



**WELCOME TO ANDERSON  
EQUESTRIAN CENTER,  
LLC!!**

# INCLUDED IN THIS PACKET YOU WILL FIND...

- Pertinent information from the release form signed at the first ride.
- When lessons are offered.
- When to arrive for lessons.
- Where to park.
- Lesson pricing and payment information.
- Riding/barn “dress code.”
- Resources for obtaining riding attire.
- “Barn behavior.”
- Fall-off Club Guidelines.
- Information about special activities and events.



## A FEW REMINDERS...

- Payment for lessons must be made in advance. Lessons will not be scheduled, and lesson slots will not be held, unless payment is made in advance.
- If cancellation of a scheduled lesson is necessary for any reason, notice of cancellation must be given 24 hours in advance of the scheduled lesson. Failure to do so will result in the rider/guardian remaining responsible for paying the fee for the scheduled lesson. (If AEC staff must cancel due to an emergency, the lesson will be rescheduled at no extra fee.)
- We are not able to provide refunds for purchased lessons for any reason. Sorry for the inconvenience.
- Any children/family members/friends are welcome to observe the lesson, but are the responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- Any pictures/video taken by AEC staff may be used for advertising purposes.
- A new liability release will be signed at the start of each year.



## LESSONS ARE OFFERED...

- Monday-Thursday evenings
- Tuesday afternoons
- Saturday morning and afternoon
- Lessons are available year-round, with the exception of a few weeks during the Christmas season.
- Any additional times when lessons are not offered will be posted. In the case of extreme weather which may cause unsafe riding conditions for both horse and rider, an unmounted lesson will take place. If this is not possible, the rider will be notified and the lesson will be rescheduled.



# LESSON TIMES...

- If the rider had previously taken an introductory lesson, the rider would have been expected to arrive at the lesson start time, ride the horse, and then leave. With the purchase of a package, the rider is taught how to tack-up and cool out. As a result, the rider needs to arrive a minimum of 15-20 minutes **BEFORE** the lesson is scheduled to begin. If the rider fails to do so, tacking-up time will be deducted from the available riding time. If it takes a rider longer than this amount of time to tack-up then he/she must arrive earlier than the recommended time above in order to be ready to ride at the start of the riding portion of the lesson. The rider will also spend at least that amount of time putting the horse away after the ride. Plan for at least 1 hour to 1 hour and 15 minutes total per lesson.
- Lessons are often scheduled back to back, and if a rider is late, that amount of time **will be deducted** from the lesson. This is to ensure that the rider with the next lesson will be able to start on time, without having his/her lesson affected.



## PARKING IS AVAILABLE...

- Directly in front of the barn. This driveway is the best place to park if you will only be staying for the lesson time. Please do not park on the grass in front of the barn (unless everywhere else is taken.)
- Along the fence line to the right. There are some telephone poles painted yellow and a green sign on the corner.
- In the first driveway to the left past the barn.



## PURCHASING LESSONS

- Riding is a skill that takes years to develop. There is always more to learn and each horse is different!
- The development of individual goals will be facilitated with the help of the instructor. As certain milestones are met, they will be acknowledged with a certificate. Students (kids, but adults can choose to do so as well!) should begin to develop a “riding journal.” This can be a notebook or binder in which they will keep track of their progress. Students should bring this to each lesson.
- At the conclusion of a purchased package, riders will need to purchase another if they wish to continue riding. At this point, the next package must be purchased, or a down payment of \$50 is needed in order to schedule the next lesson. At that following lesson when the new package is purchased, \$50 will be deducted from the price.



## LESSON PRICES

- Single lesson-\$50
- 1 month package (4 lessons)- \$200
- 2 month package (8 lessons at the price of 7)- \$350
- 3 month package (12 lessons at the price of 9)- \$450
- Packages include a minimum of 1 unmounted lesson per month. (The rider will not ride, but will learn important and necessary aspects of horse care.) These will be scheduled according to the instructor's discretion.
- Lessons are taken on a weekly basis. Depending on the package you choose to purchase, lessons must be used within 4, 8 or 12 weeks of the purchase date, with 1 additional week available in case rescheduling is necessary. Any lessons not used within these times frames are no longer available. For example, if you purchase the 1 month package, you ride 4 weeks in a row. If you need to re-schedule one of these lessons, you have a 5<sup>th</sup> week in which to do so. After week 5, the previously purchased lessons are no longer available.





