

There are three basic principals of our after-school program at Folly Farms:

1. Genuine concern for the personal development, self-esteem and well being of your child
2. Commitment to provide quality horsemanship and riding instruction
3. Desire to share with your child our compassion and appreciation for horses as fellow living creatures placed in our care



Our goal is to provide an environment that gives your child (and adults – and horses) a sense of peace and belonging. Unlike many stressful aspects of our society's culture, we strive to provide a place where we nurture growth and self-esteem for everyone.

School-Year-Long Commitment

We give preference in our after-school program to students who are serious about learning to ride and who plan to continue in the program throughout the school year. If you are not sure about your child's continued interest in horses, see "Alternatives" below.

"After School at the Barn" is offered on a monthly basis. During school breaks, children may schedule a make-up private lesson or an extra after-school day. Our calendar is based on the Richland County public school calendar.

Alternatives

Private lessons may be scheduled in the evenings and on Saturdays. We also offer lessons during the school day for adults, pre-schoolers and children who are home-schooled.

After-School Activities

The heart of our program is a one-hour group riding lesson. Children can also observe horse training, study or do barn chores with supervision. Tutoring is also available. The program is offered Tuesday through Thursday. Your child may participate one, two or three days of the week.

Transportation

If no other alternative is available we may be able to provide *limited* transportation to the barn from some area schools, including Lake Carolina Elementary, Kelly Mill Middle, and Blythewood Middle. First, check with your friends about car pooling!

Age Groups

The basic after-school program is designed for children ages 7-15. Younger children experienced with our programs may participate with special permission.

Commitment to Quality

We, as instructors, are very serious about our own learning at Folly Farms. We study horsemanship as seriously as our students and strive to constantly improve our riding and training so that we can improve our own teaching.

Just as we are committed to our own learning, we are committed to giving your child a solid foundation for riding. As in any sport, future excellence can only be attained if the proper initial foundation is provided.

Riding Levels

We work with all riding levels in our after-school program. Generally each person will be started at the beginning level moving to a more advanced group (or private lessons) as his/her skills are demonstrated.

Individual Needs of Each Child

We are honored to work closely with parents and teachers to address the individual needs of each child.

- Schoolwork always comes first. Do you want us to check to see if homework has been done before the child rides?
- Does your child need help with his/her homework? (Tutoring is available in many subjects.)

Boarded Horses

Children who board their horses at Folly Farms receive a discount in our *After School At the Barn* program. Our more advanced students are given opportunities to help teach and supervise other children.

Payments

Once your child is enrolled in the program, we will assume that he/she will continue on the same day in the same type of participation unless we are notified by the 15th of the month prior to the month of participation. Payments will be deducted from your credit/bank card on the 15th of the month preceding participation.

Makeup of Missed Lessons

There are no refunds if you must miss a day, however a makeup day can be scheduled. If you know at least one week in advance that your child will miss your regularly scheduled day, you may at that time re-schedule to a different day. So that we do not worry about your child, it

will be very much appreciated if you notify us of any absences – anticipated or otherwise.

Rates

Monthly rates are based upon the number of days/week attended. If your child comes once/week, it is \$150/mo; twice/week = \$250/mo; three times/week = \$5/mo. All participants must pay in advance by bank/credit card.

Dropping Out

Ongoing students are encouraged to continue through the balance of the school year. If you cannot commit to an entire school year, please consider "Alternatives". If you know in advance that your child will not be able to attend for a period of time, we will be glad to schedule – in advance – makeup opportunities.



Weather Cancellations

We will schedule a makeup lesson if local schools are closed or if we determine weather conditions are not good for riding. Aside from school closures, we will call you if *After School At the Barn* has been canceled due to severe weather conditions.

About The Program

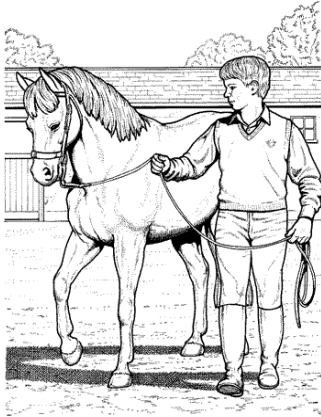
We are committed to the overall development of your child – whether that be in overcoming fear, improving social skills, in becoming a skilled horse person, in accepting responsibility or in developing compassion, perseverance or focus.

Program Directors

Paul Bostrom, owner and operator of Folly Farms, is a horse professional with a lifetime of horse experience. He is gifted with training horses and instructing youth and adults in how to develop horsemanship skills, which carry over into life skills.

Julie McCrary is a certified Equine Specialist through EAGALA (Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association) as well as a former teacher. She has a BS from USC and received her teacher training through Lander University in Montessori education.

We are passionate about the growth and learning that people of all ages can achieve working with horses.



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After School at the Barn is partially operated through a not-for-profit corporation called “f.a.i.t.h.”. Donations to help defray the cost of this program are warmly accepted. If and when sufficient contributions have been set aside, scholarships will be offered to families who cannot pay the full published rates of this program. Please help if you can!

"You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself."
Galileo Galilei

www.FollyFarms.net

All brochures and registration forms are downloadable from the website. If you know of someone who would like to sponsor a student or to contribute in some other way, please check “You Can Help” on the site. You can read about our horses, news and events, view our farm Scrapbook, and follow the f.a.i.t.h. Blog.

We are excited to have YOU a part of Folly Farms!

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