

What HH Riders should have For EVERY LESSON!

1. Helmet

- No rider is allowed on a horse without a helmet.
- A limited amount of helmets are available for use and can be located in the viewing room. Please return them after your lesson.

2. Proper Apparel

- Riders will not be allowed to ride with anything but riding approved shoes with a visible heel. Hiking boots or rubber boots are good choices. No open-toed shoe of any kind will be allowed on or around horses.
- Dress in layers and make sure that clothing is well fitting. Sleeves should not extend beyond the wrist.
- Please do not wear, jewelry, scarves or other loose garments that create additional movement or have the potential to get caught on the horse, tack, or surroundings.

3. Half Chaps

- Are not needed in western riding or with tall boots.
- Are used in English riding with short paddocks boots.
- Not required but a good investment to keep your calves from chaffing.

4. Spurs

- Both English and Western spurs are good to have because most students switch disciplines on a monthly basis. Please see your instructor for help in selecting spurs and when they may be used.
- Students that have reached an intermediate level of riding will learn how to use spurs. As the aids of the disciplines get more precise these will be needed.

5. Riding Safety Vest

- While expensive, a vest is good investment if you know your child is going to be riding for a few years.
- Not required but highly recommended, especially in jumping.

6. Crops

- It is a good idea to have one of each: dressage, bat and a regular crop. Dressage crops are not required but are used in higher levels to help with collection and movement.
- We have a limited amount of crops or bats here for use. Instructors will tell students whom they can be used on and when they can be used. Please return these items at the end of your lesson.
- Regular crops = approx. 24" long, Bats = approx. 12" long, Dressage whips = approx. 36" long

7. Ball Homework records

- ALL students are required to do homework and turn it in on a weekly basis
- A homework form can be found on our website under *Student's Page*

8. Water Bottle

- No matter how cold it is outside once you're on a horse and working you will get warm.
- Refills are limited to well water from the bathroom sink or barn hose.

9. Riding gloves

- Are not required but nice to have. In the winter they keep hands warm and in the summer keep reins from slipping in sweaty hands.

10. Good Attitude

- A student's attitude can and will affect their ride.
- No matter which horse you are riding, please be positive about them. They have feelings and can sense your feelings too! Be willing to give all horses a chance.
- Our Instructors' jobs are to teach you just like school.
- We will provide constructive feedback regularly and corrections when necessary. Please do your best to make the changes requested.
- Do not hesitate to ask questions! Some will be addressed during the lesson or your instructor will speak with you before or after your lesson.