

## Horseback Riding

### **NORMANTOWN TRAILS EQUESTRIAN CENTER HORSEBACK RIDING PROGRAMS**

Explore your passion for horses at Normantown Trails Equestrian Center! NTEC offers riding lessons in English, Western, Hunter/Jumper and Dressage. Our lessons focus on safe handling and riding. We have a variety of school horses and ponies that can accommodate beginners and more advanced riders ages 8 through adult. Children younger than 8 years old need to be evaluated before registering for private or group lessons. An evaluation lesson may be scheduled by calling NTEC at (815) 254-1950. There is a \$35 resident fee or a \$40 non-resident fee for this lesson. Classes for students ages 5-7 are offered throughout the year.

#### **Barn Hours**

Monday through Friday 9 am-8 pm  
Saturday and Sunday 9 am-7 pm  
Closed on major holidays

#### **Registration**

Registration for group lessons and special programs can be done by using the registration form in this catalog, registering online, or by going to NTEC or the Recreation/Administration Center. Return the completed registration form and payment to NTEC or the Recreation/Administration Center. Students are registered on a first-come first-served basis. A waiting list will be created if needed.

#### **Riding Attire**

Long pants and sturdy shoes with a half-inch heel are the safest to wear when riding. Open-toed/open-heeled shoes and flip flops are prohibited and cannot be worn while riding. Riding helmets must be worn while on horseback. NTEC has helmets available for use if the rider does not own one. Damage to helmets or tack will be billed to the rider.

#### **Release Form**

A Liability Release Form must be filled out and signed before you can begin riding. All participants are expected to follow the barn rules and regulations that are posted at the stable.

#### **Weather Conditions**

Riding decisions will be based on the health and safety of our participants and horses. Horse theory classes will be provided featuring topics such as wrapping, grooming, nutrition, and other equestrian educational topics at times when riding is not appropriate. Any questions or concerns, please contact NTEC at (815) 254-1950.

#### **24 Hour Cancellation Policy**

Please remember your lesson is an appointment. Students need to arrive at least a half-hour early for their lesson or class. Late arrivals will not be able to make up missed riding or instruction time. A 24-hour cancellation notice is required. Students who do not give a 24-hour notice or do not show will be billed for that lesson time and may lose a standing lesson time slot.

#### **DON'T WAIT IN LINE - REGISTER ONLINE!**

Register your household on our web site,  
[www.plainfieldparkdistrict.com](http://www.plainfieldparkdistrict.com)  
by Wednesday, Dec. 9 to use online registration  
starting Friday, Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

#### **Gift Certificates**

Gift certificates for riding lessons are available for purchase at NTEC. Riding lesson certificates make a wonderful birthday, anniversary, holiday, or special occasion gift for anyone who loves to ride. Certificates are good for 60 days from the date of purchase. Call, e-mail, or stop by NTEC for more information.

#### **Girl and Boy Scout Grooming Badges**

Earn your grooming badge at NTEC! Scouts will learn the basics of horse safety and be shown how to properly groom a horse. Children will be divided into small groups after the demonstration to clean a horse or pony. The grooming session is followed by a short ride on a horse or pony that is led by a handler. There is no riding instruction included. Sessions are available by appointment only and are subject to availability. Sessions are 1 ½ hours long.

Ages 8 & up

R \$20 per child/NR \$25 per child

Min. 5/Max. 12

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### Valentine's Day Pictures and Pony Rides

Celebrate Valentine's Day with our ponies! Bring your camera and take pictures of your child on our festively-costumed pony, Peter Pan! Each person will have 3 minutes to photograph their child. **Please note this is different from our previous holiday photo events - we will not be taking the photos and printing them!** Pony rides will also be available for this occasion. Rides are ten minutes long and all riders must have a signed release form. Helmets will be provided. Please call (815) 254-1950 to book your pony ride time to avoid waiting. Participants will be served on a first called, first served basis.



Day	Date	Time
Sun.	Feb. 7	1-3 pm

Picture \$3 for 3-minute photo shoot  
 Pony Ride \$10  
 Combo \$13

### Pretty Pony - NEW!

If your child is not ready to jump in the saddle but enjoys being around horses, then schedule a 20-minute grooming session with one of our horses or ponies. One of our staff will explain and demonstrate proper horse safety and grooming techniques followed by your child grooming on his/her own. This is a great way to help children get comfortable around our large companions. Sessions are available on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings. Children must wear covered shoes to participate. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment.  
 R \$15/NR \$20

### Pony Power

Meet and ride Shadow, Mocha, or Peter Pan! Pony rides are available for children ages 3–10 who are under 4'6" and less than 100 lbs. Pony rides last for 15 minutes and are led by a staff member. Covered shoes are required and a helmet will be provided. An adult must be present during the ride, and cameras are welcome. Pony rides will only be offered on Fridays after 4 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am-noon. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment. Ride and groom combos are available for an additional \$5. Participants choosing this option will get a 10-minute pony ride and a 10-minute grooming session.

