**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

**Website:**not available

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**Classes start the last week of September for ten weeks**

**Day and Time:  Monday 2-4**

**Tuesday 2-4**

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

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

**This Resource is:** Direct Pay:  The instructor will bill the Partnership directly

**Description:**

In this introductory class the student will learn about the care you provide your horse, the pride in your horse, your appearance, and your sportsmanship, as well as those participating in the riding component, your ability to use subtle cues, to move in unison with your horse, and to introduce pattern work are all part of horsemanship.

Every course has a riding component that may be purchased directly from Patsy Little for $10.00.

Closed toe shoes(preferably with a slight heel), long pants, a folder with a pencil, and a helmet(if participating in the riding component) are needed to be bought to class each week.

Enrollment on this site reserves your place in this course.  NO other action on your part is needed.

If you choose to cancel this course, cancel this course in GoSignMeUp and notify the instructor that you did so.  Instructors DO NOT get automatic notification of cancellation.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:  Classes will be cancelled if South Bend Area Schools are cancelled due to weather.  If classes are cancelled for other reasons, 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, please call/text/email Patsy in advance.  Please contact the instructor in the event of questionable weather.

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

Week 2:  We will be discussing the difference between everyday grooming and maintenance grooming that is required as needed such as bridle path.

Week 3:  We will discuss how a rider develops a partnership between his/her horse and himself/herself by subtle movements to tell the horse what to do next.

Week 4:  We will begin discussing showmanship, “on the ground pattern work” that helps build partnership between the horse and the handler.

Week 5:  This is a continuation of Week #4.  Students will be practicing patterns with the horse and will be learning the subtle body movements needed to communicate with the horse.

Week 6:  We will discuss the keeping of the horse, the difference between the horse living at your home versus at a boarding stable and your responsibility for each

Week 7:  This is a continuation of Week #6

Week 8:  This is our “free week”.  Students are free to discuss topics and to ask questions about other horse use or discipline to help encourage independent thinking

Week 9:  Class activity

Week 10:  This is our final meeting.  We will review all materials.