



2019 Spring Registration Form/Primary & Lower Elementary

OVERVIEW

The barn is one of Barrie's extraordinary learning environments and the perfect place for horse enthusiasts of all ages. The Equestrian Program offers a variety of horse related activities and lessons in hunt seat equitation for beginner through advanced riders.

Students in toddler classes explore the world of horses through weekly barn tours and pony rides led by the Barrie riding instructors. Students in Primary and Lower Elementary classes who are interested in learning the fundamentals of riding and basic horsemanship skills may opt to enroll in lessons scheduled during the school day. For supervision and safety concerns, the groups are limited to four riders. Depending on individual readiness, first year students are welcome to enroll in the program.

THE PROGRAM

Riding is therapeutic: socially, mentally, and physically. Classes foster camaraderie and team spirit. Students develop respect for living animals and become aware of the responsibilities involved in caring for them. All classes emphasize safety, fundamental horsemanship, and age-appropriate horse and equipment care. Exercises on the ground and in the saddle promote strength, balance, and coordination. Barn classes provide opportunities to expand upon basic horsemanship and general stable management skills. Increased self-confidence, improved self-awareness, and lasting bonds with equine friends are often the rewards. Individual students set the pace at all levels of riding. Building confidence and enjoying time with the horses are the overall objectives.

The Spring term of riding is a package of 10 lessons for \$480. Registration form and payment are due before Friday, March 1st. After this date, lesson availability is not guaranteed. Lessons begin the week of March 11th and conclude around the end of May. Availability for all classes is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. In the event of inclement weather, an unmounted horsemanship lesson will be conducted in the barn. Due to the busy school schedule and limitations on class sizes, make-up lessons are not offered.

RIDING LESSONS

Primary Classes: Students may opt to enroll in weekly lead line lessons during the fall and spring. Riding times are scheduled in blocks during the school day. Working on a lead line, students are introduced to basic skills at the walk and trot. Students are encouraged to purchase their own riding gear and safety riding helmet. Some helmets are available for student use. See additional riding attire requirements and *NOTICE*.

Lower Elementary Classes (Grades 1 - 3): Students may opt to enroll in weekly elementary lessons during the fall and spring. Riding times are scheduled during the school day in blocks reserved for specialists. Building on fundamental skills, students work to ride independently at the walk and trot. Accomplished young riders may canter and jump small cross-rails. Students are encouraged to purchase their own riding gear and safety riding helmets. Some helmets are available for student use. See additional riding attire requirements and *NOTICE*.

RIDING ATTIRE REQUIREMENTS

* **Headgear:** Safety helmets designed specifically for riding that meet current SEI/ASTM standards are mandatory for all students when mounted. Although, some helmets of assorted sizes are available at the barn, riders are highly encouraged to invest in their own safety riding helmet. *See NOTICE below.

* **Footwear:** Riding boots or hard-sole shoes with half-inch heels are mandatory when riding. Small heels prevent a rider's feet from slipping through the stirrups; hiking boots typically have soles that are too thick and may cause feet to get stuck in the stirrups. Boots that tie around the ankle give the most support. **Please do not buy fashion boots since they do not provide proper support to the rider's ankle, and zippers on the inside of the leg can both rub the rider and cause damage to the horse's equipment.**

* **Riding Pants:** Long pants help prevent leg sores and are mandatory when riding. Blue jeans or chaps worn with long pants are acceptable for lessons. Britches or jodhpurs are appropriate for both lessons and showing. Storage cubbies are available at the barn for student's riding attire.

***NOTICE:** *Riding helmets provided by Barrie School meet current SEI/ASTM standards and are available for your convenience. Barrie School makes no representations or warranties regarding the extent to which these helmets will protect against injury as a result of any impact, accident or fall. Barrie School strongly recommends that you obtain your own properly fitted protective riding headgear meeting current safety standards to be worn when working in the barn and when riding. Approved headgear and proper dress are mandatory at all times when mounted on a horse at Barrie School.*

TEACHING STAFF

Madelyn Garnett, Assistant Director of Equestrian Programs, and Amelia McMahon, Lead Instructor, are responsible for all instruction, horse care, and a myriad of activities offered at the stables.

A native of Chesapeake, Virginia, Madelyn showed a passion for horses from a young age. Through her high school years she became fully involved with riding and caring for horses. In 2014, she graduated from Sweet Briar College magna cum laude with a degree in Business Management, a minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies, an Honors Degree, and an Equine Studies Certificate of Management. After a short folly at a fox hunting barn in Texas, she joined the Barrie community in the spring of 2015. She particularly enjoys sharing her knowledge of horse management and care with students of all ages.

Amelia joined the Barrie faculty as Lead Instructor for the Equestrian Program at the start of last school year. Having worked ten years in the equine industry caring for horses and teaching aspiring riders of all ages, she brings a broad range of experience and enthusiasm for equestrian sports in the disciplines of hunters, equitation, and combined training. Participants in the school-year lesson program and summer camp will enjoy Amelia's creative and positive teaching style.

Primary - Lower Elementary SPRING 2019 RIDING REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete fully and return this form with payment of \$480 to Madelyn Garnett at the barn before Friday, March 1st.

- * **Registration form and payment are due Friday, March 1, 2019.**
- * **Lessons begin the week of March 11th and conclude by the end of May.**
- * **\$480 package** (10 lessons at \$48 per lesson. No make-up lessons offered)
- * In case of inclement weather, unmounted lessons are held in the barn
- * Safety riding helmets and appropriate riding attire are required to participate
- * Special Events: Open Barn Activities will be held May 17th.
- * Barrie's Annual End-Of-Year Horse Show on Saturday, May 18th is an optional event with additional fees.

Student Name: _____ Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Riding Experience: _____

Waiver of Liability: Although Barrie endeavors to provide a safe riding environment, I understand that participating in the sport of horseback riding involves a certain amount of unavoidable risk. I agree to release and hold harmless the Barrie School, including its officers, directors, employees and agents, from all injuries, damages, claims and causes of action caused by, arising from, or relating to, my child/ward participating in the Equestrian Program, as long as such injuries or damages are not the result of gross negligence, intentional neglect, or willful or wanton misconduct by the Barrie School, its officers, directors, employees and agents. I further agree to indemnify and defend the Barrie School, its officers, directors, employees and agents, from all claims, causes of action and damages to person or property caused by, arising from, or relating to the conduct of my child/ward during his/her participation in the Equestrian Program or related activities.

Please Print Legibly

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Print Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____ Secondary Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____