

Equine Meadows Inc.  
Horseback Riding Facility

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## 2020 Registration Information

[www.equinemeadows.ca](http://www.equinemeadows.ca)

### Program Information

- All students/parents must sign this form. Without this waiver students will not be permitted to ride.
- Lesson packages are purchased in packages of 10 consecutive 1 hour weekly time slots, missed lesson time slots will not be rescheduled or refunded.
- Equine Meadows will be closed on the following holidays: Christmas Holidays x 2 weeks, Easter Sunday, Canada Day, Regatta Day. Lesson packages purchased which include these holidays will be minus the missed lesson or credited to the rider.
- Fees are due at time of registration.
- In case of bad weather resulting in Eastern school board and road closures you will be notified from an Equine Meadows employee of the canceled lesson, which will be rescheduled or credited to the students account.
- Lessons will hold a maximum of four student/ rider combinations in the arena at one time.
- Lesson time slots are in high demand, unpaid lesson slot times will not be held.

### Participant Information

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ MCP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact : \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Telephone : \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

## **WAIVER - Acknowledgment of Risk, Consent to Participate and Medical Treatment**

TO: Equine Meadows Inc. Horseback Riding Facility

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (a minor child), hereby consent to such child participating in competitive or recreational horseback riding camps/ lessons, as well as associated activities, with the above training center, Equine Meadows Inc.,.

**I understand that there is an element of risk of injury that may result in serious injury or death involved in horseback riding and agree that I have chosen to ride at Equine Meadows Inc. at my own risk.** I agree to hold the stable, instructors, counselors, and employees free from all damages or liability for any injury to person or property arising from the use of the horses or equipment or while visiting the stable.

I also understand the importance of wearing a helmet and heeled footwear and acknowledge that I have been advised by the stable to do so.

Should my child noted above require any emergency treatment and neither I nor another parent or legal guardian of the above noted child are present, I hereby consent to an authorized representative of Equine Meadows Inc. authorizing any necessary emergency medical treatment.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Equine Meadows

## Program Information and 2020 Newsletter



Welcome to Equine Meadows! In this guide for students you will find information that you need to know about the upcoming horseback riding year, as well as:

- Information about our programs and pricing
- How to register
- Important dates for 2020
- Frequently asked questions and answers

### 2020 LESSON PACKAGES AND PRICING

Equine Meadows horseback lesson packages are offered in 10 consecutive 1 hour a week blocks x 5 times a year.

Please see the registration chart, on the next page for more information on how to register.

- **EARLY SPRING PROGRAM FEB 3 – APRIL 12**  
 Program details: 10 x 1 hour weekly lesson time slots \$350.00  
 Holidays and closures: EASTER SUNDAY CLOSURE – Sunday students deduct \$35.00 from package total
  
- **SPRING PROGRAM APRIL 13 – JUNE 21**  
 Program details: 10 x 1 hour weekly lesson time slots \$350.00  
 Holidays and closures: No closures
  
- **SUMMER PROGRAM JUNE 29 – SEPT 6**  
 Program details: 10 x 1 hour weekly lesson time slots \$350.00  
 Holidays and closures: CANADA DAY CLOSURE - Wed students deduct \$35.00 from package total  
 Holidays and closures: REGATTA DAY CLOSURE – Students will be credited regatta day missed lesson
  
- **FALL PROGRAM SEPT 7 – NOV 15**  
 Program details: 10 x 1 hour weekly lesson time slots \$350.00  
 Holidays and closures: No closures
  
- **WINTER PROGRAM NOV 16 – FEB 7**  
 Program details: 10 x 1 hour weekly lesson time slots \$350.00  
 Holidays and closures: CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS DEC 21 – Jan 3

### 2020 PROGRAMS AND PRICING

Lessons	10 week program	\$350.00
Tiny Trot Lesson	9 week (summer only)	\$200.00
Lesson Package	2 lessons week x 10 weeks	\$650.00
Lesson & Lease	1 Lesson + 1 Lease x 10 weeks	\$600.00
Individual Lesson	1 lesson (when available)	\$45.00
Birthday Party	Starting price	\$250.00
Seasonal Camps	1 week program	\$300.00
Horse Board	Full Board	\$550.00
Lease Program	10 week program	\$250.00

