

Westside Stables Welcome Packet

Price List:

Lessons: 1 hour group lesson \$60, riders must be at least 5 years old, 140# weight limit

Private lessons (only if/ when requested) .. \$80 pr. hr.

<u>Trail Ride:</u> 1 hour \$60, expect to be at Stable for a total of 1 ½ hrs beyond start time

140lb weight limit, riders must be at least 5 yrs.

<u>Packages:</u> If 8 weekly lessons are booked, and committed to in advance and used within 8 weeks, 9th lesson is FREE!

Camps: Session Dates for 2014! July 28-31st, August 11-14th and August 25-28th

Cost: \$520 Times: 9:00-4:00

<u>Birthday Parties! Spend an afternoon on the Farm!</u> Cost Range \$150-\$300. Rides are given in an enclosed arena or through the woods. Larger groups may be split into two riding parties. Cost varies depending on the number of guests, length of ride, etc... Picnic accommodations for cake and Birthday ceremony. Other joys on the farm include; Tether ball, Trampoline, a Pond & Chicken egg hunts!

<u>Rules:</u> no smoking in barn, no running in barn, no younger siblings whom are not in a lesson program in barn. No Dogs allowed out of car! Wire fences are electric. Park so that others may use the turn-around. Arrive on time, not early.

<u>Dress Code:</u> Please come prepared in long pants and shirts that cover midriff and shoulders, no exceptions. Boots and hard hats can be provided. Those riding in arena lessons should also wear breeches when in an English saddle. Ornamented pockets on jeans can scratch fine leather.

Payment Policy:

<u>Trail rides, birthday parties & camps:</u> require a 50% non-refundable deposit. We accept cash or personal checks made out to: CiCi Carson and sent to 21200 Westside Hwy SW, Vashon Wa 98070

<u>Lessons</u>: should be paid for in blocks of 4. Looking forward on your calendar please commit to four scheduled lesson times and then pay for them with cash or a check made out to CiCi Carson in advance. Weekends are typically reserved for students coming from off-island. All lessons are group lessons. If private lessons are requested the cost will be \$80.

Work trade: Minimum age 10 years. Any tool broken must be replaced at workers or parents expense.

Workers are compensated at a \$10 pr hr rate but only in trade for lessons, no cash. To the Parent: I strongly advise that a child not be asked or expected to earn more that ½ of the cost of their lessons. Work is hard and to work 6 hours to ride for one hour can be discouraging for a youngster.

<u>Leasing:</u> Half Lease: By invitation only. After establishing a relationship with a school horse, unsupervised riding on a designated schedule. Three to four days per week. Cost: \$300

Full Lease: By Invitation Only. Exclusive use of a school horse. Weekly lessons required. Horse allowed off premise. Lessons with outside Instructors allowed on or off Westside Stables premises. Full cost of Board (\$450) plus all other expenses shoes, travel, show entry fees, lessons are responsibility of Lessee.

<u>Practice rides:</u> By invitation only. Required to be a weekly student. Must be comfortable and able to catch, halter, tie, brush, saddle, bridle and ride your school horse with confidence. Your <u>second</u> ride each week will be supervised; however you will not be receiving instruction. Since practice rides are scheduled in conjunction with another student's lesson time you must be prepared to trail or arena ride. The choice is given to the student in a lesson, not the student enjoying a practice ride. For this same reason scheduled practice rides may be cancelled on short notice if the regularly scheduled student was to cancel. A knowledgeable parent may be helpful in attending practice ride sessions.

<u>Progress:</u> Your childs progress can be marked by an invitation to practice ride in between regularly scheduled weekly lessons. Also an invitation to ½ lease or full lease a Westside Stables horse or pony. Riding with a visiting clinician is another fun experience for advanced students. Names of some outside instructors recommended by Cici Carson: _Ashleigh Rauen, Jen VerHeran, Theresa Martino, Jenni Niedermair

Boarding: see **RideInTheRain.com** Parkside Express, my daughter's facility now accepting boarders!

<u>Training:</u> My daughter and I collaborate on Horses in training. See <u>RideInTheRain.com</u>

<u>Trail rides:</u> One hour trail rides offered. 150# weight load limit. Please do not arrive early. You can expect to be at the stable for a total of 1 ½ hrs. Please be prepared to pay in cash. Parent or guardian must be present to sign release of liability. If parent is unavailable please have releases signed in advance. Releases can be found on camp page.

No dogs allowed out of car! Parents are welcome to walk along with young riders, appropriate footwear for light hiking recommended. Long pants and long sleeves are suggested. Boots and hard helmets are provided. If your party enjoys the help of an assistant, young wrangler, or horseperson in training please note tips are appreciated!

Cancellation policy:

<u>Trail Rides</u>: A 50% non-refundable deposit is taken at time of booking. The remainder is due upon arrival in the form of cash or check (made out to Cici Carson). Trail rides go on rain or shine!

<u>Lessons:</u> For regularly scheduled weekly lessons 4 session dates are committed to in one block at one time and paid for upfront. If 24 hours notice is not received for a cancellation 100% of the cost is expected. If more than 24 hours notice is given every effort will be made to re-schedule, however you must understand that many riders share one horse/pony each week so rescheduling may not be possible. In this case you would then be free to postpone the lesson which will be considered paid for, if 24 hours notice was given. Regrettably sudden illness is no exception to this rule. If you fear yourself or your child may be coming down with something please cancel with 24 hours notice so I can reschedule the horse for another rider.

Other:

<u>Treats for kids:</u> A reward system is used for 'good listening' and following rules while visiting or participating in a lesson. Please let me know in advance if you would prefer that your child not have sugar!

<u>Treats for horses:</u> Horses have excellent elephant memories. They do remember who brings treats! We feed them out after the lesson in feed tubs <u>not out of our hands</u>. Horses like: carrots, apples, old cereal, old bread, corn, corn chips, watermelon rinds, cantaloupe, crackers, and of course store bought horse treats!