



True Vine Equestrian Center

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Dear Students and Families,

We are so excited to be able to offer winter lessons! With the availability of our new indoor riding arena, we are able to continue riding even when the weather does not cooperate. Our lesson capacity will be a bit smaller and there will be fewer lesson options.

Our lessons will continue to be 1.5 hours long (which includes the time to groom and tack the horses) and they will be called Horsemanship lessons. Our Horsemanship lessons may be a combination of mounted and unmounted skills including but not limited to riding skills, basic handling skills, groundwork lessons, and training techniques (for appropriate ages/levels). We understand that the change to the 1.5 hour lesson format may be challenging for some of our younger or special needs students, if you choose to schedule one of these lessons you will have the option of attending the half-hour groom and tack time at the beginning of the lesson.

Our grooming and tacking area will be moved to the blue barn. The plan is to have the tack in our trailer and to use the barn aisle ties or the ties in the arena to groom and tack up the horses during the winter season. Due to safety reasons, we will need to limit people within the aisles of the barn while the horses are tied to just the students, volunteers, and staff. Also, please prepare your students for the cold weather by sending them with gloves and ear warmers that can be worn under a helmet.

Due to changes in our herd and a few horse injuries we have had to adjust our max weight limit to **215 pounds** for riding lessons.

Group Lessons Schedule: (Lessons last one and a half hours and are offered in a 5-week session)

Session 5: Starts November 7th (We will not be holding lessons November 21st-25th to allow for the Thanksgiving holiday.)

Please pre-register for group lessons through Equine Office. Use the attached form to help choose the lesson day and time that works for you. Once logged in to Equine Office choose the account member you plan to schedule lessons for and click the orange "Book Lesson" button. A list of available lessons will appear. Click on the day and time of the lesson you would like to book. When you sign up in Equine Office, select the first day of the class to sign up for the session. If you do not have an account for Equine Office or have difficulty signing up, please contact the office.

We will continue to make an allowance for the cancellation of one make-up class per session due to the weather. If the local schools are closed then we will be as well. **Make-up lesson times are used only if TVEC cancels a lesson. You will receive an email to notify you that your lesson is canceled at least 30 minutes before your scheduled lesson time (when possible).** If TVEC cancels more than one lesson during each session True Vine will make an effort to schedule a make-up lesson for you or you will receive a credit or refund. **We make every effort to provide volunteers for our lessons but in the event that we are unable to find the help that is necessary we may need a parent or guardian to assist during the lesson. Please confirm that we have enough help prior to just dropping off your student for lessons.**

One requirement for signing up for intermediate or advanced lessons is that your student plans to be at the lesson for the first 30 minutes and knows how to groom and tack up a horse independently. We do not provide volunteers for these lessons. This allows us to appropriately lesson plan and be prepared for our more skilled students.

All registrations must include a minimum \$40.00 non-refundable deposit for each session you register for and **payment in full is due** prior to the session starting. **We are offering a winter discount to all who sign up for lessons.** If you are registering 3 or more students in the same session, please contact our office about a discount. To pay online please also contact the office.

Remember: All students and volunteers are required to complete forms for the 2022 season. Our lesson forms (**Waiver of Liability, Photo Release & Safety Instructions, and Emergency Medical**) are available through Equine Office. If the forms are not completed when lessons start then that student will not be allowed to participate in the lesson. Forms only needed to be completed once per calendar year.

Blessings,

Brandy Zantello (Program Director)

TVEC Lesson Registration 2022 Session 5

New students must call 269-501-0529 ASAP to schedule an evaluation lesson (\$45).

Please check the class and time you are signing up for. Registration will be completed through Equine Office and payment can be made through Paypal or turned into the office. A **\$40 per student non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot.**

Payment in full for Session 5 is due by November 7th.

If a student cancels more than 2 weeks before the session begins, they will receive a refund of the amount they paid minus the \$40 deposit. If a student cancels less than 2 weeks before the session begins, they will receive a 50% refund. If a student cancels anytime after the session begins, there will be no refund.

Monday: November 7 – December 12 (5 weeks) Makeup: December 19 **Cost: \$225** **Winter Price: \$200**

- 1:00 – 2:30 (Homeschool option-- class size limit: 5) Children under 10 years will need a parent or older sibling to assist
 - 6:30 – 8:00 (Intermediate/Advanced-- class size limit: 5)
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Tuesday: November 8 – December 13 (5 weeks) Makeup: December 20 **Cost: \$225** **Winter Price: \$200**

- 6:30 – 8:00 pm (Advanced – class size limit: 5)
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Wednesday: November 9 – December 14 (5 weeks) Makeup: December 21 **Cost: \$225** **Winter Price: \$200**

- 1:00 – 2:30 pm (Homeschool option – class size limit: 5) Children under 10 years will need a parent or older sibling to assist
 - 5:30 – 7:00 pm (Beginner/Intermediate – class size limit: 5)
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Thursday: November 10 – December 15 (5 weeks) Makeup: December 22 **Cost: \$225** **Winter Price: \$200**

- 4:00 – 5:30 pm (Beginner – class size limit: 4)
 - 5:30 – 7:00 pm (Beginner/Intermediate – class size limit: 5)
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Friday: November 11 – December 16 (5 weeks) Makeup: December 23 **Cost: \$225** **Winter Price: \$200**

- 4:00 – 5:30 pm (Beginner/Intermediate – class size limit: 5)

Don't see a time that works for you?

Feel free to call our office at 269-501-0529 to schedule Private or Semi-Private lessons!

Please note that availability is very limited.