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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