

Royal Ridges Retreat Rider Handbook

Royal Ridges Retreat is a Helmet Mandatory Facility. All Riders and Instructors are required to wear a helmet while riding. Young Riders under the age of 12 must wear a helmet at all times while around horses. RRR provides helmets or you may bring your own. **RRR** teaches whole horsemanship, meaning that all riders learn to work safely around horses, groom, tack, un-tack and clean up after their horse. As riders progress they may help to catch their horse. Riders need to come prepared for the weather, wearing long pants, boots with heels and expect to get dirty. They should also bring with them a good attitude, willingness to try and work hard and always have fun. **All New Riders** are required to attend an un-mounted orientation class before starting any mounted classes.

- q Come dressed for the weather. Long pants and sturdy riding shoes with a heel are required. Gloves and jackets are recommended.
- Helmets are furnished or bring your own.
- Riders need to check in with their Instructors 15 minutes in advance of their riding class.
- Riders more than 15 minutes late will need to reschedule. Scheduling make up lessons, is the rider's responsibility.
- One-day notice is required to miss a class, if a call is not received, the class may not be made up and a ticket is lost.
- After 4pm, messages can not be taken to the instructors. Please call before that time.
- Please park and view classes quietly from designated areas.
- Riders and Non-Riders must follow all Barn Rules. Barn rules are posted at each arena.
- Rider Orientation is always the 1st scheduled lesson of each term, barn rules and procedures will be gone over during this time, and parents need to be present. Depending on the program and level of rider, the 1st lesson may not always be a mounted lesson.
- **Holidays and Weather** may cause cancellation. RRR follows BattleGround School District weather cancellations and federal and school holidays.
- **If your lesson lands on a holiday or is cancelled due to weather it will be made up. Talk with your instructor.**
- Riders must have riding tickets to be allowed to ride. Tickets may be purchased at time of enrollment and at the camp office T-F between 10 and 3pm.
- All paperwork must be completed before first lesson.
- **RRR is a member of the Certified Horsemanship Association. Instructors are certified by CHA , carry current 1st aid cards and follow CHA riding curriculum.**
Safety and Fun are emphasized in a Godly environment

New Riders all start with an Introduction Lesson.

Teaching safety rules and basic groundwork with horses creates good habits from the beginning.

Introduction lessons are not always mounted lessons.