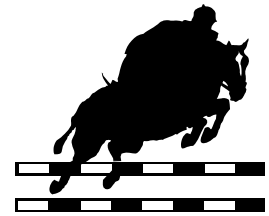




April 2010 Newsletter

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- Please remember to bring your horse treats; apples, carrots, sugar cubes or peppermints. Thank you!!
- It's getting sunnier and hotter!! Please remember sunscreen before you come to the barn and drink plenty of water before you ride! If you are thirsty, you are already dehydrated.
- We do a lot of our communication through email. Please let us know if you feel like you are not receiving the emails or have a change of email address.
- Please remember to always wash your bit after riding.
- Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and helpers.
- **Spring Break Camps**, April 5-9 for private school riders and April 12-16 for Mobile County Public School riders Cost is \$85.00/day or \$385/week. We must have 5 riders in order to have a camp. We will have cross country & dressage camps for intermediate and advanced riders. Beginner and intermediate riders will be lunged, play games, and go on trail rides. Everyone eats lunch together. We have lots of interesting and informative "horse talk".
- Beginning May 31, our summer schedule will start. Camps will be held from 8 am until 2 pm. Lessons will be held from 5 pm until 6 pm. Please arrive at 4:30 for your lessons. Don't lose skills over the summer, sign up for lessons and camps! If you go out of town for vacation, we are very flexible about makeups.
- Please email our camp forms to anyone on your email list. Even if they don't have kids, they may have nieces, nephews, friends, etc that might be interested. Our riding school and camps are unique. Even the top camps in the country don't have the caliber of school horses, instruction, and facilities that Silver Lining Farm has. Remember out of town friends too. We have overnights! Word of mouth is the best advertisement. The recession will downsize many vacations, a week of day or overnight camp may be a wonderful alternative. We need your support to keep our wonderful farm going. Our hay bill alone was \$7000 this year!
- **MAKE UP LESSONS** - Please remember that we have a 30 day make up policy. If you must miss a lesson or if your lesson is cancelled for any reason, please contact us to reschedule. In order to be able to make up your missed lesson, we must be notified at least two hours before the lessons begin. If you fail to notify us about missing a lesson, you will not be able to makeup your lesson. Please call the barn 634-1229 and leave a message or send an email silverliningfarm@yahoo.com. It takes our staff two hours to prepare for lessons.
- Please do not ask to change horses on the day of your lesson. We take time to assign horses and it is based on many different points of riding including the child's size and ability and the temperament of the horse as well as what will be worked on during the lesson. You can make a request for the next week and we will try to make it happen!
- Put names on checks... Please write your child's name on your tuition check and what the check is for, i.e. camp, lessons, gloves.
- Parking is located on the left side of the driveway as you come on to the property, across the driveway from the Big Barn, and at the Little Barn. Please do not park in front of the big barn. Parents, **Please do not drive your vehicle on or around the farm to catch and/or turn out horses!** This is for safety, erosion and health reasons!! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- Please watch your speed when driving on the farm. We have a lot of animals and kids around and don't want anyone to get hurt!
- We have Gift Certificates available. They make great birthday and Easter gifts, etc.... and don't forget **Leases** make a great gift!! It's the gift that keeps on giving. Please let Mimi know if you are interested in leasing or purchasing a horse. Leasing information...For only \$250 you can ride three more times per week besides your lesson day. If you cannot make it during the week, riding two different horses on Saturday or Sunday works too. You feel like you own a horse without the big commitment. People that ride two or three times a week are amazed at their progress. Even if you only get two rides in besides your lesson, you are getting your moneys worth!!
- Parents - We are very interested in discussing your child's success and accomplishments with you; however, please call, email or make an appointment to answer questions, discuss and/or explain something. The Instructor's and staff are preparing for lessons one hour prior to lesson time and one hour after lessons. Safety comes first. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- ***Tuition is always due on the 1st*** and late after the 5th. ***A personal check*** is our bookkeeper's preferred method of payment. There is an automatic late fee of \$25.00 for tuition received after the 5th. There is a Returned Check fee of \$30.00 on all returned checks.

MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO SILVER LINING FARM. Please remember that tuition is due in full for the month. If your lesson day is missed or falls on a holiday, you can make it up within 30 days. However, the full amount is still due.

- *In order to avoid a late fee, please remember to mail your check or bring it by if you will not be here to turn it in on time.*