

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
*******PLEASE READ BEFORE EMAILING*******

THE FARM IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS

- 1. What is the youngest age able to ride at Salko Farm?**
3 years old. 3 year olds join our weekly program attending Intro Lessons. 15 min groom and tack, 15 min ride.
- 2. Do you have equipment to borrow?**
Yes, we have ASTM helmets and paddock boots to borrow for a few lessons, until your own are purchased.
- 3. Can two new riders have a lesson together?**
No, sorry, we teach 30 minute private sessions until riders are cantering well.
- 4. Can I make horse requests for my lessons?**
No, sorry, horse allocations are done in the office, and by the instructors. There are many factors involved in matching a horse with a rider.
- 5. How long does it take for a rider to be able to canter? To jump?**
This is a question that is almost impossible to answer. The longer it takes to canter, the better rider you will be. Nothing should be rushed in horseback riding. It is a very technical sport and you are somewhat at the mercy of a 1,200 lb toddler. :)
- 6. Is the Horsemanship Hour lesson a pre-requisite for Summer Riding Academy?**
No, the Horsemanship Hour is NOT a pre-requisite to join our Summer Riding Academy. New or fairly new riders aged 5+ need to take this one-hour lesson, prior to joining the weekly lesson program.
- 7. Are horses smart? Are horses nice? Are horses mean?**
Horses are like people in that they feel and show many emotions. Horses are smart and can tell when a new rider doesn't know what to ask for. Our herd have been here a long time and know exactly what is expected of them.
- 8. How much do lessons cost? How and when is payment due?**
Payment is due in full, up front. If you join part way through one of our 12 week sessions, your invoice will be pro-rated. The cost of lessons is on the information package. We take CASH, CHECK or VENMO. @Chris-Salko is the VENMO name.
- 9. When does Salko Summer Riding Academy open registration for the coming summer?**
Mid-January of that same year. eg. Summer 2023, registration opens Jan 15th (ish), 2023. First come first served and payment is due in full up front for all weeks.
- 10. Do you do trail rides?**
No, sorry, we are only able to offer riding in the indoor and outdoor arenas.
- 11. Are lessons transferable?**
No, sorry, they are not transferable. They do not expire either.

12. What happens if I have to miss my weekly lesson time?

Please email the office as soon as you know. Cancellations require 24 hrs notice. More than one late cancel per 6 months will result in a forfeit of any lessons missed with less than 24 hrs notice.

13. What happens if we can't fit in your makeup lessons?

We will credit your invoice for your next 12 week sessions.

14. Am I guaranteed any specific instructor?

No, sorry, we are not able to do that. Makeups especially, need to be taken when space is available, regardless of the instructor. All of our instructors are qualified to teach any of our riders.