

Miller School of Albemarle Equestrian Program Application

Dear Parents:

It is that time of year when we start thinking about coming back to school. At the Miller School of Albemarle students are required to participate in a sport in each season. We provide extensive opportunities for the students. One of those sports for the fall season is Equestrian (horseback riding). Students may participate in our program regardless of their experience with horses or riding. Our program contracts with an excellent local riding instructor, Barbara Barrel, who has her own horses and farm for use with the program.

The program will include the following:

- Three (3) lessons per week for 9 weeks
- Two (2) trail rides including the cost of trailering the horses to MSA.
- An opportunity to fox hunt on the MSA Campus, if the rider is capable, with Farming Hunt Club (additional cost)
- A trip to the Virginia Horse Center to watch the fall Three Day Eventing CCI *** competition (no cost)
- The cost of horses and tack (equipment) is included in the program.

On Mondays and Fridays, the students will be either involved in physical conditioning or doing work on clearing and improving the trails we use around the campus. On certain Fridays, the students will go to Meachum's farm to clean the tack they have been using in the lessons.

The cost of the program is \$950 for the season which includes the riding lessons and the trail rides. Please do not send a check with this application. You will be billed by the Business Office after you have signed the appropriate waivers and are scheduled into the program.

Once scheduled into the program, you will need to have the proper equipment, which includes long pants khakis/jeans, heeled paddock boots, half chaps and a helmet. Boots, Helmets and Half Chaps can be purchased in Charlottesville at Dover Saddlery or can be purchased online from Dover, Bit of Britain and other online stores. I recommend purchasing a helmet in person since helmet fit is very important and very personal. I recommend the Tipperary Helmet or Troxel Helmets as they are very good and inexpensive. If you think your son or daughter might fox hunt then they should buy black paddock boots and black half chaps as well as a black velvet helmet cover.

In order to be considered for the program, you must complete this application as well as sign the attached release forms. The application and release forms should be returned to me at MSA by Monday, August 23, 2017.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or by email.

Sincerely,

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_____ Student's Name	_____ Age
_____ Grade	_____ Height
_____ Weight	_____ Shirt Size

Answer the following questions concerning your experience. Use the information below to help you answer questions.

Beginner – Those who have never been on a horse or would like a refresher course.

Advanced Beginner – Those who have walked, trotted, and started to canter and have had previous lessons in hunt seat. Rider should know diagonals and leads.

Intermediate I – Those who have walked, trotted, cantered and have jumped 2' fences.

Intermediate II – Those who have walked, trotted, cantered and have jumped 2'6" fences.

Advanced – Those who have walked, trotted, and cantered, have a strong seat and have jumped a course of at least 3' fences.

1. How often have you been around horses?

2. Have you ever been riding?

If so, how many years have you been riding?

3. Have you ever received horseback riding lessons?

If so, please list the frequency and the date of your most recent lesson.

4. Do you have experience with English or Western saddles?

5. How would you best describe your riding ability? (Use the information below to help you answer.)

6. What do you find most attractive about the riding program?

7. What would you like to achieve from this program?

8. Do you have any allergies? If so, please list.

9. Do you have asthma? If so, please explain in further detail.

10. Do you anticipate any problems due to heat and sun exposure? Please explain.