## **2020 REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

All registration is completed through email. [angelatulkococonnell@gmail.com](mailto:angelatulkococonnell@gmail.com)

**CURRENT STUDENTS** - Students who are active members in the current lesson program will receive a Priority Registration Email 2 weeks prior to the end of the current session. These riders have priority of their riding lesson time slot, and have priority to move riding times to any unclaimed available suitable time slots before open registration begins. Priority registration closes 1 week prior to the end of the current session, and failure to respond to the registration email may result in the loss of the riding time slot.

### **To register:**

1. students must respond to the registration email to confirm their riding time slot
2. return the attached form/ waiver
3. submit payment at time of registration

Failure to respond to the registration email by deadline date may result in the loss of the riding time slot.

**NEW STUDENTS** – Registration for new students will be 7 days prior to the end of the current session and will remain open until registration is complete. Students will be grouped according to rider level and age based on availability of those open time slots.

### **2020 Lesson Registration Dates**

#### **EARLY SPRING PROGRAM FEB 3 – APRIL 12**

- January 19 to 26 Priority Registration
- January 27 Unclaimed time slots will be open to new and returning riders

#### **SPRING PROGRAM APRIL 13 – JUNE 21**

- March 29 to April 5 Priority Registration
- April 6 Unclaimed time slots will be open to new and returning riders

#### **SUMMER PROGRAM JUNE 29 – SEPT 6**

- June 7 -14 Priority Registration
- June 15 Unclaimed time slots will be open to new and returning riders

#### **FALL PROGRAM SEPT 7 – NOV 15**

- August 23 - 30 Priority Registration
- August 31 Unclaimed time slots will be open to new and returning riders

#### **WINTER PROGRAM NOV 16 – FEB 7**

- November 1 – 8 Priority Registration
- November 9 Unclaimed time slots will be open to new and returning riders

# Equine Meadows LESSON AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

## PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN AGED 3 - 6

### RIDERS AGED 3 - 6

#### ◆ Tiny Trot Program

#### ◆ Pony Rides

#### Tiny Trot Program - \$200.00

- This program is a great way to introduce your young child to horses and ponies.
- Registration for this program takes place on May 1, 2020.
- All lessons are 30 minutes long with a 10 minute in barn topic and a 20 minute ride on one of our school horses.
- This program is offered during 9 weeks of the summer session only.
- All tiny trot lessons are 1 student to 1 instructor, which means space is very limited and this program tends to fill very fast.
- Please email [angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com](mailto:angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com) to receive a more detailed information tiny trot package and registration form.

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#### Pony Rides - Summer Time Slots for drop in Pony Rides - \$5.00 per pony ride

- This summer we will be offering a drop in time for pony rides! Message for the weekly time as it may change from week to week. [angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com](mailto:angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com)



SNEAK PEEK

# Equine Meadows LESSON AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

## PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN AGED 7 - 12

### RIDERS AGED 7 - 12

- ◆ **P'Tit Trot Lessons**
  - **Bronze Iron P'Tit Trot**
  - **Silver Iron P'Tit Trot**
  - **Gold Iron P'Tit Trot**
  - **Platinum Iron**
- ◆ **Summer & Easter Camps**



### **P'tit Trot Learning to Ride English Program [www.ptittrot.ca](http://www.ptittrot.ca)**

All students between the ages of 7 and 12 will start with the P'tit trot program, this four level program will help your child discover the basics of horsemanship in order to better understand horses, approach them safely, take care of horses and if he/ she desires, to ride them. At Equine Meadows we follow the guidelines from this program for children ages 7 - 12 who are registered in weekly riding lessons and/or registered in one or more of our weekly camps.