Ride only: R \$15/NR \$20  
 Ride/Groom Combo: R \$20/NR \$25

### Party with the Ponies

Celebrate your birthday or other special event with our 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 from 2 to 4 pm) includes exclusive use of the clubroom and pony rides led by staff members. There will be 3 or 4 horses/ponies used for the party. You provide the food, beverages, paper goods, and adult supervision for children in the clubroom. A stick horse craft is available at no extra cost for those that are waiting to ride. You may also bring your own craft to the party if the provided craft is not age-appropriate. NTEC staff will instruct the adult supervisor on the assembly of the craft, but NTEC cannot provide staff to help the children put it together. Parties must be booked at least two weeks in advance and scheduling is subject to availability. Sorry, no telephone reservations will be accepted as full payment is required to reserve a date. A \$50 cancellation fee will be retained if party is cancelled within one week of the date.

R \$250/NR \$350  
 To book a party, call the stable at (815) 254-1950.

#### Location Key

NORM Normantown Trails Equestrian Center  
 12151 S. Normantown Rd.

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## SPECIAL EVENT AT NTEC

### Schooling Show

May 23 at 9 am

Come and watch NTEC students show off their riding skills!

### PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are available for riders ages 8 and older. Schedule your private lesson by calling (815) 254-1950. Fee for ½ hour private lesson is \$35 for residents or \$40 for non-residents. Private lesson packages consisting of 4, 8, or 12 lessons are available for purchase. There is a \$10 discount for every 4 pre-purchased private lessons. Plan to be at the stable at least 30 minutes prior to your lesson time and remain at least 15 minutes after to care for the horse.

### SEMI-PRIVATE/GROUP LESSONS

NTEC is now offering a variety of group lessons to suit your needs. Semi-private and group lessons are a great way to start getting into horseback riding. Most students will then go on to take private lessons. We can also customize group lessons if needed such as for a one-time special occasion. Please call NTEC at (815) 254-1950 to schedule an appointment. No make-ups for missed lessons.

### Beginner I Semi-Private Lesson

Semi-private group lessons are an hour long and are limited to two riders per session. Students benefit from the extra time in the saddle and the small class size allows for more individual attention. 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 can choose to ride English or Western. Instructors will assign a horse/pony to students. Learning is accomplished through demonstrations as well as hands-on experiences. Group lessons may be repeated until skills are mastered. First session will teach students how to lead, groom, and tack a horse.

Program #	Day	Date	Time	Location
37701A1	Sa	Jan. 9-30	10-11 am	NORM
37701A2	M	Jan. 4-25	6-7 pm	NORM
37701B1	Sa	Mar. 6-Apr. 3	10-11 am	NORM
37701B2	M	Mar. 1-22	6-7 pm	NORM
37701C1	Sa	May 8-29	10-11 am	NORM
37701C2	M	May 3-24	6-7 pm	NORM

No class March 20 due to special event.

Ages 8-18

R \$180/NR \$220

Min. 2/Max. 2

### Beginner 2 Semi-Private Lesson

This class is for students who have successfully completed Beginner I lessons. Participants need to be able to properly complete the following tasks before signing up for this course: put a halter on, lead a horse to the crossties, groom a horse, know what tack is needed for riding, and be able to correctly tack a horse with some assistance. Beginner 1 courses can be repeated if the student is not comfortable performing the skills listed above. These classes are also an hour long with only two students per session. Riders will continue to work on their riding skills by learning to ride a figure eight, ride a serpentine, go over trot poles, and perform various balance exercises.

Program #	Day	Date	Time	Location
37702A1	Sa	Feb. 6-27	10-11 am	NORM
37702A2	M	Feb. 1-22	6-7 pm	NORM
37702B1	Sa	Apr. 10-May 1	10-11 am	NORM
37702B2	M	Apr. 5-26	6-7 pm	NORM

Ages 8-18

R \$180/NR \$220

Min. 2/Max. 2

**DON'T DELAY!**  
**Programs that fail to reach minimum enrollment**  
**5 business days prior to the first class meeting**  
**will be canceled.**

### Breakfast Club Adult Semi-Private Lesson

Bring your coffee and donut with you and join us for an adults-only riding lesson. Whether you are looking to get back in the saddle or are starting off as a beginner, this class is designed for you! Classes will be tailored to fit your riding needs based on your level of experience. The first session may not include riding and is dependent upon how much ground work needs to be discussed.

