

## **Lakewood Stables New Lesson Program**

Dear Student,

After a year of new ownership, Lakewood Stables is upgrading its Lesson Program for our students. As many of you may have noticed, the Lakewood lesson program is undertaking a complete restructuring. We have welcomed new, extraordinarily talented and qualified instructors from Claremont Riding Academy and a few new horses as well.

As of September 1, 2007, we will be implementing a new program which will bring additional organization to our lessons. The program will be based on a “semester” system which will be between a 10 – 12 week period throughout the calendar year. The benefit of this program will be to give our students the chance to reserve a spot with the same instructor every week at the same time.

At the end of each semester, each student will receive a certificate of completion from their instructor and a progress report. In case a holiday falls on your lesson day, or Lakewood Stables closes for other reasons, such as inclement weather, the student will be granted a make-up lesson.

Lakewood Stables also would like to announce that we will be hosting (3) three horse shows for our students. The dates for these “schooling shows” will be as follows: September 30, 2007, October 28, 2007, and December 2, 2007. These shows will offer a variety of classes for all levels of riders with ribbons and trophies for various divisions. At the October show, we will also have a Halloween themed costume class where the students can dress up the horses. Entries will be \$15.00 per class and will close (10) ten days prior to each show. For post entries, the price will be \$20.00 per class.

Our goal is to help our students discover their strength, confidence, balance and focus in order to be the best rider they can and to also prepare them for local and national shows if they so choose.

This lesson program will offer 10 – 12 lessons in the semester at a base price that will be pre-paid. There will be a strict 24 hour cancellation policy that must be enforced at all levels. If the student does not call within 24 hours to cancel the lesson, they will lose that lesson. Exceptions will include but are not limited to the following: the student falls ill and provides a doctor note or a death in the family.

If the student calls within the 24 hour time frame to cancel, they will have the ability to make-up that lesson. However, the student must make up that lesson within 2 weeks of the end of the semester. The office will keep track of all make-up

lessons and notify you of when they can be used. Make-ups can be used with any instructor any time during the week based on availability. The office and head instructor will notify all students when the beginning and end of the semesters take place so everyone can reserve the most convenient lesson time.

Another change that Lakewood Stables will be enforcing is lesson books. Lesson Books will replace lesson cards and they will be 10 lessons (1/2 hour or hour) to be used over a 20 week period. Each book will contain a free lesson and trail, either 1/2 hour or hour, depending on your lesson length.

Lakewood Stables will reserve a spot for a student with a 20% deposit. Prices will vary depending on the length of each semester. Deposits will be accepted before the beginning of the semester and the remaining balance will be due upon the start of the steady lesson. All lessons will be booked with a valid credit card, but will not be charged until the day of the lesson. All card numbers will be kept on file for future lessons in a confidential and safe location.

The following are the dates of the “semesters.”

**Semester # 1:**

September 1, 2007 to November 9, 2007

**Semester # 2:**

November 10, 2007 to January 18, 2008

**Semester # 3:**

January 19, 2008 to March 28, 2008

**Semester # 4:**

March 29, 2008 to June 6, 2008

**Semester # 5:**

June 7, 2008 to August 15, 2008

**Semester # 6:**

August 16, 2008 to October 24, 2008

**Semester # 7:**

October 25, 2008 to December 2, 2008