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### **LESSON PROGRAM INFORMATION**

We offer English riding lessons for all levels of riders, on our well-trained string of lesson horses and ponies, in a fun and safe environment. Beginner riders are taught all aspects of horsemanship, including how to groom, tack up and care for the horse, as well as proper and safe mounted skills. More advanced riders can choose from flatwork/dressage lessons, jumping lessons, and occasional trail rides. Many of the riders who come into our lesson program go on to be horse owners and competitive riders.

**Attire:** All riders are required to wear long pants, and a sturdy boot with a low heel. Riders are not permitted to ride in tennis shoes. Helmets are also required, and each rider must provide their own, properly fitted, ASTM-SEI certified ridinghelmet. We also recommend that riders wear breeches, half-chaps and gloves.

Riding attire can be purchased locally at:

[Orinda Village Horse Shop](#) or [Concord Feed](#)

**Rates, scheduling and billing:** Lessons are \$85 whether the lesson is a private (IH lesson) or a group. Riders enrolled in weekly lessons will be billed monthly at the tuition rate of \$80 per lesson. Tuition is due at the first lesson of the month.

Bi-monthly, one-time lessons or riders choosing to pay for each lesson individually, will be billed at \$85 per lesson. Payment is due at the time of lesson.

We accept cash or checks. Please make checks payable to NORTH PEAK RIDING ACADEMY.

**Cancellation policy:** We require at least 24 hours notice to cancel or reschedule a lesson, or the rider will be charged for that lesson without the option for a make-up or credit.

**Introductory Horsemanship Lessons:** (IH LESSONS) Beginner riders, riders under the age of 7, and all riders new to our lesson program are required to sign up for at least one of these private lessons prior to joining our regular group lesson program. Basic ground skills like how to correctly halter and lead a horse, grooming, and tacking up is covered in these lessons. These lessons also allows our instructors to assess each rider's ability level and recommend appropriate group lesson options. Beginner riders will remain in IH Lessons until the instructor feels they have the basic skills needed to be successful in group lessons.

**Regular lesson program:** Lessons are taught in small groups of up to 5 riders. Our schedule consists of basic beginner lessons, flatwork (dressage-based) lessons, and jumping lessons. Riders are required to arrive in enough time prior to each lesson to get their horse, groom and tack up, as well as staying afterwards to put their horse and tack away.

Trail rides, bareback lessons and trail obstacle lessons are sometimes offered as a fun change of pace as well!

**Half-lease program:** We offer the opportunity for riders to half-lease lesson horses. For a flat monthly fee, riders are permitted to have "free-rides" to practice skills outside of a lesson setting. Rider must be currently enrolled in the lesson program and have instructor approval in order to be eligible to half-lease.

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