Lesson topics for each level include but are not limited to:

#### **Bronze Iron P'Tit Trot**

- Lessons at this level are groups of maximum 2 students to 1 instructor.
- Lessons are ½ hr in the barn and ½ hour riding on the horse.
- Program will include the following information:
  - To know the main parts of the horses body
  - To know the solid coats to describe a horse
  - How to recognize a horses mood
  - How to groom a horse
  - Safety rules to respect in the stable aisle
  - How to safely approach a horse in a stable aisle
  - How to handle a horse from the ground
  - The different pieces of the horses tack
  - How to saddle
  - How to mount & dismount a horse safely
  - Recognize basic riding position at the walk
  - Can steer basic figures at the walk
  - How to feed a treat

- **Silver Iron P'Tit Trot**

- Lessons at this level are groups of maximum 2 students to 1 instructor.
- Lessons are ½ hr in the barn and ½ hour riding on the horse.
  - To know some new parts of the horses body
  - To know how to describe a horse coat of 2 separate colours
  - Know the horses family (breed)
  - How to take care of the horses hooves
  - How to safely approach a horse in his stall
  - How to guide my horse from the ground, tun & backup
  - How to put on and remove a halter
  - Tighten the girth from the saddle
  - How to ask for the trot
  - can ride posting trot (up & downs)
  - Know the natural and artificial aids
  - Know the most common faults in the riders position and discuss how this affects the horses way of going
  - Understand several riding terms (parts of the saddle and bridle, as well as figures in the arena)

- **Gold Iron P'Tit Trot**

- Lessons at this level are groups of maximum 3 students to 1 instructor.
- Lessons are ½ hr in the barn and ½ hour riding on the horse.
  - know the parts of the horses head
  - Coat colour of 2 and 3 mixed colours to describe a horse
  - Understand all the steps in grooming and the importance
  - adjust the length of the stirrups from the ground independently
  - Muck a stall
  - Discuss additional care of the horse during the winter (freezing water, cold temperatures, warm up and cool down, coolers, winter coats, etc)
  - Know all the parts of the saddle
  - Bridle a horse independently
  - Understand correct posting diagonal
  - ride a balanced sitting trot while controlling my hands
  - Two - point position
  - How to ride a crest release
  - Know the safety rules of the arena

### Platinum Iron P'Tit Trot

- Lessons at this level are groups of maximum 3 students to 1 instructor.
- Lessons are ½ hr in the barn and ½ hour riding on the horse.
  - Knowledge of the hind and front legs
  - know the markings on the face and legs
  - how to basic feeding principles and diet rules
  - How to shower a horse
  - How to care for the horse before and after a workout
  - know some signs of a sick horse
  - How to tie a quick release knot
  - how to care for my horses tack
  - how to put on protective equipment for my horses legs (polo, boots, wraps)
  - Introduction to canter
  - Trot a simple course of ground poles
  - Discuss the main disciplines of English riding (jumper, hunter, dressage)

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### SUMMER AND EASTER CAMPS

- Message for details or to receive a camp brochure - [angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com](mailto:angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com)

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# Equine Meadows LESSON AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

## PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN AGED 12 plus

### **RIDERS AGED 12+**

- ◆ **Introduction to English Riding**
- ◆ **Recreation Riders**
- ◆ **LEARN TO RIDE RIDER LEVEL Program**
  - **Rider Level 1**
  - **Rider Level 2**
    - **Volunteer Programs**
    - **Lease Programs**
    - **Higher Level Clinics**
  - **Rider Level 3**
  - **Rider Level 4**
  - **Rider Level 5**
  - **Rider Level 6**

All students aged 12 plus will start with the Introduction to riding. (Students who have already completed the 4 P'Tit trot levels will proceed to Learn to Ride Level 1 Material) Once completing the Introduction to English Riding students will move in the Equine Canada Learn to Ride Program. The EC Learn to Ride Program is a 10 level program, at Equine Meadows we focus on the fundamental stage of development introducing riders to the first six levels of the program on our safe and well trained school horses. This 6 level program will give your child a strong understanding of horseback riding, create balanced riders and strong horsemanship skills.

### **INTRODUCTION TO HORSEBACK RIDING (AGES 12 +)**

The introduction to English Riding is a combined program which joins some of the material from the English Learn to Ride Level 1 with the Bronze - Platinum P'Tit Trot Program. The material is very similar however is adjusted slightly to suite an older beginner. All lessons are group lessons with a maximum of 3 riders to 1 instructor.

