



## **Galloping Lane Horsemanship Program**

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*Prospective Student Welcome Packet*

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### **The Galloping Lane Horsemanship Program**

Welcome to the Galloping Lane Horsemanship Program. We are honored that you are considering joining a program built on thoughtful horsemanship, ethical training, and genuine partnership between horse and rider. At Galloping Lane Farm, we believe that riding is only one part of a much larger picture—true horsemanship is about understanding the horse as an individual, respecting their physical and mental well-being, and developing skills that extend far beyond time in the saddle. Our program is intentionally small, relationship-driven, and designed to support both horse and human through consistent, mindful education.

This welcome packet is designed to introduce you to our philosophy, expectations, and program structure so you can determine whether Galloping Lane Horsemanship is the right fit for you. Inside, you will find an overview of our approach, lesson formats, safety standards, and policies, along with what we ask of our students in return. We value clear communication, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to learning. Our goal is not just to teach people to ride, but to cultivate confident, knowledgeable horse people who contribute positively to the horses they work with and the barn community.



### **Riding Is Optional. Horsemanship Is Not.**

At Galloping Lane Horsemanship, we believe that true progress with horses begins long before a rider puts a foot in the stirrup. Riding is a skill; horsemanship is a responsibility. Our program is grounded in the idea that understanding how horses think, learn, and physically respond to their environment is essential to becoming a capable, confident rider—and a good steward of the horse.

Students in our program are taught to value preparation, observation, and consistency. Time spent on the ground matters. Grooming, tacking, leading, and caring for the horse are not viewed as extras, but as foundational elements of the learning process. We emphasize calm communication, clear boundaries, and respect for each horse as an individual.

### **What Makes the Galloping Lane Horsemanship Program Different**

- Horse-first program design, not a high-volume lesson program
- Small, intentional enrollment
- Education beyond the saddle
- Consistency and continuity
- A respectful barn culture
- Learning at the right pace

### **Is the Galloping Lane Horsemanship Program the Right Fit for You?**

The Galloping Lane Horsemanship Program is intentionally designed for students who value learning, consistency, and partnership with the horse. This brief self-assessment is meant to help you reflect on whether our approach aligns with your goals, expectations, and learning style.

There are no right or wrong answers—only what is right for *you*.

#### **Consider the following statements:**

#### **About Learning & Progress**

- ☐ I value understanding *why* we do things, not just being told *what* to do.
- ☐ I am comfortable progressing at a thoughtful, steady pace rather than rushing milestones.



☐ I understand that not every session will involve riding, and that groundwork is a valuable part of learning.

### **About Horsemanship & Responsibility**

☐ I believe caring for the horse before and after riding is an important part of being a rider.

☐ I am willing to learn stable skills such as grooming, tacking, leading, and basic horse care.

☐ I respect that horses are living partners with physical and emotional limits.

### **About Structure & Consistency**

☐ I am comfortable with a program that limits ride frequency in order to protect the horses.

☐ I value consistency, routine, and relationship-building over drop-in or high-volume riding.

☐ I understand that progress comes from regular, thoughtful participation over time.

### **About Barn Culture & Expectations**

☐ I appreciate a calm, respectful barn environment with clear expectations.

☐ I am open to feedback and view instruction as part of a collaborative learning process.

☐ I understand that safety, horse welfare, and mutual respect guide all decisions at the farm.

### **This program may be a good fit if:**

- You want to become a **well-rounded horse person**, not just a rider.
- You value **education, patience, and ethical horsemanship**.
- You appreciate a **small, intentional program** where horses and students are known as individuals.



**This program may not be the best fit if:**

- Your primary goal is frequent riding without a focus on groundwork or horse care.
- You are looking for rapid advancement, competition timelines, or high-intensity lesson volume.
- You prefer a large, drop-in style lesson barn with minimal structure outside the saddle.

If, after reading this, you find yourself nodding along—there's a good chance Galloping Lane Horsemanship may be the right place for your journey. We welcome thoughtful questions and open conversations as you decide whether this program aligns with your goals.

### **Lessons & Pricing**

The Galloping Lane Horsemanship Program offers private, horsemanship-focused instruction designed to support both horse and human. Our lessons emphasize safety, thoughtful progression, and respect for the horse. Enrollment is intentionally limited to ensure individualized attention and to protect the well-being of our horses.

Lesson packages can be put together after you have taken two to four private lessons, to determine a match with the program and horse, and will be paid for, in advance, at the start of each month – invoices will be sent. If you want to go lesson by lesson, that option is available, but times cannot be guaranteed unless one month is paid for in advance. Ship-ins with outside horses are allowed with Coggins and up to date vaccinations. Cash, Checks, Venmo, Zelle accepted.

### **Lesson Offerings – Riding or Ground based only instruction**

#### **New Rider Start Session (Required for all new students)**

- 60-minute private session
- Orientation to the farm, safety expectations, grooming, handling, and tack
- Riding assessment when applicable
- Priced as a standard private lesson



### **Foundations of Safe Horse Handling (Mandatory for Beginner Riders )**

- 60-minute unmounted private lesson
- Required within the first month for all beginner riders (adults and children)
- Covers safe handling, body language, grooming, leading, tying, and barn safety
- May be repeated as often as desired

### **Private Riding Lessons – Adults & Teens**

- 60-minute private lesson
- Students arrive early to groom and tack up and remain after to untack and care for the horse
- Instruction tailored to individual level and goals
- Beginner riders learn to tack up gradually with guidance – if support is needed to groom and prepare the horse, as well as untack and put horse away - this time will be included in the 60 minute lesson timeframe.

