

# Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

**LABS (CLASSES) ARE PROVIDED AS AN EDUCATIONAL SOURCE FOR PBL (PROJECT BASED LEARNING)**

## **COMMUNITY CLASS TITLE: Equestrian Sciences**

**GRADE OR AGE LEVELS: 5-18 Years Old**

**FORMAT: IN-PERSON**

**START DATE: The week of August 26th**

**DAY AND TIME OF THE WEEK: Schedule Class Day and Time with the Instructor**

**TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16**

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 16**

**LOCATION: 1325 Coveney Trail  
Buchanan, MI 49107**

**INSTRUCTOR: Alyssa Carl**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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**ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION AT SITE REQUIRED? YES**

**IF YES, INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION:** At orientation there will be additional paperwork to be filled out. A waiver needs to be signed by a parent or guardian in order for each student to be allowed around the horses.

**INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS:** I went to Scottsdale Community College for two years to study Equestrian Sciences. I have also been riding horses for 20 years and instructing lessons for 13 years. While working at Bittersweet Stables, I began instructing through both Berrien and Niles Partnerships in 2011 and have continued instructing through Berrien Partnership since.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION (OVERVIEW):** This semester will be a “create your own class”. At orientation, Alyssa will discuss with the students what they are most interested in learning about. If the students are unsure, Alyssa will give some ideas and have the students branch off from those suggestions. Alyssa will then create classwork surrounding the topics the students chose. Each class can be a different topic, or the whole semester can be specifically about one subject. The options are endless!

**Students are required to wear boots with a slight heel to every class. There is no exception. Students will not be allowed to participate in any hands on experiences around the horses if the correct footwear is not worn. Please also make sure to bring a folder to each class.**

*The Partnership does not pay for private lessons nor horseback riding. If you need more information about what is offered at Red Bud Gypsies, call Alyssa.*

## **SYLLABUS/OUTLINE: WEEKLY BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT-BASED LEARNING LAB ACTIVITIES**

*Describe activities that will reinforce the lesson. Include any work and time to be required outside of class: The only classwork expected to be done outside of class is studying the parts of the horse. Students will have a study guide and will do a few horse parts at a time. Students will be tested on their knowledge of the horse parts each week by placing labeled stickers on the horses.*

## **COURSE OBJECTIVES AND APPROXIMATE TARGET DATES:**

*Steps to check for student understanding, along with dates or # of weeks into class:*

## **STUDENT ASSESSMENT - what will be used to evaluate student progress and/or end of semester pass/fail status?**

- 1) Student agrees to attend at least 80% of class sessions/lessons offered. Attendance is kept online and tracked by Partnership staff. Failure to meet 80% or be on track to meet 80% may result in program discontinuation.
- 2) The Partnership Student Assessment or Performance Form is filled out by the teacher and turned in to Partnership staff. The link to this form is found on the web page for this class. Failing marks for lack of participation, behavior issues, practice time, etc. may

result in program discontinuation.

**Class-specific assessment:** discuss and include the form or a link to the form that you use.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES: (online, books, video, etc.):

CLASS POLICIES: ATTENDANCE, BEHAVIOR, WEATHER, ETC.

**Attendance:** Students must attend 80% of classes in the semester.

**Weather:** Classes will be cancelled and rescheduled depending on Buchanan Community School closings. If the schools are closed, classes are cancelled and rescheduled. If the schools are delayed, morning classes are cancelled and rescheduled. For further information and/or questions, feel free to contact Alyssa.