



# Common Questions about Therapeutic Riding

## What is Therapeutic Riding?

Therapeutic Riding is mounted horseback riding that contributes to the cognitive, physical, emotional and social well-being of individuals with disabilities through the teaching of horsemanship skills.

## Do they ride in saddles?

Everyone starts out on a bareback pad. Saddles are not used very often.

## Would this help build confidence?

YES!

## Who can ride?

Anyone ages 2 years & up that has a diagnosed disability and permission from their doctor!

## How much do they ride?

An hour a week for six weeks. STARS has 5 six week sessions in a year. Riders can participate in as many sessions as they would like.

## Do you accept debit/credit cards?

We can and have Venmo but prefer check or cash due to processing fees.

## Do you accept insurance?

We do not accept insurances but we do work with other funding options as needed such as Children at Home, Veridian, etc.

## When are classes?

Classes take place in the evenings Monday-Thursday at 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm but each sessions availability changes depending on the number of riders signed up.

## What do the volunteers do?

Every rider starts with at least one person walking next to them as they ride and a volunteer leading their horse.

## How much does it cost?

\$180 for a 6 week session is the remaining fee after each rider gets a 75% discount.

## How many are in a class?

Max is 4 for most classes.

## How do we get started?

Contact Brooke to get set up for the next orientation and talk about paperwork!  
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