## LESSON SPECIALS!

- Discounted rates and special lesson prices will be available during certain times of the year.
- Specials are often available at Christmas and early summer.
- Check the barn website and/or Facebook page to see what is being offered!



# Special Types of Lessons

- Mini Lessons
- Birthday Party Lessons
- Ladies Day Lessons



## “DRESS CODE”

- Close-toed shoes. (riding boots explained on the next page.)
- Saddleseat jods (explained on next page) or jeans.
- Fairly form fitting t-shirt, tank top, sweatshirt, jacket.
- No jewelry.
- No belt.
- Incorrect footwear, excessively loose clothing or extra items can cause safety issues when working around horses.
- In the winter, dressing safely and warmly can be tricky. Make sure to wear thick socks or 2 pairs of socks, tights or long johns underneath jods and layer clothing on top. A vest under a warm coat works well. A headband is also acceptable under a helmet.



# WHERE TO FIND RIDING ATTIRE

- Needed (if continuing after about 3 lessons): Saddleseat jodhpur riding pants/Kentucky jods (form fitting to the ankle where they resemble “bell bottoms” with suede or leather patches from ankle to knee), paddock/ jodhpur English boots.
- Optional: personal helmet (must be ASTM certified), gloves (leather preferred for all season, you can also choose a different/grippy material for winter). Mittens or regular gloves will not work.
- NOTE: Regardless of where you choose to purchase these items, please make sure you determine that you are purchasing Saddleseat attire, especially when it comes to the jods/pants. Other types of riding pants will not be as comfortable or effective.

- Online (some of these websites carry only Saddleseat attire, some carry additional types):

- <http://www.ehorseequipment.com/>
- <https://www.pands.net/>
- <http://www.nationalbridle.com/>
- <http://www.statelinetack.com/>
- <http://www.thetackhorse.com/>
- <http://www.midwestsaddleseatconsignment.com/>
- <http://www.modjods.com/>

- Local Tack shops ( Saddleseat attire):

RCW Gifts of New England & Equestrian Apparel and Tack

517 Court St, Fulton, MO 65251

(573) 592-8852

(Let them know you ride with us and that you need Saddleseat attire. They will know exactly what you are looking for!)

- You can also look at places like ebay and Amazon for items similar to what is found on these sites.



## BARN RULES

- *Handle others' horses only with the owner's permission.*
- *Always wear proper safety attire (helmet, long pants and boots) when working with horses.*
- *Treat Anderson Equestrian Center, LLC with respect — please cleanup after yourself and return borrowed equipment.*
- *Always walk when in the barn and around horses.*
- *Do not smoke on the premises.*



## THE FALL-OFF CLUB

- There is a saying in the horse world that one is not a real rider until he/she falls off a few times. That day will come! When it does, riders get to join our exclusive club.
- This is a fun way to help riders understand that it is a part of the sport, and it is something to celebrate and learn from.



## FALL-OFF CLUB MEMBERSHIP RULES

- Membership is opened to anyone who takes lessons at AEC.
- Original membership is obtained on the day of the rider's first fall. Said rider must get back on the horse at the instructor's discretion.
- The rider will be awarded a certificate after his/her first fall.
- The rider will get to add his/her name to the "fall-off board."
- The rider will get to preside as President of the Fall-Off Club, and remain so until another rider falls off.
- Each successive time the rider falls off, he/she will get to renew his/her membership.
- In order to celebrate achieving a milestone, the rider can bring treats to the lesson following the fall-off to share with those who had witnessed the fall-off.



## SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Parties—AEC often hosts an annual Christmas Party and a Spring Clean-Up Day.
- Game Day—This is typically an event for the boarders to participate in, but lesson students are encouraged to attend, help and learn.
- Field Trips—Horse shows, barn events, team building activities etc.
- Kids Days—Lesson students who have achieved a certain level of competency (determined by the instructor for safety purposes) will be invited to spend a day at the barn helping out and learning.
- On site horse show—AEC occasionally hosts a small show for boarders and students.
- Participating in off-site horse shows—Lesson students who have ridden for a certain amount of time may be eligible to attend a show at the discretion of the instructor. The instructor will discuss this option with parents/guardians.
- And more!





WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!!

