

Brawley Farms Lesson Program

The Brawley Farms lesson program enables riders of all levels to receive instruction on safe and reliable school horses. Our experienced instructors are dedicated to meeting the needs of each individual rider in a relaxed and positive family environment. Lessons focus on teaching strong basic fundamentals with the intention of creating confident and well-prepared riders. Classroom sessions are taught covering a variety of topics which include the principles of horsemanship, horse care, feeding, grooming, and much more. The mission of the Brawley lesson program is to create horsemen/women who respect horses and have an in-depth understanding of the responsibility involved in riding and horse care.

Programs & Fees

Our lessons are taught by knowledgeable professionals who will assess each rider's needs and build a training program to suit. Riders are responsible for the horse's grooming and care before and after their lesson. As such, a portion of each lesson for beginner riders will be dedicated to learning how to appropriately handle, groom, tack up and un-tack their horse. Basic riding equipment (saddle, bridle, pad, girth, and grooming tools) are provided by Brawley Farms for school horse lessons.

Lesson fee: \$55.00 (pre-paid program lessons/introductory lessons during first month) or \$75.00 (a la carte lessons)

Initial/introductory lessons must be paid in advance by check or cash. Subsequent lessons for the remainder of the rider's first month will be billed at the next billing cycle which occurs on the 1st of every month. After the first month, each rider must decide whether they will enroll in a prepaid program or take a la carte lessons. Scheduling priority will be given to program riders who will be guaranteed a set lesson day/time each week. If additional lessons are available, a la carte riders will be scheduled into those available time slots. The billing period will cover 4 or 5 full weeks in each month so the number of lessons will vary depending on the length of the given month. The billing period will always be noted on the invoice. Programs will be billed in advance each month, and a la carte lessons will be billed in arrears.

Program 1: One lesson/week. Designed for the casual rider who wants to learn basic horsemanship skills. (4 or 5 lessons/month)

Program 2: Two lessons/week. Designed for the rider who is interested in accelerating their learning curve. (8 or 10 lessons/month)

Program 3: Three lessons/week. Designed for the serious rider who would like to ultimately participate in horse shows. (12 or 15 lessons/month)

Riding Essentials

Proper riding attire is necessary to ensure comfort and safety. Beginning riders must wear long pants and a boot with a heel. Helmets may be borrowed from Brawley Farms. Riders enrolled in a program should purchase their own helmet, paddock boots, and breeches or jodhpurs. Additionally it is requested that riders wear a collared shirt that is tucked in with a belt. The Brawley staff will be happy to recommend tack stores and equipment brands.

Missed Lessons/Cancellation Policy

If you need to cancel a lesson, a minimum of 24 hours' notice (via a phone call, text, or email) is required. All lessons cancelled with proper notice may be made up in the same billing period. A single lesson cancelled in the last week of any billing period may be made up in the next billing period, but in no cases will more than one lesson be carried forward into the next billing period. It is the rider/parent's responsibility to cancel and reschedule lessons. Any lessons not cancelled with notice or not rescheduled within the billing period will be forfeited. There are no refunds for lesson packages. Inclement weather does not necessarily mean a lesson will be cancelled. Classroom lessons on horse care and/or stable management may be offered as a substitute for riding lessons.