**Information About the Instructor**

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**Instructor Bio:**

I have been involved in several areas of horses and their care for the past 20 years, and I am excited to share my knowledge of these wonderful animals with others.  I currently instruct horse enthusiasts from beginners to advanced in a beautiful and meticulously cared for facility with both indoor and outdoor arenas.  Areas of the facility are heated in the winter for riding comfort all time of the year.  These include the indoor arena, bathrooms, and observation/classroom.  I am currently certified in CPL/BLS

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**Time and Day:**Monday  11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Classes start the last week in September

**Ages:**Students 5 years old and up

**Location:**  Juday Creek Equestrian Center, 53590 Fir Road, Granger, IN 46530

Direct Pay:  The instructor will bill the Partnership directly

 Course Description (short paragraph form): This course will introduce the student to riding a horse in the English discipline. We will be discussing the differences between English and western riding styles. Students will learn proper preparation to ride, riding skills such as posting at the trot and the two point. This course is challenging and requires one semester of riding as a prerequisite along with instructor approval before signing up.

Every course has a riding component that may be purchased directly from Patsy Little for $10.

Closed toe shoes (preferably with a slight heel), long pants, a folder with a pencil are needed to be brought to class each week.

  Course Outline: ​

 Week 1 This will be our orientation day. We will meet in the classroom and fill out required waivers, discuss safety around horses, review horse anatomy and proper grooming, pre evaluations will be completed during this time, we will finish out our class with a facility tour and meeting the horses. This is a relaxed meeting.

 Week 2 We will begin our discussion about English riding, the differences between English and western tack including the saddle and bridle

 Week 3 We will continue our discussion of week #2 with a return demonstration of “tacking up” the English horse

  Week 4 We will be talking about the posting trot, this is very different than in western, and we will talk about how to execute this as well as why we post

  Week 5 We will have a group activity labeling the parts of the English saddle and bridle

  Week 6 We will begin our discussion about the anatomy of the horse’s mouth, how the teeth change with age, how this affects nutrition, bit acceptance, and overall health of the horse

 Week 7 This is a continuation of week #6

  Week 8 This is our “free” week, students are free to discuss prior topics or ask questions about other horse uses or disciplines to help encourage independent thinking

  Week 9 Class activity

  Week 10 This is our final meeting. We will review all materials and post evaluations will be given.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY: Class will be cancelled if South Bend Area Schools are cancelled due to weather.  If classes are cancelled for any other reason, Patsy will make sure to send out an email 24 hours in advance to let you know.  If classes are not cancelled and your child(ren) will not be attending class, please call/text/email Patsy in advance.  Please contact the instructor in the event of questionable weather.**