

Berrien Springs Partnership Lab Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

Community Class Title: Horses from Head to Tail

Grade or Age Levels: Ages 6 and up

FORMAT: In-Person

Day AND TIME OF THE WEEK: Mondays from 10-12

Class runs from September 8th - October 27th

TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16 hours (in class instruction)

ADD'L POSSIBLE HOURS: students may work on their journals at home and bring back to each class and share with other students

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 16

LOCATION:

Circle "C" Stable
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INSTRUCTOR: Cindy Nimtz

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Additional Registration is not required at the site but we will ask participants and their guardians to fill out a liability release form at the beginning of the first class.

**see attached instructor qualifications*

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students learn about all of the aspects of owning and taking care of horses. Everything from feeding and cleaning stalls, to first aid and preparing to ride.

Syllabus/Outline: Weekly Breakdown of Project-Based Learning Activity

Each week's class requires active participation and working with our horses. We will lead our lessons with active demonstrations, games, obstacle courses and some group work.

*Note these will be the topics covered but the order may change due to weather.

Class Meeting/Week 1: Tour of facility, rules and safety of the barn, fill out liability and meet horses

Week 2: Safety rules around horses, review parts on a real horse, learn how horses communicate and how to read them, learn to tie up a horse, learn how to measure the height and weight

Week 3: Learn the parts of a hoof, their function and how to care for the hoof, ailments and treatments for the hoof

Week 4: Learn the types and uses of brushes, why it is important to brush the horse, practice brushing on the horses, learn what products can be used to make brushing easier

Week 5: Learn markings, breeds and colors of the horse, use the horses to practice the colors, breeds and markings, learn the difference between registration papers and Coggins test

Week 6: Learn parts of the saddle and bridle, the different types of riding (disciplines), how to clean, store and inspect tack for safety

Week 7: Learn how to clean stalls and why it is important, learn how to put a saddle on a horse and how to mount

Week 8: Learn how to feed and water horses, talk about worming, supplement and salt blocks, discuss how feeding and watering changes in different seasons,

COURSE OBJECTIVE:

*Students will understand basic horse behavior, how to care for a horse, the responsibility of horse ownership, and how to build positive relationships with them.

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

All classes abide by the following:

- 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.

3) This is a pass/fail course. If students actively participate in class and keeps a journal, they will receive a passing grade.

CLASS SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT:

Students will be asked to maintain a journal on their chosen topic about horse care/ownership. They can simply record any questions they may have or write/draw about something interesting they learned in our class. Each week, they may share their journals with the class if they choose to.

CLASS POLICIES:

Attendance: Please let me know if your student will not be attending due to illness or vacation. You can just call us and leave a message.

Behavior: If your student is disrespectful in class, distractive or puts other students or horses in danger, I will ask they be picked up early.

Weather: I follow the local district for closures. If the district the class is held in closes we will not have class. If you do not feel safe going out, then please stay home and just let me know. We will hold a make up lab or arrange an at home activity.

Other: We will be working with horses everyday. All students are required to have close toed shoes and to wear pants. Our arena is heated during the winter months, but always bring layers to wear. We will have hand sanitizer available to use throughout our class time.