

Horseback Riding Lessons



Summer 2024

UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY

Animal Sciences Center

14700 US 68 Findlay, Ohio 45840

419-434-4656

\$55 for a 1-hour personal lesson

Lessons
available until
August 16th

No group lessons were given.

Lessons are paid in advance.

You will use a University-owned horse and tack.

Lessons for students 6-12 years of age will be given on a lunge line at the instructor's discretion. Children under 18 **MUST** wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet. Bicycle helmets are not acceptable. Persons 18 years of age and over are encouraged to wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet. Smooth-soled boots with a heel are required. No tennis shoes or shorts may be worn for lessons.

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Summer Riding Program

Contract for Riding Lessons

(Please Print)

Name of Rider _____

Name of Parent(s)(if the rider is under the age of 18)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail address _____

Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Years Riding Experience _____ Level of experience _____

1. Payments for lessons are due in advance and are non-refundable. Cost: \$45/hour. Cancellation made 24 hours in advance may be applied to the next lesson. Cancellations made less than 24 hours in advance are non-refundable and will not be applied to the next lesson.
2. The instructor will begin instruction at the set start time of the lesson. Students over 15 minutes late will forfeit their riding time.
3. Certain dates may not be available for lessons. Check with your instructor for dates available.
4. I have received a copy of the rules and regulations that apply to all students, boarders, and visitors. I understand all of the rules and regulations including those above. I have read and understand the liability waiver. I will sign the liability waiver at the time of the first payment before the first lesson begins.
5. You can mail the contract to the University of Findlay Animal Sciences Center, 14700 US RT 68, Findlay, Ohio 45840. Or you are welcome to email or fax the contract to the western farm. The farm's fax number is 419-420-1736. You will be contacted when a contract is received.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if student is under 18) _____

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SAFETY RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Children under 18 years of age **MUST** wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet. Bicycle helmets are not acceptable. Persons 18 and over are encouraged to wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet.
2. A Waiver of Liability must be signed by the student and parent before the first lesson will begin.
3. A parent or guardian must be present during lessons for children under the age of 12.
4. When arriving for the lesson, check-in at the office.
5. An instructor must be present during any riding. Riding may be inside the arena or outside in areas designated. No riding or lunging is permitted on the grass.
6. NO bareback riding is permitted and jumping is not allowed.
7. Appropriate attire must be worn to ride.
 - a. Shoes or boots with heels and smooth soles
 - b. Jeans
 - c. Shirts tucked in
 - d. No sneakers, sandals, shorts, or halter tops are allowed.
 - e. No facial or body jewelry is allowed and must be removed before lessons.
8. Only those taking lessons are allowed in the arena or barn. Spectators and visitors must be outside the concrete block wall.
9. Absolutely no smoking is permitted inside any building or barn.
10. Place all trash in containers provided.
11. Speed limit is 10 mph.
12. Park in designated areas only. No parking is permitted on the grass.
13. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are not allowed on University property.
14. NO DOGS ALLOWED ON PROPERTY.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I (PRINT NAME HERE) _____ (hereafter, "Participant", which term includes Participant's parent or legally-appointed Guardian, if a minor), **STUDENT ID #** _____, freely and voluntarily seek to participate in any or all programs, events and/or activities sanctioned, produced, or sponsored by The University of Findlay that include educational and training programs, youth programs, clinics and/or competitions at any time and at any location. These activities, programs, and events will hereafter be referred as "the Activities," and The University of Findlay, together with its instructors, agents or employees.

