**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

**Information About the Course**

**Time and Day:**  Tuesday 11-1

Wed 1-3

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): In Beginner 1 we will be getting familiar with horses and their care. Students will learn how to safely be around horses, the proper way to approach, apply a halter and led. Students will learn basic anatomy, proper grooming of the horse, how to correctly prepare the horse to ride. Students will learn basic parts of the saddle and bridle. This is an basic introduction course, ideal for those with very little or no prior exposure to horses.

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: ​

(broken down by week with a sentence description of what is covered each  week)  Put vacation time in or any other weeks where class will not happen.

 Week 1 This will be our orientation day. We will meet in the classroom and fill out required waivers, discuss safety around horses, start our discussion about 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 continue our discussion about basic anatomy, proper grooming and safely leading a horse, we will then go downstairs to apply what we have learned to the horses

 Week 3 We will begin our discussion about basic hoof care. This will include why and how we care for the hooves and why we do this along with a brief talk about what can happen if we do not care for the hooves properly

  Week 4 We will continue to discuss anatomy as we learn groom the horses in preparation to ride. We will talk about what steps are taken to properly and safely apply the correct tack for the discipline that we will be riding.

  Week 5 We will continue our discussions of the prior weeks to solidify that each student understands the material covered.

  Week 6 This week will be our “free week” this is 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 uses. This is meant to help them independently think about the material

 Week 7 We will begin discussing parasites in horses on a very basic level, students will learn that we deworm our horses on a regular schedule and why we do so

  Week 8 This will be a continuation of week 7, we will be practicing deworming the horses. For this hands on practice we use applesauce as the dewormer, the horses love it and are very willing to participate.

  Week 9 We will finish our discussion about parasites, and answer any questions the students may have about anything we have cover this far.

  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.**