

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?



MAKE-UP LESSONS There are no make-up lessons unless Lord Stirling Stable postpones them. These postponed lessons are usually held during the week/weeks following the regularly scheduled session. Exceptions include adult 5-week classes, which count the first 5 weeks that the class actually meets. Students registered for the second 5 weeks of the session should call to confirm the start date of the class.

REFUNDS The Somerset County Park Commission will refund program fees if notified within seven days prior to the start of the program. Refund requests made after that will be issued only if the vacancy is filled by another participant. No refunds or credits will be given for individual missed classes in a lesson session or multi-day program. If the program requirements are not commensurate with the abilities of the registrant, a refund for the program will be issued. If a program is cancelled by the Somerset County Park Commission, a full refund or credit will be issued as quickly as possible.

RIDING TIME To ensure that you (and the other members of your class) receive the full hour of riding instruction, it is requested that riders be in the barn ready to ride at least 15 minutes BEFORE the class is scheduled to start. Horses will not be handed out to any student who arrives in the barn beyond the start of the scheduled class time.

INSTRUCTOR OBJECTIVES Lord Stirling Stable's intent is for all students to learn to ride and advance as quickly as their individual ability allows, and to have fun. Our primary concern, however, is the safety of the rider and horse.

PROGRESSING TO NEXT RIDING LEVEL Riders must consistently show their instructor they can meet all the goals for their riding level before advancing to the next level. Riders must also be present and on time for seven out of their ten classes in order to be considered for advancement.



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ABOUT OUR LESSONS

All riding lessons offered by Lord Stirling Stable are group lessons with a maximum of eight students per class taught by our certified instructors.

We teach "Balanced Seat" English Saddle riding to Juniors (age 9-17) and Adults from Beginner (never ridden before) through Advanced (jumping) levels.

Junior riding levels start at D-1 (basic beginner) through AAAA (advanced jumping).

Adult riding levels start at Beginner 1 (basic beginner) through Advanced 4 (advanced jumping).

Other available classes include Drill Team (invitation only), Flat/Advanced Flat 1 and 2 (non-jumping), Non Performing Drill, Games Classes, and Trail Classes.

Lord Stirling Stable has 2 outdoor rings, an outdoor jumping ring, a jumping field, and a large indoor ring. All lessons are held in the indoor ring during the Winter sessions and also during inclement weather.

WHEN ARE LESSONS HELD?

Lessons are held in 10 week sessions. We offer four 10-week sessions per year.

Five week sessions are available for Adults (Beginner 2 level and above) and for advanced Junior level riders.

Junior lessons are offered at 4:30pm and 5:30pm Monday through Friday (some evening classes may be available). Saturday classes are held at 1, 2, 3, and 4pm.

Adult lessons are offered at 9, 10, 11am, 1pm, 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30pm Monday through Friday, plus 8, 9, 10, and 11am on Saturdays.

The tentative schedule (day/time) for each riding level will be available at the stable office or online one week prior to the registration date of each session.

Classes may be cancelled if there is not adequate enrollment.



WHO CAN RIDE?

Somerset County Park Commission welcomes everyone to participate in its programs and facilities regardless of race, color, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or religious or political affiliation. If you have any individualized needs due to a disability, please call the Therapeutic Recreation Department at 908-526-5650 and we will be happy to arrange reasonable accommodations. Two weeks notice is required to ensure that appropriate accommodations can be provided.

Juniors must be 9 years old.

All riders must weigh less than 240 pounds. Jumping students may not exceed 225 pounds. Lord Stirling Stable reserves the right to verify the weight of a rider if the staff feels the horse cannot safely carry the rider.

TESTING AND EQUIPMENT

TESTING Riders without a Lord Stirling Stable classification card that can post the trot, may make an appointment to determine their riding level according to our level goals so they may be placed in a class where they will be safe, have fun, and learn more about riding. Please call the stable at least one week before the registration date.

EQUIPMENT All riders are required to wear an English riding helmet that meets ASTM/SEI standards and boots or shoes having a smooth, hard sole and a definite heel. Sneaker type riding shoes are acceptable. Riding helmets and boots may be rented at the stable by individual lesson or by the ten week session. We have children's, women's, and men's riding boots to size 13EEE.

For safety and insurance reasons, Junior riders are required to wear breeches or jodhpurs (English style riding pants) while taking lessons. Junior beginners (D-1) are required to have riding pants by at least the second lesson.

Lord Stirling Stable has a selection of Junior sized breeches for rent. The price is \$5.00 per usage. The staff asks that you kindly wash the riding pants before returning them.

IN PERSON REGISTRATION*

In-person registration is required for:

- New riders who have never taken lessons at Lord Stirling Stable
- Individuals who wish to pay by check or cash
- Customers who don't have access to a computer
- Anyone else who wishes to register in person.

Starting at 7am on each opening day of program registration, numbered paperwork is distributed to riders in the indoor ring addition in the order in which they arrived. Please complete this paperwork before being called to the office to register. Please note that while people may elect to arrive before 7am, park facilities may not be available and the park may not be staffed. Junior riders (minimum of 9 years old at the time of registration) must be registered by their own parent or legal guardian. Adults may be registered by an immediate family member if necessary.

Full payment (cash, check, Master Card, Visa, Discover, and American Express) must be made at the time of registration. Checks should be made payable to Somerset County Park Commission (SCPC).

Somerset County residents must show proof of residency.

ONLINE REGISTRATION*

Lesson registrations may be completed online.

You must be a current rider (having ridden at Lord Stirling Stable within 2 years), and have a Household Identification Number as well as a Password.

- Visit www.somersetcountyparks.org
- Click "Online Registration" located on left side of screen.
- Choose "Click Here" and follow easy instructions.

Full payment by (Master Card, Visa, American Express or Discover) must be made at the time of online registration.

***Please call the stable for registration dates/times/fees or visit our website.**