### **RECREATIONAL RIDERS**

Equine Meadows has a large community of recreational riders. These riders have completed the Introduction to Horseback Riding and are safely introduced to horses. These riders may have completed some of the listed levels, may have shown horses in their younger years, or ride horses for exercise and enjoyment. Riders who want to be at the barn for some "horse time". Recreational riders will still proceed through the Learn to Ride Levels without the pressure of testing. All recreational lessons are group lessons with a maximum of 3 riders to 1 instructor.



## LEARN TO RIDE RIDER LEVELS



### LEARN TO RIDE LEVEL 1

- Lessons at this level are groups of maximum 3 students to 1 instructor.
- Lessons are ½ hr in the barn and ½ hour riding on the horse.
- Riders at Level 1 should be in the beginning stages of their equestrian development. At this stage, riders are well started with the basics of riding and are able to demonstrate a good position, knowledge of the “aids” and an appreciation for “safe” habits.
- On completion of the listed lesson plans, students of Equine Meadows are encouraged to complete a National Certification Rider Level 1 Exam. Test dates and times are offered 2 times a year and once students complete the requirements their instructor will happily discuss how to proceed with the testing if you desire. Students who do not wish to take the exam will still advance to the LEARN TO RIDE LEVEL 2 material and are welcome to write the exam at a later date if they wish.

Lesson topics for Rider Level 1 include but are not limited to:

- Approach and halter a horse, lead out of its stall, lead back into stall, remove halter and exit
- Tack up a horse with assistance
- Describe the colour of your horseback
- How and what to feed as treats
- Carry tack to tack room area, hang bridle in a figure 8 fashion.
- Discuss cleaning the horses bit and the importance of clean tack
- Safety rules of the barn
- Mount and dismount in a correct manner, adjust stirrups, reins and lead horse in hand
- Tack adjustments, pre mounting and mounted
- Position at the walk
- Position at the trot
- Drop and retake stirrups at the walk
- Transitions and diagonals, change rising diagonal when asked
- figures (center line, across the school, long diagonal at the trot, left rein vs right rein)
- Safety and confidence, ability to maintain control of the horse safely
- Knowledge of the Equine Canada rider level 1 handbook

## LEARN TO RIDE LEVEL 2

- Lessons at this level are groups of maximum 3 students to 1 instructor.
- Lessons are ½ hr in the barn and ½ hour riding on the horse.
- At Equine Meadows we consider Level 2 to be a great milestone. Riders who have completed rider level 2 are able to lease, be at the barn outside scheduled times without supervision, are able to join our volunteer team, and are invited to join into many higher level learning clinics.
- Riders at Level 2 will demonstrate a more polished skill and knowledge than riders at level 1 and will be more independent in both riding and stable management skills.
- On completion of the listed lesson plans, students of Equine Meadows are encouraged to complete a National Certification Rider Level 2 Exam. Test dates and times are offered 2 times a year and once students complete the requirements their instructor will happily discuss how to proceed with the testing if you desire. Students who do not wish to take the exam will still advance to the LEARN TO RIDE LEVEL 3 material and are welcome to write the exam at a later date if they wish.

Lesson topics for Rider Level 2 include but are not limited to:

- Identify and describe face and body markings on own horse
- Demonstrate the use of all brushes and grooming supplies
- Tie a quick release knot
- Catch, halter and tack a horse unassisted
- Mount a horse correctly and safely
- Show knowledge of tack adjustments unassisted
- Position at all paces
- walk with and without stirrups
- Drop and regain stirrups at the trot
- Transitions (progressive) at all paces
- Canter briefly showing basic knowledge of aids
- figures (20 m circle, serpentine, rider independence)
- Demonstrate half seat
- Correct use of rising diagonals
- Trot a simple course of poles
- Show evidence of control and straightness over a course
- Knowledge of the Equine Canada rider level 2 handbook

