

The kindest treatment of the horse is gained through knowledge.

Helper party



On Friday, January 10 we invited all the kids who help in our lessons to come to the farm for a night of food, fun, and competitive Horse Jeopardy! The young people that help

us out in our lesson program are of stellar character and have an amazing work ethic. They maintain a standard of welcoming professionalism and helpfulness for student and horses alike. We receive so much positive feedback on their contributions, and we are so proud to have them represent Harrogate.

This year Terry Porter donated a box of riding gloves and everyone got to choose a pair for themselves.

Thanks to Terry for giving our kids a well deserved Christmas surprise!

The answer to December's Trivia Question (*What is the greatest number of horses that ever lived at HH at one time?*) is:

38

No one guessed the correct answer but two people said 37 which was the closest.

We drew names from a hat and **Kaitlyn Taylor** is the winner. She will receive a \$25 gift card from Greenhawk. Honourable mention to **Claire Mark**.

TRIVIA QUESTION:

One of Harrogate's horses has a condition that people used to associate with the phases of the moon. What did they call it? Which horse at Harrogate has it and what is the proper medical term for the condition?

The answer will be in next month's issue of The Mane Bit.

Calendar of EVENTS



INTRODUCTION TO HORSES

Friday, January 17

PA DAY CAMP

Friday, January 31

MARCH BREAK CAMP

March 10 - 14

JUMP SCHOOL

Friday, February 7 & 28

TRIVIA GUIDELINES:

- Place your answer in the box found in the lounge and include your name and contact information.
- There will be a random draw from the correct submitted answers and one person will win a prize.
- The winner will be announced in the following month's Newsletter.

New Year kicks off with a Jump School session

The students at Harrogate rang in the new year by having a great Jump School on January 1.

They all rode really well and it gave us a pretty accurate appraisal of what we need to work on over the winter so that we'll be ready for the show season.

We're really looking forward to the upcoming jumping session we have planned in the new year. Watching all the great

efforts from the Harrogate students reminded me of a time many years ago.

One young student at the University of Toronto riding school seemed to lack all courage and conviction. Every time the horse approached the fence the student would do nothing and the horse would calmly go around the jump. In the final approach, Buddy the little horse, just faded to a halt at the base of the



First group of riders.



Second group.

fence. It was at this point that I felt Buddy's schooling was not being helped so I asked the young girl to get off right where she was and I got on Buddy who was



Chloe and Bugsy.



Isabelle and Jasper.



Annabelle and Ash.



Ally and Jake.



Lia and Spirit.



Caitlin and Jackson.



Emma and Mrs. V.

still standing at the base of the fence.

The students were in a semicircle behind me, so I leaned back and around to look them in the eye. I explained to them the importance of being firm and how it was essential to make the horse listen to their leg. At this point Buddy sidestepped a bit, so to underline my point, I gave him a little kick.

I did not accompany Buddy over that fence...

I did not accompany Buddy over that fence and I'm not even sure exactly where we parted ways. All I know was that as I lay half under, half



on the jump, I could hear a high-pitched feverish giggling — you know — the kind we all make when something is desperately funny but somehow it seems inappropriate to laugh. I dusted myself off and explained that one should never ask the horse do something unless one is



Meredith and Zephyr.

prepared for the fact that the horse might just do it. I would have thought I already knew this but at any rate, I have never forgotten it since. I suspect that none of the students in that lesson have ever forgotten either, which proves once again that the horse is always the best teacher!

THE ACADEMY



"HAND UP THE ONE WHO SPOTTED MY DELIBERATE MISTAKE"



PRICING FOR 2025 LIT SUMMER PROGRAM



SESSION	DATES	REFER A FRIEND 20% discount if paid IN FULL by Nov 28, 2024	\$50 DISCOUNT if paid IN FULL by Dec 31, 2024	\$25 DISCOUNT if paid IN FULL by Jan 31, 2025	REGULAR FEE if paid after Feb 1, 2025
One	June 30- July 4	\$340.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$425.00
Two	July 7-11	\$340.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$425.00
Three	July 14-18	\$340.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$425.00
Four	July 21-25	\$340.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$425.00
Five	July 28- Aug 1	\$340.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$425.00

All prices include HST.

If you prefer to pay in two installments, a currently dated \$200.00 deposit cheque and another cheque dated June 30, 2025 for the balance **must** accompany all registration forms.

Please note: Discounts DO NOT apply unless camp fees are PAID IN FULL by discount date.

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SESSION	DATES	REFER A FRIEND 20% discount if paid IN FULL by Nov 28, 2024	\$75 DISCOUNT if paid IN FULL by Dec 31, 2024	\$30 DISCOUNT if paid IN FULL by Jan 31, 2025	REGULAR FEE if paid after Feb 1, 2025
One	June 30- July 4	\$540.00	\$600.00	\$645.00	\$675.00
Two	July 7-11	\$540.00	\$600.00	\$645.00	\$675.00
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Thanks to everyone who contributed to our
Lion King Christmas raffle.

Sarah Mark was the lucky winner
of the tickets to the Lion King.



Stay tuned for unique and exciting
adventures with horses, as we present new
learning opportunities beyond your
regular weekly lessons.



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