**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:   Thursday 11-1**

Classes start the last week in September

**Ages:**Students 10 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 and will submit a

receipt to the Partnership for reimbursement

**Description:**

This is an advanced level course with a minimum of three semesters of horse riding and instructor’s approval.  Students must be proficient in all gaits of riding in the western discipline.  Students must possess a strong understanding of horse anatomy.  Students will be introduced to trotting and loping over ground poles in various patterns.  We will discuss in detail rare illnesses in horses, and we will begin our talks about the muscular structure of the horse and the neurological disorders in horses.

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, and a pencil are needed to be brought to class each week

**Course Outline**

Week 1: This is our orientation day.  We will meet in the classroom and will fill out the required waivers.  We will have a review of anatomy.  This is a relaxed meeting

Week 2:  We will continue to review anatomy and will begin adding in the muscular structure of the horse.

Week 3:  We will begin our discussion about some uncommon illnesses in horses such as HYPP, SCID, PSSM, and OLWS.  These are breed specific illnesses.  We will talk about what breeds are affected and the outcomes.

Week 4:  This is a continuation of Week 3

Week 5:  We will be reviewing all that has been covered in the past four weeks to make sure that students have a good understanding of the material

Week 6:  This week will be our “free week” where there will be an open discussion for the students.  They can ask questions about the prior weeks or may ask about other areas of horses, their care, or their uses.  This is meant to help them independently think about the material.

Week 7:  We will begin our discussion about neurological disorders in horses  and will talk about the muscular structure of the horse.

Week 8:  This is a continuation of Week 7

Week 9:  This is our review week.  We will talk about everything covered in the course this semester.

Week 10:  This is our final meeting.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY:  Class will be cancelled if South Bend Area schools are cancelled due to weather.  If classes are cancelled for 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 children will not be attending, please call/text/email Patsy in advance.  Please contact the instructor in the event of questionable weather.