



Education at Its Finest!

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Looking for a great present?? Look NO FURTHER! Ace-High has got wonderful gift certificates for giving to anyone. Our certificates may be framed for a great looking present for a current student or a future one. Certificates are available in all values and may be done on a very short notice.

STAYING UPDATED

Remember to check the bulletin boards, website, and your emails for updates on the news of Ace-High. We rely on our electronic methods for getting news to you. If you do not receive emails from us, make sure to update your information with us as we may not have an email or may have the incorrect email for you on file.

Ace-High is NOW SMOKE FREE!!!! No Smoking anywhere on the property of Ace-High or at any Ace-High function. The HORSES AND INSTRUCTORS THANK YOU!!!!!!!

NEW LESSON SYSTEM

Starting January 2008, Ace-High will be starting a new system of doing lessons. Please read this brochure thoroughly for information in regards to the way that Ace-High will be operating from then onward.

LEVEL SYSTEM

The Ace-High Level System will still be in effect with rider's achieving certain skills before moving onto the next level. We believe that this is a huge difference between other programs and ourselves. The level testing is done at the private half hour lesson rate unless there is a whole group which needs to be tested at the same time. The level testing may or may not be counted as a lesson in your package.

RIDING TIPS

As always, there are plenty of tips to help you with your time with Ace-High. First, make sure to bring water with you regardless of the weather. Riding is very physical and will dehydrate you. The warmer it is, the more water you should bring with you. Always dress in layers as you will more than likely desire to shed out of a layer or two while riding (proper gloves in winter are a must). Tight fitting clothes are the best as they will keep you safer while also helping to prevent rubs from friction from the saddle. Also make sure that if you have long hair, to have it pulled back in a low pony tail so that your helmet will fit properly. Minimal jewelry should also be worn as it too is a safety hazard. In general, if it is something that is loose or baggy, it should not be worn to riding lessons.

Equestrian Education Services- Riding has NEVER been so MUCH FUN!!!!

Ace-High is an exceptional place for both children and adults to ride and to improve on their skills. Ace-High offers:

- ♣ Expert Instruction
- ♣ Certified and Insured Top Level Instructors
- ♣ Beginner through Advanced Riding Levels
- ♣ All Disciplines– English and Western including Hunt Seat (on flat and over fences), Dressage, Saddle Seat, Stock Seat, Side Saddle, Reining, Games, and much more.
- ♣ Group, Private, and Semi-Private Lessons
- ♣ Year Round Lesson and Instructional Programs
- ♣ US Pony Club Programs and Riding Center Activities
- ♣ Summer Day Camp Programs
- ♣ Indoor Arena, Outdoor Lighted Arena, and Round Pen
- ♣ Shows both on and off Facility

All of this in a ***FUN, WHOLESOME, FRIENDLY***
ENVIRONMENT!

RIDING AT ACE-HIGH

Riding has been a very popular sport which has continued to raise in its level of popularity, as it combines the many different facets to achieve a pleasurable, fun, and life long activity. Riding is very healthy for you while remaining low impact which gives many people the opportunity to participate in a sport when otherwise they would not be able to. It can be enjoyed by all ages from the very young to the very old~ many people enjoy riding well into their 80s.

The best part of riding, especially at Ace-High, is that riders gain a sense of satisfaction when a skill is accomplished while also achieving a fulfilling, satisfying, and loving feeling that comes from the relationship with an animal as majestic as the horse. At Ace-High, which is primarily a teaching facility, instructors help students progress at their own pace in a relaxed atmosphere. We do offer a level system for readily available goals through the progression and advancement of a rider in their time with us. This also makes it much easier for you to continue your equestrian education if you must relocate to another facility. Your goals, aspirations, and expectations are very important to us at Ace-High. We want to know why you are here, what you want to do, and how you would like to spend your time with us.

We realize that not all riders will choose to become horse show competitors, therefore that is not our purpose. Our purpose is to mold an effective rider~ one who not only looks pretty and correct, but is pretty and correct while having the knowledge to ride and control a horse in almost any situation. Greatness does take time to achieve and our instructors spend the time with you in order to achieve it on the level you desire to reach while staying in tune with your goals. If you do choose to compete, our instructors help you to prepare for the show ring to present a professional appearance and attitude.

THE LESSON PROGRAM

At Ace-High, students gain:

- ♣ A solid foundation in the basics of riding that are essential to having a safe and enjoyable time riding horses. These are our Building Blocks.
- ♣ An understanding of the nature of horses both on the ground and in the saddle, as well as how to work with the horse to safely accomplish your goals with them. This includes how to safely care for the horse, both mounted and dismounted, and how to ride in many different situations. This is Complete Equestrian Education from the Ground Up.