## LEARN TO RIDE LEVEL 3

- Lessons at this level are groups of maximum 3 students to 1 instructor.
- Lessons are 1 hr mounted and riders at this level are asked to arrive 30 minutes before their lesson to get their horse ready without coach supervision and students are also asked to remain for 20 minutes after their lesson to properly put horse and equipment away.
- In barn topics (unmounted) may be covered 1 in every 10 lesson package to prepare for the rider level 3 test.
- Riders at Level 3 will now demonstrate the ability to ride independently. Hand contact should be as steady as possible and sympathetic as possible to the horses mouth at all three paces with equal contact in both hands. They have to understand the impact of the hand effect on the horses mouth to achieve a goal, and then release that pressure when the goal is achieved. There should be evidence of an effective position becoming established.
- Movements should be demonstrated with accuracy, although loss of bend etc. is to be expected at this level.
- On completion of the listed lesson plans, students of Equine Meadows are encouraged to complete a National Certification Rider Level 3 Exam. Test dates and times will offered once a year at this level and once students complete the requirements their instructor will happily discuss how to proceed with the testing if you desire. Students who do not wish to take the exam will still advance to the LEARN TO RIDE LEVEL 3 material and are welcome to write the exam at a later date if they wish.

Lesson topics for Rider Level 3 include but are not limited to:

- Take apart and put together a snaffle bridle
- Put on and remove a stable sheet
- Identify 3 types of blankets and one reason for each
- Tie a hay net
- Catch, halter and tack a horse unassisted
- Mount a horse correctly and safely
- Identify own mounts equipment
- Position at all gaits – evidence of an effective positions, balance, and development of an independent seat
- Correctly identify lead on their own horseback
- 20 m Circles
- Quality of the progressive transitions
- accuracy and control
- Jump control and position over gymnastic and course showing mane release
- Ride a level 3 flat test
- **Knowledge of the Equine Canada rider level 3 handbook**

## LEARN TO RIDE LEVEL 4

- Lessons at this level are groups of maximum 3 students to 1 instructor.
- Lessons are 1 hr mounted and riders at this level are asked to arrive 30 minutes before their lesson to get their horse ready without coach supervision and students are also asked to remain for 20 minutes after their lesson to properly put horse and equipment away.
- In barn topics (unmounted) may be covered 1 in every 10 lesson package to prepare for the rider level 3 test.
- Riders at Level 4 will now be starting to co-ordinate the use of the independent aids. Riders can establish but may not maintain a soft sensation with the horse's mouth and can feel when the horse is responding softly to the bit. They can demonstrate bend although not necessarily maintain bend.
- The rider should sit naturally and quietly in the saddle. The riders must be able to recognize an incorrect lead within a few steps and correct without delay. The riders at this level will do an independent warm up with more than one horse in the arena at a time. Knowledge of safety is necessary at this level.
- Riders are expected to jump a height of 2'
- On completion of the listed lesson plans, students of Equine Meadows are encouraged to complete a National Certification Rider Level 3 Exam. Test dates and times will be offered once a year at this level and once students complete the requirements their instructor will happily discuss how to proceed with the testing if you desire. Students who do not wish to take the exam will still advance to the LEARN TO RIDE LEVEL 3 material and are welcome to write the exam at a later date if they wish.

Lesson topics for Rider Level 4 include but are not limited to:

- Show how to measure a horseback Apply stable bandages to a front and back leg
- demonstrate first aid knowledge (pulse, temperatures, heart rate, normal resting signs of a horse)
- demonstrate dealing with a difficult horse using restraint
- Mount a horse correctly and safely
- Identify own mounts equipment
- Demonstrate jogging a horse in hand for a vet evaluation
- Position at all gaits – evidence of an effective positions, balance, and development of an independent seat
- Sitting and posting trot with and without stirrups
- 15 m circles in the trot
- Correctly identify lead on their own horseback and fix if incorrect within limited number of steps
- Transitions are cleaner
- accuracy and control
- Ride a level 4 flat test
- Jump control and position over gymnastic and course showing mane release, crest, long and medium
- Introduce cantering to fences
- 2' course
- Gymnastic line x to vertical in correct position and control
- All material from levels 1 - 4
- Knowledge of the Equine Canada rider level 4 handbook

**Additional information on the Equine Canada Learn to Ride Program including information about rider levels 5 - 10 can be found [www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca)**

## **Policies and Procedures**

### **Payment Methods**

Methods of payment include cash, check or e transfer to [angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com](mailto:angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com)

### **Late Fees**

Fees for all programs are due upon registration, fees unpaid after 2 weeks from the start date of program will be subject to a 10% late penalty. If bringing payment to the barn please ensure the students name is written clearly on the envelope as sometimes the last name on the check may be different then the child's.

