



SEATON HACKNEY STABLES

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# 2024 Early Spring Troop Program

## March 2024 (6-week x 1hr Troop Program)

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle Current or Prior Troop Level: Level 1 2A 2B 3A Higher**

**Bad weather? Call 1 hour prior to troop program start time.**

**All troop classes have Horsemanship ground lessons included in the six-week session.**

**Please see Troop Descriptions / Policies Regarding Make-up/Refund/Cancellation on the back of this form.**

**PLEASE ✓ CHECK THE SESSION(S) IN WHICH YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE**

✓	Troop	Level	Curriculum	Start	Day	Time	Ring	Tuition
	Young Riders -Troop 1	5-7 years old	W/T	3/09/2024	Saturday	12:30	2	\$395
	Young Riders -Troop 2	7-8 years old	W/T	3/09/2024	Saturday	2:00	2	\$395
	Young Riders -Troop 2	7-8 years old	W/T	3/03/2024	Sunday	12:30	2	\$395
	*Level 1	Fundamentals	W/T	3/05/2024	Tuesday	4:15	2	\$395
	*Level 1	Fundamentals	W/T	3/06/2024	Wednesday	4:15	2	\$395
	*Level 1	Fundamental	W/T	3/07/2024	Thursday	4:15	2	\$395
	2B	Novice	W/T/C/X	3/04/2024	Monday	4:30	1	\$395
	2A	Novice	W/T/X	3/08/2024	Friday	4:15	1	\$395
	2A/B	Novice	W/T/C/X	3/09/2024	Saturday	4:00	1	\$395
	3A	Intermediate	W/T/C/XC	3/07/2024	Thursday	4:15	3	\$445

**\*ALL LEVEL 1 TROOP RIDERS MUST BE ABLE TO RIDE INDEPENDENTLY AND HAVE INSTRUCTOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENROLL\***

By signing below, you agree that you have read this form in its entirety, understand the policies regarding refunds and makeups, and agree with the contents as outlined. You also agree that you have signed and submitted a Waiver of Liability to the office.

Customer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Payment Amount and Method: Tuition  \$395  \$445 Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$\$ Barn Bucks: \_\_\_\_\_ (up to 25% of total)

CC Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Credit Card Processing Fee of 3.45% - Once Charged CC Is Erased**

Office Person Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please see backside for Program Information and Policies*



The Seaton Hackney Troop Program provides a forum for individuals to acquire or improve their horsemanship and horseback riding skills in a structured program within a supportive and fun environment. **In case of bad weather, Levels 1 & 2 may include a grooming, tacking, safety and handling session as part of the curriculum.** Troop is 6 consecutive weeks.

Riders must be able to correctly perform the skills listed under curriculum before moving onto the next level and may need to repeat levels multiple times before moving up. Troop may have different instructors during the duration of troop. A personalized assessment of your child's progress will be available either verbally or in writing at the end of Troop. We reserve the right to consolidate or cancel levels. Instructor(s) recommendation, riding tests for the upper levels and, in some cases, supplemental private lessons will be needed to advance to higher levels.

Please reference this legend for an explanation of the codes:

W	Walk	X	Cross-bars
T	Trot	XC	Cross-bar Course
C	Canter	V	Single Vertical
D	Diagonals	VC	Vertical Course

### **HELMETS and BOOTS ARE MANDATORY**

*Helmets are available from Seaton Hackney at no charge.*

**Horsemanship 101 and 201 Troops are necessary to move to levels 2 and levels 3. Held during the winter.**

#### **Level 1 Progressive Goals**

Can safely handle and control the horse while on the ground and astride; pay attention to the instructor, focus and follow directions and demonstrate the "1,2,3" method of picking up, holding, and adjusting reins. Check and tighten the girth and adjust proper stirrup length from the ground; mount with a mounting block or leg-up; master the correct walking position; and maintain the proper distance in the ring.

As Level 1 progresses: Learn to post the trot; lead a Level 1 horse to the ring without assistance; ask a horse to stop, walk, trot, and turn; learn to adjust stirrups while mounted; hold and use a crop; lengthen and adjust reins at the walk and trot; trot with rhythm and consistency; learn to check and change diagonals; practice the two-point position at the walk & trot.

#### **Level 2 Progressive Goals**

Learn to properly groom and tack up; lead horse to ring, adjust stirrups and girth; maintain the trot the entire ring length; correct wrong diagonals; demonstrate improved position at the walk and trot; As Level 2 progresses: Know how to cool off a horse; change diagonals without prompts; perform half-halt, half-schools and diagonal changes; perform 20 meter circles; learn ring letters; learn the sitting trot without stirrups; stop, walk, turn and control the horse bareback.

#### **Level 3 Progressive Goals**

Can groom, tack, mount & walk the rail without instruction. Smoothly complete transitions & consistently maintain requested gait. Learn and demonstrate a proper half-halt; able to change direction at the posting trot and automatically change diagonals as needed. Able to walk and trot figure-8s and use ring wisely. Show proficiency at the walk and trot with or without stirrups, sitting or posting, with or without saddle; able to ask for the canter and maintain pace for two laps. Can recognize lead and perform a simple lead change.

As Level 3 progresses: Confident trotting over single 18" cross rails in a straight line while maintaining a rhythmic trot. Willing to confidently ride horses' levels 1-3. Can demonstrate a proper half-halt. Can ride a smooth posting trot with heels down, legs and hands quiet, body tall, and on the correct diagonal; able to adjust speed able to post the trot 3 full laps without stirrups and addressing diagonals; able to change from half-seat to full-seat while cantering; become secure at the canter and demonstrate it by cantering on the lunge line without holding on to the reins or to the saddle for approximately one minute. Able to pass other horses in the ring, allowing sufficient spacing, and alerting the other rider with "inside/outside"; canter a single vertical. Able to ask horse to lengthen and collect at the walk & trot, know the difference between working, collected and extended gaits. Begin to understand the movement of the horse and start to establish the correct diagonal without looking; able to count strides at the canter while working over small verticals.

### **IMPORTANT TROOP POLICIES**

- **EVALUATIONS:** ALL new riders as well as aspiring level 1A riders must book an evaluation lesson before signing up. Level 1 riders must have taken at least **4 private lessons** before joining Troop.
- **REFUNDS:** Customers who need to cancel may do so up to two weeks before the Troop program starts. The Troop Tuition (minus a \$50 administrative fee). **After the program starts, the tuition is no longer refundable for any reason.**
- **TRANSFERS / MAKE-UPS:** In the unlikely event that Seaton Hackney Stables cancels a session, if so, a make-up session will be scheduled accordingly. **NO MAKEUPS FOR ANY CLASSES due to scheduling and wait list purposes.** In case of bad weather, two of the sessions may be horsemanship ground sessions instead.

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

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