STAFF

Amanda J. Brown, founder, owner and director of Ace-High, is a Nationally recognized instructor, judge, speaker, and trainer. She is one of the few instructors to be licensed by the TN State Board of Education in teaching equine sciences. She was honored in 2007 by being named as one of the Top 50 Instructors in the USA. She, along with her students, have won countless awards and honors on the local, Class A, Regional, National, and International levels of competition, as well as having many students who have overcome their fears involving horses and riding. Amanda and all of the Ace-High teaching staff are experienced horsewomen and horsemen, who possess the knowledge and patience to help riders learn at a safe pace that is comfortable for each individual.

FACILITIES

Welcome to the modern equestrian era! Ace-High is a modern facility offering all of the comforts that you need to enjoy your time with us. We realize that for some students that this is their only time to get away from home or school during the week. Because of that, we want you to be comfortable and have the optimum learning environment. We offer the conveniences of home with a bathroom and lounge complete with complimentary coffee and hot chocolate, book/video/magazine libraries, and multimedia centers complete with internet access. We also offer viewing areas to safely keep our visitors safe while watching lessons.

Ace-High is situated on 30 acres just outside the Hendersonville city limits~ conveniently located 15 minutes from downtown Nashville directly off of Vietnam Veterans Boulevard. There are three riding arenas at Ace-High from our indoor arena for inclement weather, to our outdoor lighted large arena, and our large round pen for ground work lessons. For advanced riders, we also offer riding throughout our property to work on riding in the open. This gives both our horses and riders other pleasant areas for riding and new scenery.

SCHOOL HORSES

An average of 20 to 25 horses and ponies, trained specifically for use in teaching are kept at Ace-High for our student's use. Rest assured that you are learning on the best horses available and that we match each of our students to which horse they need to attain the skills that they are working on. Horses are much like people in that each of them have skills that they do better than other horses. Because of that, we have a great selection of lesson horses and ponies to be able to suit your needs to the fullest. Most of our lesson horses were CHAMPION show horses in their prior lives or are current champions, which allows Ace-High students an advantage over other farms~ Ace-High students may experience horse shows without having to invest the money into purchasing a horse. We love to let our students get their feet wet without making any large or long term commitments. Go to lessonhorses.acehigh.info to view information and pictures of some of our current lesson horses. Students who own a horse may take lessons on our horses or on their horse. There is no price difference based on the horse used unless it is a boarder.

RIDING ATTIRE

At Ace-High, ***YOUR SAFETY*** is ***PRIORITY NUMBER ONE!*** Because of that, ASTM and SEI approved riding helmets are required for all riders jumping, riding outside, and for those who are under 18 years of age. All riders over 18 years of age may sign a waiver to ride without a helmet at their own risk. Long, tight fitting pants are also required and boots or hard soled shoes with a 1/2" to 1" heel are required. Absolutely NO tennis shoes, sandals, dress shoes, crocs, loafers, or shoes/boots with a coarse tread are allowed for safety reasons. Although riding boots and breeches/jodhpurs/riding jeans are not required, they are highly recommended to all participants in any services at Ace-High. Loose or baggy clothing must be avoided for safety reasons, and all shirts coming past the hips must be tucked in.

RIDING AND HORSEMANSHIP CAMPS

These are for all ages with specifically designed camps for children and adults of all ages. They are held throughout the year. Please see our website at camp.acehigh.info for more information on our camp programs. Sign up early (by April for summer camps) as space fills VERY QUICKLY! We have great rates for the camp programs and have been offering them since 1997 with over 500 campers attending since then. Camps allow people, even non-clients, the chance at furthering their complete equestrian education in a safe and controlled environment.

PONY PALS

Children up to age 7 (or until first grade) are introduced to the basics of riding in the Pony Pals program. Weekly, half-hour lessons help children gain confidence, improve balance, increase coordination, and develop self-control. Pony Pals are led on ponies or horses trained for lesson use while developing the fundamentals of riding in preparation for our regular lesson program. Lessons are private or in small groups, and we encourage parents to actively participate with their children. The semester calendar and tuition rates for PonyPals are the same as the Level I lessons.

GROUP LESSONS

These are for anyone who is able to control their mount around other horses. These riders have typically taken 6 to 10 lessons with Ace-High. The hour long (riding) lesson consists usually of 3 to 5 riders of similar age and ability, although riders of higher levels may be included in order to be the group leader or demonstrator. Riders typically spend an additional 30 to 60 minutes caring for their horse both before and after the lesson.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Our private lessons are for our beginners~ those who are not comfortable enough at the walk and trot to move into a group lesson. They are also a great way for other riders to prepare for a show or solve problems. Private lessons may be done as a session or by pay by the lesson in which must be scheduled at least FOUR days in ADVANCE. The private lessons are 30 minutes of riding time with time for caring for the horse before and after the lesson being an additional 15 to 30 minutes. On occasion, an unmounted horsemanship lesson is provided instead of a mounted lesson to allow all around development of the rider. The time spent learning on the ground is just as valuable and important as time spent in the saddle. Private lessons may also be requested by those who desire one on one attention.