### **Receipts**

Receipts are available upon request. Request must be made by emailing [angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com](mailto:angelatulkoconnell@gmail.com)

### **Lesson Etiquette**

- Lessons run back to back. Please ensure you are on time for your lesson, we cannot extend past scheduled times
- Please take extra care by driving SLOWLY when entering and exiting our parking lot, ideally 10 km
- Equine Meadows is a Smoke Free Environment, No SMOKING or e-cigarettes
- Pictures and videos are only permitted with the coaches permission only
- Loud and sudden movements can startle a horse please use caution around horses
- Drop off and pick up is in the front of the house, cars are not permitted to drive back to the barn
- We encourage a family friendly environment and we will not tolerate any behavior that is not considered family friendly
- The stables may be visited by appointment only. If you need to drop something off outside your scheduled lesson time please contact Angela to arrange a meeting time
- Students/ Staff and Visitors are expected to exercise safety at all times in the barn and while riding

### **Lesson Grouping**

- Lessons are grouped with 2 or 3 riders in a lesson depending on level. Students are grouped as closely as possible to the same age and level, lessons will be combined and time slots moved to situate the best groups possible

### **Canceled Lessons**

- Missed lessons will not be rescheduled unless canceled by the facility. Ex. snowstorms, power outages, blackouts.
- In the case of bad weather resulting in school closures of the Eastern School Board and/ or road closures your lesson will canceled and will be credited to your account, an email will be sent to confirm the closure at noon. There have been cases in the past that due to power outages an email was unable to be sent, please remember if schools are closed so is the barn.



## **Frequently asked Questions and Answers**

### **1. What should I wear?**

We have a supply helmets at the barn for riders and campers however you are always welcome to bring your own. It is recommended that riders wear comfortable fitted pants (leggings) and a boot that has a heel (rubber boot or similar). Dress comfortable, warm and in layers. Baggy clothes or draped items, scarfs, etc. are not permitted.

### **2. Do I have to wear a helmet and proper footwear?**

Yes. For safety reasons, students who show up in flip flops or sneakers will not be permitted to ride.

### **3. Where can I buy my own riding attire?**

Locally Coop country store on Topsail Road & Cloverdale Tack on Logy Bay Road have a large selection of helmets, boots, horse treats, and can special order items for you. Equine Meadows also places an order for our Equine Meadows clothing; jackets, riding vests, hoodies, tee's and polo's every spring and every fall.

Some of our favorite Canadian websites to shop from are:

Greenhawk Saddlery

Apple Saddlery

Pleasant Ridge Saddlery

### **4. Equine Canada's Learn to Ride Levels are 1 – 10, however the Equine Meadows lesson program offers lessons 1 – 6, why?**

At Equine Meadows we believe that giving children and beginner riders a safe start to horses is very important so our main focus is on the fundamental learning stage of a riders development, which can be found in the Equine Canada Learn to Ride Levels 1 - 6. We cherish our horses and once the jumps get a little higher and the levels get a little more difficult riders may then purchase their own horse or lease a horse from one of the privately owned horses at our stable. Some riders are quite happy to accomplish the rider level 6, it is a great accomplishment and one that requires dedication, time and physical fitness of both rider and horse.

### **5. How long does it take to complete each level?**

Unfortunately we are unable to give timelines on levels, every rider will advance at their own pace and comfort level. Our main focus is that your child safely enjoys the learning process without timeline expectations.

### **6. How do I register to take the Equine Canada Level exams?**

Once you are ready your instructor will notify the office and you will be placed on a contact list for the exam dates. Because we can only test 10 candidates at a time and host 2 to 3 test dates a year we always start at the top of the list or the students who have been waiting the longest. Students who are interested in testing should talk to their instructor and purchase the Equine Canada Learn to Ride Manuals.

