

Berrien Springs Partnership Syllabus and Instructor Qualifications

Community Class Title: Horses from the Inside Out

Grade or Age Levels: Ages 8 and up

FORMAT: In-Person

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

Class meets January 16th

Class runs from April 10th - May 22nd

TOTAL REQUIRED HRS: 16 hours (in class instruction)

ADD'L POSSIBLE HOURS: students may write/reflect in a weekly journal that they will be given in class.

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS POSSIBLE: 16

LOCATION:

Circle "C" Stable
905 Pine Hills Ln.
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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:

This class dives deeper into the care of horses. Students learn about all of the aspects of owning and taking care of horses. Everything from hoof care, to digestive and muscular systems, feeding techniques and even how weather affects horses and their proper care. ***PLEASE NOTE*** Horses from Head to Tail Part One is a suggested Pre requisite for this class.

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 or when our specialists can make our classes.

Meeting/Week 1: We will meet other students in our class, meet the horses, tour our facility and hand out our take home journal. We will review parts of a horse and how to read their body language.

Week 2: Learn the parts of a hoof and their function, how to care for the hoof, and ailments and treatments for the hoof. We will learn to recognize the differences between pads and shoes for horses and have a farrier demonstration.

Week 3: Learn about a horse's digestive system and how it works. We will learn about common problems such as colic and ulcers, what treatments should be used and how to prevent those problems from occurring.

Week 4: Parasites and horses! We will learn different kinds of parasites and preventative treatment for them in horse care.

Week 5: NUTRITION!. Circle "C"'s feed consultant will visit our class and discuss different feeds and nutrition for horses. We will learn how to feed and water horses, talk about worming, supplement and salt blocks, and problems with too much or not enough supplements or proper feed.

Week 6: We will learn about the horses we have in our care and what special nutritional needs they may have because of their age and health. Students will help set their grain/supplements for night feedings.

Week 7: Horses and Weather! We will learn how weather affects the systems of horses and how we need to transition them from season to season with their feed, water and care. We will learn about blanketing, electrolytes, and fly masking.

Week 8: Horse Muscular System: We will learn about the general muscles of horses, how to warm them up, cool them down and how to stretch them. We will watch a horse massage therapy session. We will discuss muscle injuries and how to care for them.

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 through their care.

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 successfully complete their final project with effort, they will receive a passing grade.

CLASS SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT:

Students will be asked to maintain a journal on what they have learned in class. During each class meeting, students will be asked to share their journals if they wish.

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.