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## MacNair's Riding School

We'd like to welcome you to MacNair's Country Acres. We have a 40+ year history in Raleigh and are a fully integrated equestrian facility that includes boarding, training, riding lessons for adults and children, summer and track out camps, and horse shows. Our goal is to help you develop as a well-rounded horseperson. Our lesson philosophy is simple: combine a structured curriculum to teach a foundation of riding and horsemanship skills with safe, well trained lesson horses, and quality instructors so that our students can build the confidence and skills to excel in and enjoy riding as a lifetime sport. A focus on personal growth and responsibility are the essential elements we encourage in our riders.

In addition to mounted lessons, we also concentrate on building a safe and solid foundation in working with, and handling horses. A good horseperson is skilled in all aspects of riding and horse care. In order to achieve this, sound training techniques, safety, and good riding basics are the foundation for all of our riding classes. We want our students to achieve their riding goals, whether they are pleasure riders or horse owners. Whatever your riding goals are we are sure to have a program for you.

We enjoy a host of activities on the farm. Please refer to our website [www.macnairscountryacres.com](http://www.macnairscountryacres.com) to see all of our offerings outside of regular lessons. If you have any questions or would like any more information, please feel free to contact the office for clarification.

To register for any of our programs, please return the Rider Enrollment Forms which include the following:

- Lesson registration forms
- Liability Agreement
- Deposit payment agreement
- Enrollment agreement
- Payment Options Form

Sincerely,

Stella Prescott

Director of Riding Programs

**Riding lessons** . . . are the foundation of our educational programs at MacNair's. The Riding School has been teaching students to ride for over forty years and offers lessons for students ranging in age from six years old to adult, and of all skill levels in both group and private lessons.

**Saddle Up** is designed for the first time rider as an introduction to horsemanship. The program allows students to enroll for a single session to experience riding and the care of horses. The 2 hour session includes an introduction to grooming and tacking; mounted riding session, and aspects of horse care after the ride. Upon completion of Saddle Up, riders may enroll in our Earn Your Stirrups program.

### **Getting Started**

We start many new group lessons throughout the year, and encourage riders to join at any time. If a beginner group is not available to start immediately, riders may start in our **Earn Your Stirrups** program. This is an introductory lesson program of your choice of 4 or 8 lessons to develop basic position and control before moving to a group lesson. These lessons give you the critical skills to ride competently in a group or in the ring with other riders.

### **Group and Private Lessons**

Our Riding School is broken into two school programs: The Community School and Pony School. Group classes for both the Community and Pony School programs are assembled and follow the Wake County traditional school calendar. The 2014- 2015 riding calendar will run August 22, 2014 – June 7, 2015. Group lessons meet at the same time each week and are arranged according to skill levels. All other lesson formats are scheduled as appointments and are subject to instructor availability. Once enrolled, riders will automatically be reenrolled in the next lesson session when the previous session runs-out.

**Pony School Lessons (ages 6 – 9)**... are designed especially for our younger riders. We try to group riders by both age and ability. Once enrolled, riders will automatically be reenrolled in the next lesson session when the previous session runs-out.

Pony School for our 6 and 7 year old riders introduces riding and horsemanship skills in a safe, friendly environment. During these lessons the student learns the basics of riding, a foundation that will eventually support balance, correct position of the rider and control of the horse. The rider learns how to move the horse forward, stop, and turn at both the walk and trot. Lessons include instruction on proper handling of the horse as well as how to decipher horse behavior, enabling the student to become more confident and develop an appreciation and understanding of the horse.

Pony School for our 8 and 9 year old riders encompasses the above plus as riders' progress, the canter and small jumps are introduced. The class time includes riding as well as tacking and/or untacking plus horsemanship skills and time around the horses. We encourage safe young riders with a solid foundation in riding and horsemanship.

**Community School Lessons (ages 10 – adult)**... are for riders 10 years and up. We believe that all students should know and practice standard safety rules for working around horses and will continually observe and apply these rules at each lesson. Once enrolled, riders will automatically be reenrolled in the next lesson session when the previous session runs-out.

**Private Lessons** are also available as a supplement to our group lesson students or for students who desire one-on-one time with an instructor who will tailor the session to each individual rider's needs and desires. Private lessons allow the rider to learn at his/her own pace and achieve individual goals. Riders in the private lesson program are able to buy a package of private lessons to receive a discount on the cost of the

lessons. Four lesson packages must be used within 2 months of purchase. Eight lesson packages must be used within 4 months of purchase. Once enrolled, riders will automatically be reenrolled in the same package upon completion. Please contact the office to sign up for packages or schedule private lessons.

