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|  | Ram Rides horsemanship fundamentals |
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| 7/1/2017 | Building skill and character into young riders |
|  | A more cohesive, structured horse program that will intentionally build skills and encourage gifts of the young riders of the Ram River! |

ALL SKILLS ARE BASED ON Ram River Tours HORSEMANSHIP STANDARDS

Focus is - Personal safety

Understand boundaries and maintaining them

Clear communication/connection between horse and rider at a verbal and non-verbal level

Enjoyment & Goal Setting

Level I – Very basic and achievable

Approach – eye contact and touch, un-tying,

Grooming – types of brushes and their uses, technique,

Observing and instruction for catching, haltering, saddling and bridling

Prepping for a trailride, may be led by another rider (leader),

Observing instruction and participation in:

Mounting and dismounting, Correct position in the saddle, correct neck-rein hold

Introduction to safety rules, conformation and tack descriptions,

Basis horse knowledge

Confidence at a walk and trot (can be lead by another rider)

Level 2 – Novice I

Observing Pre-flight check

Observing and imitating footfall on the ground and in the saddle

Demonstrate safety around barns and horses

Ride without stirrups at walk with emphasis on timing and balance

Correct body position at walk and trot

Understand and demonstrate three different rein positions – open, direct and indirect

Clean horses feet (assisted)

Marked control at walk (games and drills)

Observing and instruction for understanding and implementing leg and seat (weight) aids

Introduction to

Conformation & Breeds

Corral clean up

Level 3 – Novice 2

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Up skill grooming - prep for a horse show

Filing horses feet

Knowledge of hoof parts

Demonstration of hoof care

Parts of a saddle

Fitting a saddle

Identify bits and their uses

Demonstration of the above knowledge

Horse first aid – Demonstration – Vitals and signs of sickness

Demonstrate and teach correct body position at a walk, jog, trot and lope

Leading trailrides

Swamper for team

Rope handling

Level 4 – Junior

Intro Halter Breaking a young horse

Feed

Repair saddles and bridles

Fix Fences Barbed and Rail

Follow and control livestock on horseback

Harnessing the team

Level 5 – Intermediate 1

Evaluate, test and achievements

Approaching, preflight checks, foot handling, catching, establishing boundaries, horse color and markings, horse personalities and temperaments

Horse packing 101

Knots

Dragging logs and rope handling on a horse

Control and timing in transitions

Working with horse vices – pulling, kicking, etc.

Staff levels

Level 6 – Intermediate 2

Horse show Prep, organizing, competing

Outtrip preparation

Care of horses on the trail

Nutrition

Tack maintenance

Disciplines, dressage, reining, etc.

Guiding an overnight trip (with assistance)

Level 7 – Senior 1

Teaching – Basic skills, body position, control, preflight checks, knots, cleaning feet

Teaching – horse conformation, breeds, tack parts, horse personalities

Teaching – Nutrition, first aid, horse health

Stockman 101

Driving the team with a swamper

Riding a reining pattern

Packing and taking out a packtrip

Level 8 – Senior 2

Facilitating and teaching an outtrip

Stock handling – on a rope, sorting, penning

Testing – All disciplines taught

Teaching – All disciplines taught