In consideration of The University of Findlay allowing Participant to participate in the Activities, now and in the future, Participant agrees as follows:

1. **Acknowledgement of Inherent Risks of Equine and Other Animal Activities/Assumption of Risks.** Participant acknowledges that there are numerous inherent risks of equine and other animal activities, whether preparing for, entering, attending, participating in, or leaving the event. The inherent risks include those dangers and conditions which are an integral part of equine and other animal activities, including, but not limited to: (a) the propensity of an equine or other animal to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; (b) the unpredictability of an equine or other animal's reactions to such things as sounds, sudden movements and unfamiliar objects persons or animals; (c) certain hazards as surface or subsurface conditions; (d) collisions with other animals or objects, (e) the potential of a participant or other Participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant, Participant, or others, such as failing to maintain control over the equine or other animal or not acting within his or her ability, (f) the breakage or failure of tack or other equipment; (g) the potential that an equine or animal may cause injury or harm to the rider or other persons or animals in the vicinity and (h) the potential for contracting zoonotic diseases from working with and being in contact with animals not limited to but including Cryptosporidium, Ringworm, and Sore mouth. Participant is not relying on The University of Findlay to list within this document all possible inherent risks or all risks of participating in any of the Activities at any location.
2. **Waiver and Release of Liability.** With full knowledge and appreciation of these and other inherent risks associated with equine and other animal activities and the Activities, Participant freely and voluntarily assumes the risks of the equine and other animal activities involved in any aspect of them. In this connection, Participants also voluntarily agrees to waive any and all rights to sue and hereby release The University of Findlay from all liability, loss, claims, or actions for injury, death, expenses, or damage to person or property resulting from the inherent risk of the Event, or resulting from any action or inaction by The University of Findlay. This waiver and release is effective even if the injury, death, or damage to person or property is caused by, contributed to by, actions or failure to act of The University of Findlay and which actions or inactions constitute ordinary negligence or a violation of any applicable law pertaining to equine or other animal activity liabilities. Neither Participant or Participant's representative shall make any claim against, maintain an action against, or recover from The University of Findlay or its sponsors, directors, officers, members, employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, designated officials, or others acting on their behalf for injury, loss, damage or death of the Participant, to the Participant's horse, or to the Participant's personal property (regardless of ordinary negligence by The University of Findlay or regardless of an alleged violation of an applicable equine activity liability law).
3. **Equine Liability Act.** These Activities are taking place in a state with an equine activity liability law, Participant acknowledges reading the applicable state warnings and/or provisions set forth below and on the back of this page.

Ohio

Ohio Statement of Inherent Risks:

INHERENT RISK OF AN EQUINE ACTIVITY MEANS A DANGER OR CONDITION THAT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF AN EQUINE ACTIVITY, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- A. THE PROPENSITY OF AN EQUINE TO BEHAVE IN WAYS THAT MAY RESULT IN INJURY, DEATH, OR LOSS TO PERSONS ON OR AROUND EQUINE;
- B. THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF AN EQUINE'S REACTION TO SOUNDS, SUDDEN MOVEMENTS, UNFAMILIAR OBJECTS, PERSONS, OR OTHER ANIMALS;
- C. HAZARDS , INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SURFACE OR SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS;
- D. COLLISION WITH ANOTHER EQUINE, ANOTHER ANIMAL, A PERSON OR AN OBJECT;
- E. THE POTENTIAL OF AN EQUINE ACTIVITY PARTICIPANT TO ACT IN A NEGLIGENT MANNER THAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO INJURY, DEATH, OR LOSS TO THE PERSON OF THE PARTICIPANT OR TO OTHERS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FAILING TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER AN EQUINE OR FAILING TO ACT WITHIN THE ABILITY OF THE PARTICIPANT.
4. **Miscellaneous.** This document is intended to be as broad and inclusive as applicable state law permits. If any clause conflicts with applicable law, only that clause will be void but the remainder shall stay in full force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK, WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND THAT I AM ASSUMING RISKS INHERENT TO MY PARTICIPATION AND I AGREE TO BE FULLY BOUND BY ITS TERMS.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Participant _____ Date of Birth (If Participant is Under 18) _____
IF PARTICIPANT IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE:

Print Name of Parent or Legally-Appointed Guardian _____ Signature of Parent or Legally-Appointed Guardian _____ Date _____

Full Address of Participant and Parent or Guardian Appointed by Law
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