



TRINITY RIVER FARM

LESSON RULES AND GUIDELINES

1. Registration: All students must complete an information form, and a liability release form must be signed by a parent or guardian (if the rider is a minor), or signed by the adult rider prior to riding and before any lessons are given.

2. Arrival Time: In consideration of all our students and the lesson schedule, please plan to arrive 20 minutes before the lesson in order to groom and tack up. This way we can stay on schedule and not inconvenience other riders whose lessons may follow.

3. Late Arrivals: If you are running late but are coming, please call us! If you are more than 15 minutes late and the lesson has already started, your lesson will need to be rescheduled.

Lesson Packages -

- In order to receive the discount provided by the lesson packages, lessons must be used within a four week period.
- Lesson packages cannot be split between family members.
- If you must cancel a lesson because of illness or for another reason, the lesson must be rescheduled within the week.
- Please remember, lesson packages do not float from month to month.
- Exception may be made in the case of illness, or if, for any reason, we are unable to schedule you with a make up lesson time. In these cases, you will have 5 weeks in which to use the monthly lesson package.
- Remember, if you miss a lesson, it is your responsibility to reschedule.

There are no cash refunds!

Cancellations –

- We require 24 hours advance notice for lesson cancellations.
- No-shows will be charged as a lesson, and may not be rescheduled.
- We understand that emergencies do arise. Therefore, we allow for two late cancellations per year with no penalty. However, you must still call to cancel, and if you are on the monthly lesson plan, you will need to reschedule your missed lesson.

Lesson Scheduling and Payments –

- Lessons can be scheduled by calling Julie at 817-683-5610, or may be scheduled by e-mail, trinityriverfarmtx@sbcglobal.net, or julieamendola@sbcglobal.net.
- Dale's students can contact the farm number, or can contact her directly at (cell) 817-875-6269 or (home) 817-297-0567.
- Lesson packages must be paid for in advance. Otherwise, they will be considered individual lessons and charged at the individual lesson rate.
- Lessons must be paid for at the time they are taken.
- If you wish to schedule a lesson while at the barn and we are training or teaching, please use the clipboard in the barn to write down your name and desired lesson time. We will contact you to confirm your schedule.

Weather –

- Lessons may be cancelled and rescheduled in the event of rain, or if the temperature is below 40 degrees or if there is excessive wind.
- Horsemanship classes will take place indoors in the event of inclement weather.
- Please call if you have questions about whether or not lessons are taking place.

Attire –

For safety, students should be in neat attire and meet the following criteria:

1. Hair must be out of the face and pulled back into a low pony tail or braid.
2. The following is NOT ALLOWED: Shorts, capris, sweatpants, or bell bottom jeans.
3. No gum, long scarves, and minimal jewelry should be worn.
4. Students should wear riding tights or breeches, stretch pants, or close fitting jeans.
5. For ages 5 and above, approved safety riding helmets are required. Children under the age of 5 will be provided a helmet by the facility.
6. All students ages 5 and above are required to purchase their own helmet after the first lesson.
7. Close fitting gloves are highly desirable and a must if your beginner child complains of sore fingers. Gloves are required above Beginner Level I.

Helmets –

1. Riding approved safety helmets are mandatory.
2. Bicycle helmets are not allowed, as they are not properly designed for safety on horseback.

3. Beginner riders may use a facility helmet for the first 1-2 lessons. After that, students are expected to purchase their own helmet.

Foot and Legwear:

- Ages 3-4: Boots or tennis shoes can be worn. Cowboy boots are permitted at this level, but not beyond.
- Beginner Level I – Tennis shoes, heeled leather boots, or short English riding boots are required. If your child will be riding consistently, then short English riding boots are encouraged. Half chaps are desirable but not required.
- Beginner Level II and Above: Short English boots and half-chaps are required. Tall boots are desirable, but not required except for show.

Note: We will provide you with a list of riding apparel supplies upon request and are happy to assist you in your selections for your child or for yourself.

Tacking Up & Un-tacking –

Students should plan to arrive 20 minutes early and plan to assist with catching their horse or pony and to help with grooming and tacking up. Your child will also need to stay a few minutes after their lesson in most cases to un-tack their pony or horse. (An exception would be if the horse or pony is being used immediately in another lesson). This will help us stay on schedule and also help your child to develop competency in all aspects of horsemanship.

Parents of Level I and younger riders are asked to assist their children in this process, and to learn how to groom and saddle a horse correctly as their child progresses in their riding program.

Level II students and above are expected to be able to tack and un-tack independently. Our facility offers periodic sessions to help the student in this area, and it is mandatory for the student to complete a grooming and tack-up session by the time they have progressed to Level II.

NOTE: Please check with one of our instructors about enrolling in one of our **Beginner Horsemanship Classes.**

Horse Shows, Clinics, and Other Riding Opportunities -

Trinity River Farm plans to attend horse shows and other equestrian events throughout the year. We will also be hosting training events at our facility in the coming year. Please check our News section and our Calendar section of the website, or check with one of our trainers for further information.

Trinity River Farm Sunday Schooling Days –

While we do not give lessons on Sunday, we do plan ground schooling activities, such as free-jumping our horses and exercising our miniature horses. This is lots of fun, and students and their parents are invited to attend. Call for more information.

Website: www.trinityriverfarmtx.com