition for extending the lesson time is if the riding instructor is not available to start on time due to the random needs of the horses.

At any time when a rider does not show up for their lesson they will be required to pay for that lesson unless **at least 24 hour notice** is given by text. When students don't attend they may not realize that instructors have set aside that time and planning for the lessons, horses have to be fed and shod and much preparation has occurred. If we have to cancel or reschedule a lesson due to inclement weather conditions, usually storms with lightning, or severe weather alerts we will notify parents the day of the class. If you aren't sure please call Maggie, Leah, or Ashley for the details by 1:00pm that day. Your space is reserved in our class and advancing your horsemanship means attending all classes so that your skills progress as your understanding of the horse and rider bonds of Companionship and communication develop. Your support helps us continue to care for our school horses and provide a safe environment for learning. Thank you for your understanding and respect for the work we do and the information we share about our wonderful school horses. Our goal is to provide you with the best learning environment with a deeper level of savvy and understanding about these beautiful intelligent animals. **Miss Leah 256-783-7695 Maggie 256-690-8717 Ashley 256-694-3267**



While sharing and caring for horses, we discover ourselves

We at Oak Meadows understand that safety is a priority and that proper clothing that protects from the elements. During our hot summers, lightweight stretchy jeans, capris, or shorts that reach the knee are fine. While in the winter we need to have several layers top and bottom. Roomy clothes but not silky or slippery fabrics. Gloves are a must in the cold and scarfs are recommended. Sunglasses or sun screen helps in bright light. We also require a boot that protects the ankle, has a smooth sole, and no more than a ½ inch heel. We recommend you not overspend on boots that will be outgrown quickly. Many fashion boots are modeled after paddock and riding boots. Look on line and we will also help you find a pair that fits well. Helmets are a must and we have many helmets we provide but others can use them and they may have to be readjusted often. A personal helmet is a great inexpensive birthday or Christmas gift and has a more custom fit for the adult or child.

I understand that it is the riders' responsibility prior to entering the lesson area to inform the instructor of any new medical or physical problems which may impact their safety or ability to perform correctly during their scheduled riding lesson. Many children come directly from school and we ask parents to provide a snack and beverage before the lesson starts. Grooming, groundwork, saddling, and riding are all strenuous and require a well hydrated and comfortable person to have the best possible lesson.

A Horsemanship Lesson is 90 minutes in length and is to consist of grooming, saddling, mounting each rider and tack adjustments. The riding instructor additionally has the responsibility of safety of all riders, volunteers, and horses at all times so therefore, the instructor has the right to deviate from the lesson outline when safety is a concern. Occasionally we will have a lesson based totally on safety and groundwork. These are the most important skills we can pass on. A rainy day in the indoor arena are perfect for these lessons.

I the undersigned have read and understand the above contract plus all the Oak Meadows Policies and rules which I agree to abide by in full. I have received a copy of this contract which includes the Oak Meadows Stables policies and rules. I further understand that if any of the Oak Meadows Stables policies and rules are not followed Oak Meadows Stables has the right to cancel this contract in full without any refund of moneys remaining for this session.

ACCEPTED BY: Riders signature _____

Parent/Guardian of minor rider _____