PRACTICE RIDES

For our higher Level II and Level III students, practice rides are available on our lesson horses. These are for one hour including the time for grooming and saddling both before and after the riding time. The rate is \$20 per hour and must be scheduled at least FOUR days in advance. We cannot guarantee the availability of horses or times until you schedule a time and horse. Just like our lessons, your time begins when it is scheduled. If you are running late, the clock is running so to speak. You get to work on whatever you choose to work on during your hour time. Lessons always have first right in the arena at all times— so be prepared to work at the same pace as the lessons in the ring for less arena congestion.

OTHER FEES

The only other fee which you will be assessed for the lesson program is a lesson program membership fee of \$15 per session or \$10 per month if you are participating in pay by the lesson or are on a non-regular schedule. The End of Session Horse Show is also at a separate rate, and any other activities which you participate in are at additional costs.

APPLICATION

Applications for enrollment are made at least a month in advance of the beginning of each session. Students may enter mid-session if there is space available at their level. Discounts are offered for multiple children/immediate family members in the same session. Gift certificates may be purchased as well. Applications are available on our website at lessons.acehigh.info and on our application brochure which may be requested from the office.

END OF SESSION SHOW

At the end of each lesson session, Ace-High holds a student show with awards for all types of achievements in the show and in their lessons throughout the session. The lesson students are grouped according to ability and to their age if needed. The show is in a lesson type setting. Show clothes are not required, but welcome, however a neat and workmanlike dress code will apply to students. There is a small entry fee for these shows. Points are accumulated throughout the year for our year end awards at Ace-High's Awards Ceremony.

SCHEDULE 2008

Ace-High schedules lessons YEAR ROUND in sessions which are 6 weeks in length, however, if you choose to join mid-session that may be done if space is available at that level by pro-rating the remainder of the session or by partaking in private lessons. Five weeks regular lessons and one week make ups.

Session I: 01/01/08 to 02/16/08

Session III: 04/01/08 to 05/10/08

Session V: 06/22/08 to 08/2/08

Session VII: 09/14/08 to 10/25/08

Session IX: 12/07/08 to 01/03/08 (special session rate 3 weeks regular + 1 week make up)

Session II: 02/19/08 to 03/29/08

Session IV: 05/13/08 to 06/21/08

Session VI: 08/3/08 to 09/13/08

Session VIII: 10/26/08 to 12/06/08

Lessons are scheduled Tuesday through Friday in mid-day, afternoon, and evening times, and all day on Saturday. Lesson times may be changed to fit around the camps/horse shows and to accommodate the temperature. Our major shows are preplanned into the sessions. Students ride at the same time every week. Most students ride once or twice a week, but some choose to ride more frequently. It is what fits into your goals, your budget, and your schedule.

MAKE UP/BONUS LESSON

With our new lesson system, the session is six weeks. Five of those weeks are regular lessons and the sixth week is a planned make up and bonus lesson week. If you or the instructor has missed a lesson during the session, you will receive your make up lesson this week. If you or your instructor have not missed a lesson, then this is a BONUS lesson. ALL students should plan to attend this week no matter what! No other make up lessons will be arranged. The extra lesson is provided at no additional cost (pay by the lesson is excluded) and will be held at the regular lesson time.

***** WIN A FREE PRIVATE LESSON *****

Each fully completed registration with payment that is received in the office by the closing date for pre-registration will be eligible for the drawing for a free private lesson (half-hour) with the instructor of their choice. This will be done for every session throughout the year.

US PONY CLUB PROGRAM

In 2007, Ace-High became a USPC Approved Riding Center and is very proud to offer the Pony Club Program to all of our lesson students. To be a member of the Riding Center, whether in the children's or adult's program, you must stay active in the lesson program by participating in the current lesson session to keep your membership current with the Riding Center. There are additional fees for the Riding Center activities including National Dues for the USPC and a monthly fee of \$20 for unlimited participation in our Riding Center Activities (up to \$500 of activities per month available).

OTHER PROGRAMS

We offer many other programs at Ace-High including youth and adult riding clubs, show services, and a full array of other horse and equestrian related services. Please check our website at www.acehigh.info for more information on everything else that we do.

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ACE-HIGH AS YOUR RIDING STABLE!!!