**Our Special Programs...** provide opportunities for our students to participate in educational programs, social clubs, specialized training programs and riding camps. You can learn more about any of these programs by calling the office or checking on our website [www.macnairscountryacres.com](http://www.macnairscountryacres.com).

Some of the programs we offer our enrolled students are listed below.

- **IEA Interscholastic Equestrian Association** - Riders in grades 6 - 8 compete on a Middle School team. Riders in grades 9 -12 compete on an Upper School team. The mission of the IEA is to introduce students in middle and secondary schools to equestrian sports and to develop understanding and appreciation of equestrian sports through organized competitions and educational opportunities.
- **MacNair's 4-H club** - offered to our student's (ages 9 to 18 years). It provides yet another avenue for building critical horse skills, good sportsmanship, and leadership.
- **Fun Days** - a special opportunity for our enrolled students to get an idea of what it's like to take care of or own a horse. This includes working in the barn, with the horses, and a riding lesson.
- **Video clinics** - offered throughout the year to give riders the opportunity to see what they look like on a horse and review with an instructor.
- **Holiday Horse Leasing** - during certain times of the year students can schedule time to independently ride our school horses outside of the regular lesson times.
- **Lectures and Clinics** - are offered throughout the year on subjects such as showing, judging, horse care and stable management, horse ownership, plus many other topics.
- **School Horse Shows** - provide a great opportunity for Riding School students to experience competition and demonstrate their skills for family and friends.
- **Leases** -Riders at certain levels and with instructor's permission may lease one of wonderful school horses. Leases are a great way to get extra time in the saddle for practice. Riders can lease a horse/pony for 1 ¼ hours for \$55 (mounted time 45 minutes). Half and Full Month leases are also available.

The programs below are open to the public and do not require enrollment in any of our riding programs.

- **Summer and Track Out Camps** - are offered in the summer for children on a traditional calendar and during 'track out' times throughout the year for the year-round student.

#### **Instructors:**

MacNair's Country Acres instructors are mature adults who have many years experience with children and horses. Many of our instructors are rated riders with the Affiliated National Riding Commission. We are committed to safety in the barn and on the horse and teach these rules to our students. As educators we work to keep updated on teaching methods and theory and strive to teach the whole person rather than just the rider.

## Policies and Procedures for all Riding Programs:

### Rider Requirements

MacNair's Country Acres requires that riders have health insurance. All riders or their guardians are required to provide current insurance information and to sign the application.

The following items are required and are NOT supplied by MacNair's Country Acres.

- An SEI / ASTM APPROVED riding helmet
- Long pants or breeches
- Sturdy shoes or boots, preferably above the ankle in height, with a smooth sole and a 1" square heel (*no* hiking boots or ripple soles)
- **Students are required have their hair under the helmet. No pony tails.** Use of a hair net is required for all female riders

There are several tack shops in the area that supply these items. M&M Tack Shop offers very competitive prices and is conveniently located at MacNair's Country Acres. Feel free to contact M&M Tack Shop directly at **919.851.0102**

### Billing

#### 2014 -2015 Group Lesson Calendar

Starting in August 2014 All Group Lessons must be purchased in sessions. To receive a discounted price the rider's lesson session must be paid in full at the time of the first lessons. Riders may choose to make monthly installments for each session. A one-time \$110 deposit is required for riders paying monthly. Please see the charts below for session dates, billing dates, costs, and scheduled ride days.

There will be no make-up lessons. However, each student will be allowed one missed lesson per session credit to carry over to the next session. One and only one lesson will be credited to the next session. Sessions are non-refundable once the session starts. Once enrolled, a rider will automatically be reenrolled in the next lesson session when the session runs-out.

FULL SESSION PAYMENT			DAY YOU RIDE						
BILL DATE	START	FINISH	COST	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
w/registration	22-Aug	1-Nov	Session 1	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
1-Oct-2014	3-Nov	24-Jan	Session 2	\$400.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
1-Jan-2015	26-Jan	28-Mar	Session 3	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
1-Mar-2015	30-Mar	6-Jun	Session 4	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$450.00	\$350.00

MONTHLY PAYMENTS			An additional \$110 deposit is required for this payment option and is not included in the cost below.						
BILL DATE	START	FINISH	COST	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
w/registration	22-Aug	29-Sep	Session 1	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
1-Sep-2014	30-Sep	3-Nov		\$220.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
1-Oct-2014	4-Nov	13-Dec	Session 2	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
1-Nov-2014	15-Dec	24-Jan		\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00
1-Jan-2015	26-Jan	28-Feb	Session 3	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
1-Feb-2015	2-Mar	28-Mar		\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00	\$220.00
1-Mar-2015	30-Mar	6-Jun	Session 4	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$220.00
1-Apr-2015				\$220.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$220.00	\$165.00

