

JIREH FARM

Riding Academy
Rates, Rules and
Recommendations



Registration fee of \$75.00 includes a new -ASTM approved riding helmet, a horse grooming kit, and an orientation tour of the Jubilee Zoo facility.

Group and private lesson rates include a monthly pass for the riding student and student's parent(s)/guardian(s) to visit Jubilee Zoo. *Mini lessons only include admission for that lesson.*

Monthly Rates 4 Lessons/Month

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| Group lessons: | \$150.00 |
| Private lessons: | \$200.00 |

Daily Rate

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| Mini lessons: | \$ 25.00 per lesson |
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Lesson times are scheduled to be up to one hour. Lessons may be cut short if the rider or horse/pony seem overly tired. Students who know how to tack up their horse/pony without assistance may come prior to their assigned lesson time to do this (with instructor approval). By tacking early, students will be able to devote more of their lesson time to riding. Students arriving late will forfeit that portion of their lesson, at the discretion of the instructor. If a change in lesson time or day is needed, please give your instructor as much notice as possible. Repeated missed or late (same-day) cancellation of lessons may result in charges assessed to the student for the missed lessons.

Group lessons are defined as a lesson in which two or more students are scheduled to ride on separate horses/ponies at the same time with the same instructor. Students in group programs will benefit the most if all of the group participants are at a similar riding level. If you want to ride with a certain group or individual who may be at a different level (as determined by the instructor), Jireh Farm may accommodate as long as all group participants agree.

Private lessons are lessons in which only one person is scheduled to ride under the supervision of one instructor during a lesson period. The arena may be used for other students with other instructors at this time. Members with riding privileges may also be using the arena at this time. At the instructor's discretion, the arena may be reserved for the private lesson only. If you are scheduled for a private lesson and desire private use of the arena, please inform your instructor. Your instructor may or may not be able to accommodate this request at any given time/day.

Mini lessons are 30 minute pay-as-you-go lessons for younger riders, just-for-fun rides, or regular students who may want to brush up or get extra time. May or may not be with a group. Regular registration **IS** required.

Rules

Students should initial after each item to indicate that they have read and agree to abide by each rule listed here. If the student is a minor, both the student and a parent/guardian must initial.

Students must have a signed release form on file before any riding or horse-related activity may begin.

Students must wear a well-fitting, approved riding helmet all the time - every time they ride or mount a horse/pony.

Students must wear riding boots or riding shoes with a heel when riding a horse/pony under saddle. If the student is able to ride bareback, this rule may be waived when bareback riding is employed for the entire time the student is riding.

Guests must pay regular zoo admission. If a student brings a guest(s), the guest(s) may not ride or mount a horse/pony unless all of these rules are adhered to and initialed by the guest(s). The student may invite the guest(s) to mount/ride their assigned horse/pony during their lesson time with the approval of the instructor. If no one is available to sign the release form, **the guest may not mount/ride!**

The most important rule - THE INSTRUCTOR RULES! Whatever your instructor says goes. This rule supercedes all others, as the instructor is able to evaluate situations as they arise. This does not mean the student should ask (bug) the instructor to waive the rules listed here. By taking lessons you are hiring your instructor to give you the benefit of his/her experience. Students who disobey their instructors, or initiate horseback activities without their instructor's approval, may endanger themselves, others, and their horse/pony. Repeat offenders may have their lesson(s) terminated at any time with no refund of fees paid. Please note that your instructor has your best interests in mind as he/she gives you instruction. If you are unsure about anything, **ask your instructor!**

Our goal for our students is a fun, safe, and productive relationship with horses/ponies. We will work hard to accommodate your individual needs. Please share with us your plans and hopes as well, so we can improve our service to you.

Recommendations

Please be prompt (or early) for your lesson time. If you chose to come early, please inform your instructor of your intended arrival time so your instructor can be prepared. Thirty minutes prior to your scheduled time is a good target if you are tacking up before your lesson. Fifteen minutes prior is sufficient if tacking is to be included as part of your lesson.

Upon arrival to the farm, find your instructor first to determine your horse/pony assignment. Your instructor's plans for you may be different from your own and you may not always be assigned the horse/pony you anticipated riding. Please note that after the first few lessons the student is generally expected to bring their assigned horse/pony to the arena from the pasture. Your instructor will advise you as to her/his expectations in this regard.

Dress for the weather conditions. Leg covering is necessary to protect a rider from being pinched by the saddle leathers. If you choose to wear short pants to a lesson, please invest in a pair of chaps (leg coverings that zip up on the outside of each leg - usually leather). Chaps also may be worn to protect clothing and provide grip for stability in the saddle. They may be purchased at many tack stores. Wear sun screen when needed. Sweaters or jackets are most helpful on cool days. Even when it seems cold, you may find that you are too warm after you have warmed up from the exercise of riding. Dressing in layers may alleviate discomfort due to weather conditions. Just remove layers as you warm up.

Please check with your instructor prior to leaving for Jubilee Zoo if the weather does not seem conducive for riding (e.g., rain). Lessons will not be conducted in the event of lightning conditions. This is due to the heightened risks of lightning strikes to riders on horses/ponies. Plan to reschedule your lesson in the event of inclement conditions.

Most riders fall from their horse/pony at some point. Please be aware of this and do not allow yourself to be discouraged when it happens. As most people have been told, the best thing to do is get right back in the saddle. Be mentally prepared for this. It is usually best to remount and go back in your riding to something you do very well before attempting to repeat the activity in which you fell. Follow your instructor's advice.

Ride as often as you can. Read as much about horses/ponies and riding technique as you can. Exercise your body and mind to prepare yourself to ride well and comfortably. Set goals and discuss them with your instructor. Be aware of the horse/pony you are riding as a living partner. Challenge yourself. Be safe! Have Fun!