

The Normantown Trails Equestrian Center is a 6-acre facility on Normantown Road, just south of 119th Street.

The center features a 78x180 foot indoor heated riding arena with an observation area for parents and guests, a small indoor riding arena, two large outdoor riding arenas, and five paddocks. The stable has forty-eight 11x12 foot stalls and includes an indoor wash rack as well as a clubroom/classroom.

The Normantown Trails Equestrian Center is the result of a unique cooperative venture of the Plainfield Park District and developer Fry Properties, Inc. With the development of the White Ash Farm subdivision, Fry envisioned a renovation of the stable and worked with the Park District to make the center possible.

“While equestrian programming is common to park districts, the actual owning and operation of an equestrian center by a park district is unique,” said Plainfield Park District Executive Director Greg Bott. “The Plainfield Park District has been very encouraged by the public interest in this facility, and we are proud to provide such an excellent recreational opportunity for the people of our community.”



**For more information, call (815) 254-1950.**

## Winter/Spring '09 Group Lessons

The Normantown Trails Equestrian Center offers group instruction for riders of all ages and levels in English, Western, Dressage and Hunter-Jumper. The center has several school horses and lesson ponies to accommodate beginners as well as more advanced riders. Teaching methods include videos, handouts, mounted and dismounted demonstrations and hands-on experiences. Levels are repeated until skills are mastered. To ensure placement in the correct riding class, an evaluation lesson may be scheduled. There is a \$35 resident fee/\$40 non-resident fee for this evaluation lesson. There are no make-ups for missed lessons.

### Beginner Group Lessons – Ages 8-18

Participants will learn how to approach, lead, mount, dismount, groom and tack a horse/pony and begin to learn the gaits of walk and trot. Riders will be exposed to both English and Western riding styles. First session will not include riding.

Program #	Day	Date	Time
67701A1	Sa	Jan. 10-31	10-11 am
67701B1	Sa	Feb. 7-28	10-11 am
67701C1	Sa	Mar. 7-Apr. 4	10-11 am
67701D1	Sa	Apr. 11-May 2	10-11 am
67701E1	Sa	May 9-June 6	10-11 am
67701A2	M	Jan. 5-26	6-7 pm
67701B2	M	Feb. 2-23	6-7 pm
67701C2	M	Mar. 2-23	6-7 pm
67701D2	M	Apr. 6-27	6-7 pm
67701E2	M	May 4-June 1	6-7 pm

NOTE: Class will not be held on Monday, May 25, Saturday, Mar. 14, or Saturday, May 16 due to holidays and special events. However, every class still meets four times.

R \$180/NR \$220

**Private and semi-private lessons are also available! Call (815) 254-1950 for info.**

**To register, fill out a Plainfield Park District Registration Form, or visit [www.plainfieldparkdistrict.com](http://www.plainfieldparkdistrict.com).  
Visa/MasterCard/Cash/Checks Accepted.**

## Parents, Pee Wees & Ponies – Ages 5-7 with parent

Learn about horse care with your animal-loving child! Classes will teach parent and child how to groom and tack. Participants will also learn the basics of being around horses. There will be time on horseback. Parent will be an active participant in these classes.



Program #	Day	Date	Time
62702A1	Tu	Jan. 6-27	6-7 pm
62702B1	Tu	Feb. 3-24	6-7 pm
62702C1	Tu	Mar. 3-24	6-7 pm
62702D1	Tu	Apr. 7-28	6-7 pm
62702E1	Tu	May 5-26	6-7 pm

R \$180/NR \$220

## Special Events

### Holiday Pictures and Pony Rides

Celebrate the holidays with our ponies! Have your child's picture taken on our festively-costumed pony, Peter Pan. Pony rides will also be available. Rides are 10 minutes long and all riders must have a signed release form. Helmets will be provided. First come, first served - no registration is necessary.

**VALENTINE'S DAY \* Sunday, Feb. 8 from 1-3 p.m.  
EASTER \* Saturday, Apr. 11 from 1-3 p.m.**

Picture: \$5  
Pony Ride: \$10  
Combo: \$15

## Pony Rides

Pony rides are offered for children ages 3–10 who are under 4'6" and less than 100 lbs. An adult must be present during the ride, and cameras are welcome. Rides last 15 minutes and are led by a staff member. They are done on a first-come, first-served basis Fridays 4-5:30 pm and Saturdays 11 am–12:30 pm only.



**Residents \$15/Non-Residents \$20**

## Party with the Ponies

Parties may consist of 3-12 children ages 5-10 years (height and weight of less than 4'6" and under 100 lbs). The two-hour party package (Saturdays or Sundays 2-4 pm) includes exclusive use of the clubroom and pony rides led by staff members. You provide the food, beverages, paper goods and adult supervision for children in the clubroom.

**Residents \$250/Non-Residents \$350**

Parties must be booked at least two weeks in advance and scheduling is subject to availability. Full payment is required to reserve a date. A \$50 cancellation fee will be retained if party is cancelled within one week of date.

## Boarding

Boarding for horses is offered and includes a quality feed program, six-day-a-week stall cleaning, turn-out weather permitting, small trail access, tack rooms, indoor wash rack with hot and cold water, and a heated/air conditioned clubroom with restrooms.

## Scout Grooming Badge Programs

Girl and Boy Scouts can earn their horse fun and horsemanship badges.

**Residents \$20 per child/Non-Residents \$25 per child**

## Gift Certificates

Gift certificates for riding lessons are available and valid for 60 days from date of purchase.

### Hours

Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.–7 p.m.

Closed on major holidays.

### Weather Closings

The stable's policy for riding and classes during extreme weather conditions is posted in the stable. For information regarding weather closings, call the center at (815) 254-1950.

Long pants and sturdy shoes/boots with a 1/2-inch heel are recommended when riding. Open-toed/open-heeled shoes are prohibited. Riding helmets are required and provided by the center if rider does not have one. Damage to helmets or tack will be billed to the rider.



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