Program #	Day	Date	Time	Location
34701A1	Sa	Mar. 6- Apr. 3	9-10 am	NORM
34701B1	Sa	Apr. 10-May 1	9-10 am	NORM
34701C1	Sa	May 8-29	9-10 am	NORM

No class March 20 due to special event.

Ages 18 and up

\$180/NR \$220

Min. 2/Max. 2

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## Beginner 1 Group Lesson

Looking to save a few dollars? Then sign up for our beginner group lessons. Students will learn the same basic riding and horsemanship skills as our Beginner I Semi-Private Lessons, but the class sizes will be larger. The first session will teach students how to lead, groom and tack a horse.

Program #	Day	Date	Time	Location
37703A1	Tu	Jan. 5-26	5-6 pm	NORM
37703A2	Sa	Jan. 9-30	9-10 am	NORM
37703B1	Tu	Mar. 2-23	5-6 pm	NORM
37703B2	Sa	Feb. 6-27	9-10 am	NORM
37703C1	Tu	May 4-25	5-6 pm	NORM

Ages 8-18  
R \$140/NR \$170  
Min. 3/Max. 4

## Beginner 2 Group Lesson

Beginner 2 group lessons are for students who have successfully completed Beginner 1 group lessons or have taken equivalent classes. Participants must be able to properly complete the following tasks before taking this course: put a halter on, lead a horse to the crossties, groom a horse, know what tack is needed for riding, and be able to correctly tack a horse with some assistance. Beginner 1 classes may be repeated if students are not comfortable performing the skills above. Students will be introduced to riding patterns and balance exercises during the Beginner 2 course.

Program #	Day	Date	Time	Location
37706A1	Tu	Feb. 2-23	5-6 pm	NORM
37706B1	Tu	Apr. 6-27	5-6 pm	NORM

Ages 8-18  
R \$140/NR \$170  
Min. 3/Max. 4

## Spring Break Riding Camp -- NEW!

Not going on vacation for spring break? Then come to our 3-day riding camp. Riders of all levels are welcome to participate as the riding portion of the class will be tailored to the individual. Students can choose which classroom topics they would like to learn about. Possible topics include first aid, turn out, horse shows, braiding/banding manes, clipping, trailer loading, judging, leg wrapping, equine diseases, confirmation, and more. Students should bring a brown bag lunch and beverage each day, and come dressed in appropriate barn attire (long pants and boots or shoes with a heel).

Program #	Day	Date	Time	Location
37705A1	M-W	Mar. 29-31	9 am-1 pm	NORM

Ages 8-18  
R \$180/NR \$220  
Min. 5/Max. 15

## Parents, Pee Wees and Ponies

Learn about horse care and riding with your animal-loving child. Classes will teach parent and child how to groom and tack as well as introduce the basics of horsemanship. Parents will be active participants in these classes and will learn how to safely lead a horse while their child is riding. Proper clothing by adults and children is mandatory.

Program #	Day	Date	Time	Location
32701A1	Tu	Jan. 5-26	6-7 pm	NORM
32701B1	Tu	Feb. 2-23	6-7 pm	NORM
32701C1	Tu	Mar. 2-23	6-7 pm	NORM
32701D1	Tu	Apr. 6-27	6-7 pm	NORM
32701E1	Tu	May 4-25	6-7 pm	NORM

Ages 5-7 w/parent  
Min. 2/ Max. 3  
R \$180/NR \$220

**Resident Registration Begins  
Friday, Dec. 11, 6-8 p.m.  
Online & In-Person!**

## NTEC Saddle Club - NEW!

If you love to learn everything about horses, then join our saddle club! At the meetings we will discuss many different horse care topics such as nutrition, veterinary knowledge, travel safety, saddle fitting, and many more. This club is a great supplement to riding lessons and is designed to help create well-rounded equestrians. It is also an inexpensive way for those not currently taking lessons to be involved with horses. There will be both classroom and hands-on experiences. No riding lessons will be given in this class. Students need to remember to dress appropriately for the barn or they will not be allowed to participate in the hands-on portion of the club.

Program #	Day	Date	Time	Location
37704A1	Sa	Feb. 13&27	1-2 pm	NORM
37704B1	Sa	Mar. 13&27	1-2 pm	NORM
37704C1	Sa	Apr. 10&24	1-2 pm	NORM
37704D1	Sa	May 15&29	1-2 pm	NORM

Ages 8 & up  
R \$35/NR \$45  
Min. 4/Max. 10

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