



NEW MEMBER INFO

Welcome!

We are so glad that you are considering joining us. Let me give you some of the specifics of what our club is about and how it works. First of all, I think you won't find a more welcoming group of horse crazy kids (and parents!) anywhere; but I always tell people to come and "try it on for size". Not everyone is looking for the same thing in a club.

Some Facts About Our Club

We have about 25 participating youth members. We also have an adult program that has about 15 members. Not all have horses but most have access to horses. Some do the educational portion only and some do the lessons only but most do both. If someone does not have access to a horse, we will try our best to make arrangements for them.

We try very hard to keep the costs down. We are a non-profit dedicated to providing a program to any child that has the desire to ride and learn about horses. We have a lot of committed families that are willing to share horses or "lease for lesson day" situations.

I'll give a breakdown of the costs for you:

Annual National Membership: \$95 (\$115 for first timers)

Annual Regional Membership: \$25 (\$35 for first timers)

Monthly Dues: \$10

Lessons (groups of 3-5): \$15/each

Horse sharing: varies but typical is: \$20/lesson

\$200/half lease (ride up to 3x a week)

Lessons are Mondays at 4:30 p.m. and Fridays at both 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. As we grow, we will consider adding more.

Our "unmounted meetings" are our educational time and we usually meet the 4th Saturday of the month from 3-5 p.m. Currently, we are going through a "patch" program where the kids earn badges for different areas of horse management (ie. Veterinary care, farrier, leading a horse, grooming a horse etc...).

We also take various field trips (ie. horse hospital and backstage at Medieval Times) and participate in regional pony club events (ie. rallies and summer camp). Several of our kids have started showing at local hunter and dressage shows.

We also feel strongly that our kids understand what a privilege it is to be able to ride, so we like to participate in volunteer opportunities (ie. The OCFair) to help others have opportunity to share our passion.

We hope that our kids not only learn about horses but also learn valuable life lessons like responsibility, leadership, empathy and self esteem.

Please feel free to come check us out. Our calendar with locations is posted on the website.