



SOUTHERN STAR RANCH
& Riding Academy

Show Program Package

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- **Students wishing to enter the show lesson program at SSR will need to commit to do a minimum of 2 lessons per week during show season, and 1 lesson per week during the off season. Show lesson packages and requirements are as follows:**

- Monthly tuition for two private, one-hour lessons per week is \$360, due by the 25th of the preceding month.
- Monthly tuition for three private, one-hour lessons per week is \$420, due by the 25th of the preceding month.
- If after the first lesson the student decides not to continue in the program, a refund will be issued, less \$55 for the lesson taken.
- After the second lesson has begun, there will no longer be any refunds on riding lessons unless it is medically necessary for the student to drop out of the program.
- If an extra lesson must be added in before a show, it will be added at the \$55 rate and be paid before the lesson.
- Missed lessons must be made up within thirty (30) days, if scheduling permits, or it will be forfeited. Responsibility of scheduling a missed lesson falls on the student. Please do not wait till the end of the month to reschedule a missed lesson, as a time may not be available.
- There is a 24-hour lesson cancellation policy which will be strictly enforced. If you do not notify the trainer within 24 hours of your lesson time, you will forfeit the lesson. There will be no make-ups, nor reimbursements.
- Lessons start and end according to the schedule. If a student is not ready at the appropriate time, the lesson will still end as scheduled so as to ensure the next lesson starts on time.
- The horse must be properly groomed and tacked prior to, and after, each lesson. A checklist will need to be followed, approved and signed by the trainer prior to riding.
- Lessons are held rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, lessons will consist of unmounted instruction.
- Students will not be able to jump over 2 feet unless they purchase their own horse. After one year of following the Show Program Package, we recommend leasing or purchasing a horse and would be glad to help in that endeavor.

- **Proper attire for the lessons and shows:**

Lessons

- A boot with a low heel, smooth sole paddock boots, or field boots only.
- A shirt that can be tucked in.
- Riding breeches or tights are preferred. Jeans are appropriate if they are worn with half chaps or full chaps.
- We can provide a helmet, but recommend buying your own.
- Black riding gloves.
- It is recommended that the rider obtain the proper equipment as soon as possible.

Shows

- Beige, khaki, or gray breeches
- Tall field boots
- Black gloves
- Black or Navy hunt coat
- Belt
- White riding shirt
- All riders will need a SEI certified helmet that is used only for showing and kept in show condition.

Before purchasing any show attire – you can schedule some time with the trainer for assistance.

➤ **The Show Program is achieved through demonstrations in the stable, in hand work with the horses, and mounted lessons as follows:**

- The first lesson will be on grooming the horse for shows and tacking up so the rider will know how to tack up on their own and how to properly care for the horse after exercise by using a grooming/care checklist that must be approved and signed by the trainer after every lesson. This will take the entire hour and the rider will need to groom the horse for every lesson just as they would for a show. An inspection will be made prior to mounting
- As the rider becomes more independent they will get more time on the horse. As the rider takes on more responsibility they will need to arrive prior (15-45 minutes) to their scheduled lesson time to prepare the horse for the lesson and expect to be here for 15-30 minutes after. All checklists must be approved and signed by the trainer.
- In the event a child is too small to perform all of the required tasks on their own, a parent will need to learn so that they can assist their child. If this is not possible there will be an additional \$10 charge per lesson to have the child assisted by a staff member.
- The rider will learn to care for tack properly for shows.
- The rider will learn to wrap the horse for transport, bathe the horse for the ring, braid the horse for “A” shows
- The rider will learn about horse care such as stall maintenance, feeding, clipping, and blanketing for shows so when the student goes to a show they will be able to maintain the horse and get the horse to the ring on their own.
- The student will learn about the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) and The United States Hunter Jumper Association (USHJA) rules and classes.
- While at the shows the rider, or the parent of the rider, is responsible for getting to the schooling ring for instruction by the trainer prior to the rider’s class. It is not the responsibility of the trainer, SSR owner, or staff (unless paid for such services) to groom, tack up and get the rider to the ring.

➤ **Below is a list of additional costs for competition which are not included in the above rate, and is not all inclusive:**

- Entry and stabling fees (set by show organizers)
- Use of SSR school horse \$35 per day
- Coaching fee \$75 per day while showing- not schooling day

- Horse Transport: Group rate \$.75 per mile, only horse \$2.00 per mile
- Membership Dues if competing for points/year end awards
- Feeding and stall care \$35 a day (optional)
- Grooming services \$60 a day (optional)
- Mane pulling \$30
- Mane braiding \$45 (optional for certain shows)
- Clipping (ears, muzzle, legs, bridle path) \$30
- Body Clipping \$125
- Wrapping \$25 each time
- Bathing \$25
- Tack cleaning \$35
- Custom show trunk (“A” circuit only) *only for riders who own their own horses*