**Course Title: Equine Science and Horsemanship**

Ages: 7 – 18 Class size: 1 – 10

Location: Cedar Lodge Stables

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Classes are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Students will take a written quiz and will demonstrate proficiency in grooming and leading the horse. Students must attend 80% of classes in order to receive credit for the class.

Students will learn basic equine science and horsemanship. The topics will include barn and horse safety, grooming, haltering and leading the horse, horse communication, parts of the horse, colors and markings, parts of tack and tack cleaning, riding disciplines, feed and water, and owning a horse.

Students need to wear clothing appropriate to the weather. Long pants and closed toed shoes are required. Classes will take place either inside, in the barn or in the indoor arena. The barn and arena are not heated.

Cost per student for the entire semester, including materials and supplies: $350

**Syllabus for Equine Science and Horsemanship at Cedar Lodge Stables**

The first class will be Wednesday, September 11,, 2019 from 1:30 to 2:30.

Classes will continue Wednesday, September 18 and all consecutive Wednesdays until November 20, 2019

All classes except the first will run from 1:30 until 3:00.

Week 1: Safety and barn orientation

Week 2: Review Safety issues. Horse communication. Introduction to haltering, leading and grooming.

Week 3: Practice leading and grooming. Parts of the horse.

Week 4: Practice leading and grooming. Colors and markings.

Week 5: Review and verbal quiz

Week 6: Practice leading and grooming. Parts of tack and tack cleaning

Week 7: Practice leading and grooming. Riding disciplines. How to tack a horse.

Week 8: Practice. Gaits of the horse. Feeding and watering.

Week 9: Practice leading and grooming. Owning a horse.

Week 10: Review

Week 11: Final quiz. Demonstration of proficiency in leading and grooming.