



SEATON HACKNEY STABLES

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2025 Early Spring Troop

6-week x 1hr Program – Starting March 1st

Seaton Hackney Troop provides a program for individuals to acquire and improve their horsemanship and riding skills in a structured, supportive, and fun environment.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Rider's Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email: _____

*ALL CLASSES WILL HAVE DEDICATED TIME TO LEARN & PRACTICE HORSEMANSHIP & HORSE CARE SKILLS AS PART OF THE CURRICULUM.
 Bad weather? Call 1 hour prior to the Troop Program start time.*

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	3/01/2025	Saturday	12:00 pm	2	\$395
	Young Riders - Troop 2	7-8 years old	W/T	3/01/2025	Saturday	2:00 pm	2	\$395
	Young Riders -Troop 1	5-7 years old	W/T	3/02/2025	Sunday	12:00 pm	2	\$395
	Young Riders -Troop 2	7-8 years old	W/T	3/02/2025	Sunday	2:00 pm	2	\$395
ALL LEVEL 1 TROOP RIDERS MUST BE ABLE TO RIDE INDEPENDENTLY AND HAVE INSTRUCTOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENROLL								
	* Level 1	Fundamentals	W/T	3/02/2025	Sunday	4:00 pm	2	\$395
	* Level 1	Fundamentals	W/T	3/04/2025	Tuesday	4:00 pm	2	\$395
	* Level 1	Fundamentals	W/T	3/06/2025	Thursday	4:00 pm	2	\$395
	Level 2A	Novice	W/T/D	3/03/2025	Monday	4:00 pm	1	\$395
	Level 2A	Novice	W/T/D	3/07/2025	Friday	4:00 pm	1	\$395
	Level 2B/C	Novice	W/T/C	3/01/2025	Saturday	2:00 pm	1	\$395

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.

For: Class Descriptions / Polices / Make-up /Refund / Cancellations. See the BACK of this form.

Customer Signature: _____ Date: _____

Indicate Payment Amount and Method: Tuition \$395 Total \$ _____

Check# _____ Cash: \$ _____ \$H\$ 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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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	H	Horsemanship
T	Trot	X	Cross-Bars
D	Diagonals	XC	Cross-bar Course
		C	Canter

HELMETS and BOOTS ARE MANDATORY

Helmets are available from Seaton Hackney at no charge.

Horsemanship 101 and 201 Troops are held during the winter.

Horsemanship & Horse Care Goals: *Good horsemanship* is the foundation for any riding discipline. Horsemanship and unmounted lessons are a regular part of all our programs. We encourage our riders to learn about the whole horse, their care, conformation, how to tack, and how to properly groom. We teach them the different types of saddles, bridles and bits and when and how we use them. Riders learn how to put them on correctly and how to safety-check their equipment They learn how to properly warm up and cool down their horse, and they learn what to do after a lesson, before putting their horse away, based on the time of year and level of work. Once they have mastered these skills, they earn the privilege to arrive early and groom and tack their horses independently 😊 Which is a great achievement.

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 properly groom and tack up; 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. Learn ring letters

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 warm up & cool off a horse; change diagonals without prompts; perform half-halt, half-schools and diagonal changes; perform 20-meter circles; use ring letters to navigate movements throughout the ring; learn the sitting trot without stirrups; stop, walk, turn and control the horse bareback. Able to pass other horses in the ring, allowing sufficient spacing, and alerting the other rider with "inside/outside"

Level 2B & Up:

Can groom, tack, safely 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.

As level 2B progresses: 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; 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. 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.

IMPORTANT TROOP POLICIES

- **EVALUATIONS:** ALL new riders as well as aspiring level 1 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:** **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. In the unlikely event that Seaton Hackney Stables cancels a session, a make-up session will be scheduled accordingly.

DATE: _____ **INITIAL:** _____

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