

Short Boots Information

Our philosophy is that the younger riders that are getting started do best if they begin in an unpressurized lesson program where they can progress by building confidence in an age appropriate way.

We have a special junior program to facilitate this.

Our regular group Short Boots program April-October is for the children 7+ ages group. Younger children will set up individualized lead line lessons on a less recurring basis.

It is also our introduction into the lesson program for those who want to ride in groups after they have progressed in several areas.

As instructors are looking for:

1. Confidence around the horse on the ground and on its back.
2. Stability on the horse (understanding of using their body with the horse's movement)
3. Understanding that our aids for communication are legs, seat, hands and voice, and a basic use of them.
4. Respect for the horse/pony and care in how we communicate with them.
5. Basic learning and practice of mounting, exercises, grooming, tacking up, position on the horse, following instructions for guiding the horse, and eventually communicating with the reins.
6. Safe development into awareness of others on their horses and basic ring figures.
7. Maturity to be safe with a lesson pony without one on one direct supervision.

There is no timeline, however the littler ones will be in junior program longer and some children prefer to have the guidance or help for a longer time. This program also allows more time flexibility because the lessons are scheduled according to parents availability and our staff availability rather than the commitment of reserving a horse and lesson time for 4 weeks every month for the year.

For the spring/summer we will be scheduling regular days that are dedicated to our Short Boots program. Each week they will learn new parts of the horse, words that are Equestrian related terms and their meaning, and varied activities (walking a pattern, trail ride, games, etc.)

We are offering an 8 week short boots class on Sunday evenings starting the first Sunday in September.

PAYMENT:

All payments are required to be in cash. No refunds for no shows. Cost for each month will be \$200. There is a discounted price of \$50 off if you would like to pay for both months up front.

We suggest that children 12 and under might consider trying this before graduating into available spaces in the weekly lesson program. Short Boots graduates get priority to join into these openings.

Please email kaizenfarmdocs@gmail.com if you are interested in joining this 8 week class