[www.equinecanada.ca](http://www.equinecanada.ca)

### **7. Is there a public washroom?**

There are 2 washrooms on the property, the first one is located in the brown house at the end of the driveway (which is why you need to drive slow coming in the driveway), the other is in the back porch of my house. The back porch washroom is open for winter months only, I kindly ask that from May 1 – November 1, you use the brown house.

### **8. Can parents/ family watch the lesson?**

Yes. We ask that if you are planning to watch the riding portion of the lesson that you are respectful of the coaches and other riders, as well if there is a lot of activity in the barn please move out of the barn to give riders and horses a little more space. If bringing young children please make sure they are supervised at all times and are respectful of the rules of the facility.

### **9. Can I feed the horses treats?**

Some of the horses at the barn are on a low sugar or special diet. Please consult your instructor prior to feeding treats.

### **10. What is required to volunteer at the barn?**

Volunteers at Equine Meadows are required to be a minimum of 12 years of age and a rider level 2 or equivalent. There are volunteer sign up sheets 3 times a year. September (Sept – Dec), January (Jan - April) and May (May - Aug). Once a volunteer signs up, parents will be contacted to help with scheduling. Volunteer shifts are divided equally between all program participants.

**Please ask questions if you are unsure about any of our procedures, we are only happy to help you!**

**EQUINE MEADOWS CALENDAR (Program dates)** – Does not include dates for shows, clinics and rider level testing

- Dec 23 – Jan 5                    CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- January 6                            Lessons resume after Christmas break
  
- January 19 to 26                  Priority Registration for current students for the EARLY SPRING PROGRAM
- January 27                          Unclaimed time slots will be open to new riders
- February 3 – April 12            EARLY SPRING LESSON PROGRAM DATES x 10 weeks
  
- March 1                              Registration opens for Easter Camp
  
- April 12                            CLOSED FOR EASTER SUNDAY
- April 13                            Summer Camp Registration opens
- April 13                            May – October Birthday Party Registration opens
- April 13                            Clothing Order Forms for Spring
  
- April 14 – 17                    Easter Activities 9:00 – 12:30 & 12:30 – 4:00 Tuesday to Friday
  
- March 29 to April 5              Priority Registration for current students for the SPRING PROGRAM
- April 6                              Unclaimed time slots will be open to new riders
- April 13 – June 21                SPRING LESSON PROGRAM DATES x 10 weeks
  
- May 1                                Registration for Tiny Trot Summer Program ages 3 - 6 opens
- May 18                              Victoria Day – Yes there are lessons today/ schedule may change slightly
  
- June 7 -14                         Priority Registration for current students for the SUMMER PROGRAM
- June 15                             Unclaimed time slots will be open to new riders
- June 22 – June 28                No lesson this week
- June 29 – Sept 6                 SUMMER LESSON PROGRAM DATES x 10 weeks
- July 1                                CLOSED FOR CANADA DAY
- August 5?                         CLOSED FOR REGATTA DAY
  
- June 29 – Sept 4                 Summer Weekly Day Camps (9:00 – 3:00 Daily)
- June 29 – Sept 4                 TINY TROT PROGRAM x 9 weeks
  
- August 23 - 30                    Priority Registration for current students for the FALL PROGRAM
- August 31                         Unclaimed time slots will be open to new riders
- Sept 7 – Nov 15                 FALL LESSON PROGRAM DATES x 10 weeks
- Sept 7                              Labor Day – Yes there are lessons today/ schedule may change slightly
- October 10                        Clothing Order Forms for Christmas orders
- October 12                        Thanksgiving – Yes there are lessons today/ schedule may change slightly
- October 31                        Halloween – Students will be contacted about rs lessons if needed
- Nov 11                             Remembrance Day – Yes there are lessons today/ schedule may change slightly
  
- November 1 – 8                 Priority Registration for current students for the WINTER PROGRAM
- November 9                        Unclaimed time slots will be open to new riders
- Nov 16 – Feb 7                 WINTER LESSON PROGRAM DATES x 10 lessons x 12 weeks (2 weeks holidays)
- Dec 21 – Jan 3                 CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- Jan 4                                Lessons resume