*This is my blog to parents of riders….and explains My Passion in helping your child with their riding.*

Let’s be real. Everyone at some time or another has a horse story from remembering growing up riding at their grandparents farm or selling their horse after years of showing, to go to college. Now, the next generation is here and it’s your job to give your child the best experience growing up. You might be thinking about where you could find a horseback riding school and what to look for, but here at Taramia, we have it all covered.

We will work with your child and teach them about the safety, the skills, and the knowledge required to become the best of the best with training coming from our expert instructors, but don’t worry, there is an included fun factor with every step of the way. From the start until the end, Taramia takes pride in these attributes and ensures the best experience. Trust me, Taramia is more than just a once a while lesson place; Taramia is *a Program* that creates *a relationship that will last*.

Once you have determined that your horse crazy kid is not just going through a phase, and that she has the Horse Gene, we at Taramia are going to train your child first with a solid foundation of horse riding, and then point your child in the direction of the Equestrian Sport that he/she wants to take.

We start slow, riding once a week in lessons, then twice a week, and then leasing a horse. How convenient is that? We also have summer camp ever year to instruct and improve the student’s capabilities and skills. Once your child has enough experience, they can join GDCTA.

You will definitely see your child’s happiness and confidence grow as she makes new friends along the way. There are always new activities to look out for here at Taramia, especially the impromptu sleepovers. Oh, and, yes we have qualified for Year End Awards so now you’ll need to go buy a fancy dress.

Along the way, we’ll join US Pony Club where we’ll prepare for Certifications, earn badges, and learn about rallies. These certifications and badges lead to great learning experiences and would be great additions to your child’s resume.

As your child grows, we do more things off site. We will travel for cross country jump schooling, South Region Pony Club Activities, and shows at other properties including Conyers, the site of the 1996 Olympics. (You might even get to meet an Olympian!)

Before you know it, we’ve gone to Pony Club Championships. Don’t worry, I will mention having your child apply for Lendon Gray’s Dressage4kids Program. Your daughter will have won her Medallion Award through Pony club. As we move up in our showing, we’ll get you qualified for Regionals. Your daughter will become a working student if not through me, through my referral. That job now turns into a paid job. After I return from my annual trip to USDF Convention, your daughter will have won a $500 Scholarship that I would have her apply for. She won the Art Cover contest and earned her Letterman Jacket and the next level’s patches.

And then they’re gone. They are now 18-year-old has accomplished so much you can’t be more proud of. She’s been riding since she was 10 now. That’s a career for some industries and her Resume has all kinds of skills now built. Sportsmanship, Time management, Organizational skills, Fruition of your effort. I have written your daughter a letter of recommendation for college. I actually cry every year when the kids go back to school as my Nick has done now too (college). My dogs don’t know what to do “What do you mean Camp is over? But Suzzie gives me her Peanut butter sandwich!” But some circle back with their camp photo when they were 11 and say “Hi!! Remember me?” As she waves across the parking lot at BP “I’m Tia!!” And, of course, I don’t because they’ve changed so much, but I remember the picture and now the stories of “Remember the time when….” Start to flow with knee slaps and face palms. Hence #Stichesinmyquilt - WHICH is REAL and is the quilt above my desk – I can still to this day pick a ribbon and I’ll tell you a story of some shenanigans. Shenanigans that survived, I might add.

And so… it begins all over again.

*Start your Riding Career right at Taramia!*