

Dartmouth Riding Center, Etna, NH

Childrens' Horsemanship Clinics

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All clinics have stable management lectures daily with the emphasis on safety and correct technique. The lectures vary with each session according to level, with the younger child and beginners learning the basics of grooming, the grooming tools, parts of the horse, parts of the tack, tack cleaning and tacking up. The more advanced students will have more practical experience with bandaging, braiding, trimming as well as grooming and tack cleaning.

Young Child Clinic: Children from age 6 and up are started on the lunge line to learn the correct position and balance at the walk and trot. Our goal is to introduce children to riding so that they can ride safely and feel comfortable working with horses. Enrollment is 6/session.

Young Child Beginner is for those who have little or no riding experience, **Young Child Novice** is for the 6-9 year olds who know posting trot and are ready to canter.

Beginner Clinic: Designed for the rider who has completed the Young Child clinic or has little or no prior riding experience. Students are taught the correct basics of riding at the walk and trot. 6 riders/session

Novice Clinic: Designed for the rider who is capable of riding on their own in a group at the walk, posting trot and has started at the canter. Student's positions are refined and trotting poles are introduced. 6 riders/session

Jumper Clinic: Designed for the rider who is capable of riding on their own in a group at the walk, posting trot and canter and have started jumping in class. Students will be introduced to the correct position over fences and will learn how to ride a course. 6 riders/session

Introduction to Horse Showing: This week will introduce children to all the different types of shows offered at Morton Farm, including dressage, jumpers, polocrosse and hunter pace. Also covered will be grooming for shows, show attire, trailering, braiding, etc.

Daily Schedule

9:00-Arrive, lecture, groom, tack up

10:00-Ride

11:00-Cool out, clean tack

11:15-Snack, games

12:00-Depart

Clinics offered: Please specify on registration form weeks of the summer you are free(June 21st-August 13th)-we will form the clinics around YOUR schedule!! (Cost of each session is \$350)

Beginner

Young Child Novice

Novice

Introduction to Showing

Young Child Beginner

Jumper

No dogs permitted on Morton Farm property