

Heavenly Horses Student Code of Conduct

Below is a list of student expectations for participating in our Horsemanship and Lesson Programs.

1. **RESPECT FOR YOURSELF:** As a Heavenly Horses student it is your job to make sure you are prepared for your lesson. This means coming to your lesson rested, having eaten, with a filled water bottle, having done your ball homework, extra homework assigned, using the restroom before mounting and coming appropriately dressed and having all tools you will need (crops, spurs, helmet). Please be sure to arrive with at least 15 to 30 minutes to groom and you're your horse. Lessons will no longer be held back for those who do not do their homework. Instead you will not be allowed to participate in certain actives if instructor deems unsafe for your ability. Being prepared shows respect for yourself, your instructor and their time as well as the other students in the lesson.
2. **RESPECT FOR EQUIPMENT:** Saddles, bridles, crops, helmets, saddle pads, halters, splint boots etc. are very expensive and often difficult to replace. Please put things back properly and where you found them. If you notice something is not in its proper place, damaged or have any questions about your equipment, please ask a staff person for help.
3. **RESPECT FOR OTHERS:** Please show respect for other students, staff and instructors at all times. When in the arena please do not to talk over the instructor, give other riders advice or tell them what to do. Please listen to staff giving you direction, and take the instructor's words of wisdom with the understanding that they are professionals and have many years of experience and knowledge to share with you.
4. **RESPECT FOR YOUR HORSE:** This means making sure you are treating them fairly in what you are asking, telling, and then demanding of them. Please be sure you are using the proper tools when riding them. Always use your vocal commands first before using any other aids. Show respect for your horse by following your instructors directions for improving your technique or correcting a problem. Your horse will thank you!
5. **RESPECT FOR THE BARN:** Heavenly Horses is a real working barn that is busy with chores, maintenance and projects. We have a viewing room specifically for parents, siblings, friends, or family and from time to time may invite parents to sit in the arena to observe a lesson or in-house show. **Only staff, students and volunteers are allowed in the barn.**

When in doubt, ask! We are blessed with a kind and knowledgeable staff who are happy to help! We are here to answer your questions!

Thank you,
Heavenly Horses

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