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	WEEK #
AUG					22	23	24	1
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
SEPT	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	2
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	4
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	5
OCT	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	7
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	8
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	9
NOV	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	10
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	2
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	3
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
DEC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	4
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	6
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
JAN	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	7
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	8
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	9
FEB	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	3
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	4
MAR	23	24	25	26	27	28	1	5
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	7
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	8
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	9
APR	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	1
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	3
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	4
MAY	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	5
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	7
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	8
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	9
JUN	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	10

## WINTER HOLIDAY LEASES (tentative price and schedule)

Thanksgiving Lease Nov 23 – 30

Christmas & New Years Dec 21-Jan 4, 2015

One – 1.25 hour lease: \$55

Five days – 1.25 hour lease: \$250

Six days or more – See office

For private lesson and special program riders, all lessons or special program activities must be paid at the time of service if the rider chooses not to leave a credit card on file. Riders will not be able to participate in activities not paid before the date of the activity.

In our effort to go green, MacNair's Country Acres emails all of its statements. If you would prefer a paper copy, please indicate on the payment options form.

## Scheduling

### Absences Lessons

- Due to the fact that we will have a horse assigned to you for your lesson, if you will be absent from a lesson for any reason, 24 hour notice is required.
- There are no make-up lessons. One lesson may credit to the next session for absences with 24 hour notice. Sessions are non-refundable once the session starts.

### Weather Cancellations

Classes *do meet* when it is raining! MacNair's Country Acres *does not* follow the Wake County School System's Inclement Weather Policy. This means if school is closed for inclement weather, we may still be able to hold classes. MacNair's Country Acres offers a full horsemanship lesson program. We want to produce great horsemen and horsewomen, not just riders. Rain days will be used to teach important horsemanship information. On the rare occasion MacNair's cancels a class due to treacherous roads, we will email/call students as early as possible and the class will be rescheduled one time only. If the student is unable to attend the rescheduled class, the student forfeits the lesson. Please indicate on your registration form which means of communicating last minute class schedule changes you prefer.

### Class Cancellations and Changes

We do strive to meet communicated class schedules; however, in the event of business requirements, we reserve the right to make class changes as is necessary.

**Lesson instructor, prices, dates and schedule are subject to change without notice.**

## Withdrawal

### Temporary Withdrawal from the Lesson Program

*Options if you will be away from your lesson for extended absences due to camps, travels or other reasons:*

- (1) *Withdrawal from the lesson program* – Give at least two weeks written notice or email communication of your withdrawal. When you return, we will work with you to resume lessons in an appropriate class.
- (2) *Reserve your lesson slot* – Hold your lesson slot with full payment of the session tuition. This charge assures you of the same time slot when you return. Please give us two weeks advance notice of your return date. No make-up lessons will accrue during the reservation period.

### Permanent Withdrawal from the Lesson Program

#### *Give Proper Notice*

We require **two weeks written notice of withdrawal** from the lesson program. The two weeks notice will begin upon receipt of your written notification. Sessions are non-refundable once the session starts.

#### *Make-Up Lesson Considerations when Withdrawing*

No make-ups are allowed after your date of withdrawal from the program.

#### *Refunds*

Other than your security deposit funds, no cash refunds can be given. However, if you have a prepaid lessons balance, this may be carried for up to 6 months, allowing you to return to the lesson program when your situation permits.

### Lesson Fee Information – Effective August 22, 2014

<u>A LA CARTE LESSONS</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>RIDING TIME</u>
Privates	\$85.00	45 minutes
Semi Privates (2 riders)	\$65.00	45 minutes
Mini Group (3-5 riders)	\$60.00	1 hour
8 Lesson Private Package	\$640.00	45 minutes
4 Lesson Private Package	\$330.00	45 minutes
8 Lesson Semi Private Package	\$480.00	45 minutes

### IF ALSO ENROLLED IN A WEEKLY GROUP LESSON

Privates	\$75.00	45 minutes
Semi Privates	\$60.00	45 minutes
8 Lesson Private Package	\$560.00	45 minutes
4 Lesson Private Package	\$290.00	45 minutes
8 Lesson Semi Private Package	\$440.00	45 minutes

**\*Daytime Lessons Monday through Friday before 2:30 will receive a discount of \$5.00 off each lesson.**