

HOOF BEATS Welcome

We are so excited that you are joining the club! Below are a few guidelines and things you need to know as a member of the Hoof Beats Riding Club.

Membership Dues. Due on the 1st of each month. They can be mailed or dropped off in the gray drop box mounted by the bulletin board, northwest corner of the arena by the steps to the bathroom.

Midweek rides are practice time for what is taught in the Saturday lesson, and to help you prepare for the next week's lesson. Review the lesson notes or ask the instructor if you need help with anything. If you don't have a horse during the week, or can't come to the farm, you can always practice with a friend and "ride" an exercise ball.

Riding days are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. You are welcome to come to the Farm any time after 1:00 pm on those days. You must be picked up by 5:45—*please be sure to tell us when you're leaving.* (Times are subject to change when there is no school.)

Lessons : Lessons are held every Saturday. 1:00-3:00 pm.

In the unlikely event the instructor has to cancel a lesson, it will be rescheduled. Schooling Shows and Play Days at Freedom Farm are always no charge for Hoof Beats students.

Required Supplies—all students: You will need to bring -

- Riding helmet — (clearly marked with your name)
- Boots – When riding in a saddle, boots with a heel are required, preferably paddock type boots. Sneakers or shoes without a heel are OK *only* when riding bareback
- Grooming tools (optional) — We have plenty of grooming tools for you to use. But if you would like, you can bring your own. Be sure to clearly mark them and the container you keep them in with your name.

Required Supplies—long-term students: During the first month, we provide a halter and 12' line, and a carrot stick and string. But after that you need purchase your own gear — you'll need a carrot stick/string, halter, and 12-ft line.

General Farm Guidelines. Please follow these simple guidelines to cooperatively keep the farm tidy:

- Pick up after yourself and your horse
- Dump the wheelbarrow as needed (half full or more)
- Put all equipment away
- Keep the classroom clean and tidy
- Perform the chore that is assigned to you at the end of each day.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. I am very glad to help you get started in Hoof Beats!

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