

Equines and Education

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Dear

Thank you for your interest in our program. The community-based component of EQUI-ED in Santa Rosa is a small, adjunct program to that which is a part of the Santa Rosa Junior College Adapted Physical Education Department.

I'd like to take a moment and let you know some of the procedures involved in arranging for yourself or your child to participate with EQUI-ED. I also want to apprise you of some of the safety and program rules, which have been established to make this experience one that is enjoyable, beneficial and safe.

Some factors to consider in terms of riding lessons include riding attire, which are an important safety feature, but not necessarily an expensive one. Students are required to wear an ASTM-SEI approved riding helmet; the program has helmets available for students. Students need to wear shoes that are fully enclosed and have a square heel, at 1 inch (unless participating in vaulting, when a soft soled slip on shoe is most appropriate). Shoes with large rubber tread are not advised. Clothing should not be baggy and shirts need to be tucked in when riding. Riders must always wear full-length pants. Earrings, necklaces and bracelets (unless medical I.D.) are not to be worn. The instructor reserves the right to have a student change, or remove apparel or other items on their person if in their opinion it constitutes a safety issue.

There is a session which breaks down to \$40.00 per lesson. Lessons are typically 30-50 minutes in duration and may be private, semi-private or in a group. Payment is due at the beginning of each session or by arrangement. Our Cancellation/Attendance policy covers in detail student and parent responsibilities.

Once all forms are completed, please call to set up a time to meet with us and observe the program. This must occur before being considered for participation in the program. Final determination of a student's participation is made by the riding instructor. The instructor will determine the type of activity the student will begin in: ground work only, riding or vaulting or a combination. This decision is based upon their assessment of the client, a review of the documentation, ability of the program to meet the needs of the client, volunteer availability and guidelines established by NARHA (North American Riding for the Handicapped Association).

Equi-Ed is a small non-profit organization. We count on our riders, their family and friends, and our community for support. We need and appreciate any and all assistance with our programs and fund raising endeavors.

If you are interested in setting up an appointment or have other questions, please call the barn phone at (707) 546-7737.

Sincerely,

Sheila McCarthy
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