### **Child Beginner Pony Lessons**

- 60-minute private lesson
- 15–20 minutes grooming and handling with instructor support
- Approximately 30 minutes mounted instruction
- 10–15 minutes untacking, finishing care, and review

### **Ground-Based Horsemanship Lessons (No Riding Required)**

- 60-minute private unmounted lesson
- For non-riders, future mini or pony owners, or riders focusing on groundwork
- Includes handling, grooming, communication, in-hand work, and daily care skills

### **Round Pen Horsemanship Sessions**

- 60-minute private session
- Mounted or unmounted depending on student goals
- Focus on communication, body language, timing, and feel



## Lesson Pricing

All lessons are 60 minutes unless otherwise noted.

- Single private lesson: \$80
- 4 lessons per month: \$75 per lesson
- 8 lessons per month: \$65 per lesson

Commitment-based pricing reflects the importance of consistency for both learning and horse welfare. All new students will start with Single Private lessons until an appropriate package is determined.

## Independent Practice Sessions (By Approval Only)

For riders and handlers who Galloping Lane Farm deems ready, independent practice sessions may be added to a lesson package.

Practice sessions allow approved students to:

- Ride or work with horses from the ground independently
- Practice skills learned during lessons
- Build confidence and consistency without direct instruction

Important notes:

- Practice sessions are offered by invitation only and would be with GLF horses
- Readiness is determined by GLF instructor discretion
- Sessions must be scheduled in advance and scheduled within one week post a lesson.
- Horse and human welfare and safety remain the top priority

Practice Session Fee:

- \$40 per session – max 2 per each lesson scheduled (added to an existing lesson package)

Example – Lesson - Monday, Practice - Session Thursday and Saturday.

## Policies

- Private lessons only
- 24-hour cancellation notice required for lessons or practice sessions
- Late cancellations are charged in full, except for emergencies or extreme weather
- Enrollment is limited; a waiting list may be maintained when the program is full



If the program is not deemed to be satisfactory by either the student or instructor of Galloping Lane Farm, a mutual decision to cease lessons and practice sessions will be made and executed at the end of the current paid month. Either party can initiate the ending of the lessons, and we appreciate that not every program is right for every student, and you sometimes won't know that in advance sometimes. The goal is that everyone feels satisfied and happy with the program. Galloping Lane reserves the right to evolve and change this program as needed for the best interest of the horses, the students and the trainers.

Galloping Lane Farm does participate in showing, and once a student is determined to be ready to show or event guidance, instruction, logistics and pricing will be discussed.

At Galloping Lane Farm, we believe learning happens best in small numbers, with patience and respect. Our program is designed to support thoughtful students, healthy horses, and meaningful relationships.



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### New Student Intake Packet

Welcome to the Galloping Lane Horsemanship Program. This intake packet helps us get to know you (or your child), understand your goals, and ensure a safe, thoughtful, and positive experience for both horse and human. Please complete all sections prior to your first lesson.

#### Participant Information

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday – Month & day (year only if under 18) : \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Parent / Guardian Information (if participant is a minor)

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Horse & Riding Experience

Have you worked with horses before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please describe your experience (mounted and/or unmounted):

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Have you taken riding lessons previously? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where and for how long?

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### Goals & Interests

What are your goals in joining the Galloping Lane Horsemanship Program?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Learn to ride.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-based work only (no riding) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return to riding after time away | <input type="checkbox"/> Build confidence around horses     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Learn horsemanship / horse care. | <input type="checkbox"/> Other:                             |
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### Medical Information

Do you have any medical conditions, injuries, allergies, or limitations we should be aware of?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes (please explain below)
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Are there any concerns related to balance, mobility, anxiety, or fear around animals?

- ☐ No ☐ Yes (please explain below)
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### Program Understanding & Acknowledgements

Please initial each statement:

- \_\_\_\_ I understand this is a private-lesson-only program.
- \_\_\_\_ I understand horsemanship and groundwork are foundational and required.
- \_\_\_\_ I understand enrollment is limited and availability may change.



\_\_\_\_ I understand independent practice sessions are by approval only.

\_\_\_\_ I understand horse welfare is the top priority at Gallop Lane Farm.

#### **Scheduling & Availability**

Preferred days/times for lessons:

\_\_\_\_\_

How often are you hoping to schedule lessons?

☐ Once per week   ☐ Twice per week   ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Confirmation**

By signing below, I confirm that the information provided is accurate and that I have reviewed the Gallop Lane Horsemanship Program materials, policies, and expectations.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Equine Activity Release, Assumption of Risk, Hold Harmless & Media Consent Agreement**

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY. THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT.

This Agreement is entered into on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between Gallop Lane Farm LLC, its owners, instructors, agents, volunteers, and employees (collectively referred to as "Owner"), and the undersigned participant ("Participant"), or if Participant is a minor, the undersigned parent or legal guardian.

#### **Acknowledgement of Inherent Risk (New Jersey Equine Activity Liability Act)**

Participant acknowledges that equine activities are inherently dangerous pursuant to the New Jersey Equine Activity Liability Act (N.J.S.A. 5:15-1 et seq.). Horses and ponies are large, powerful, and unpredictable animals that may buck, bite, kick, rear, bolt, stumble, fall, or behave unpredictably.

Risks include, but are not limited to: falls; contact with other animals or people; equipment failure; uneven or slippery footing; weather conditions; acts or omissions of other participants; and the possible unavailability of immediate emergency medical care.

#### **Assumption of Risk**

Participant knowingly and voluntarily assumes all risks, known and unknown, inherent and otherwise, associated with equine activities, whether mounted or unmounted. These activities include, but are not limited to: riding lessons, groundwork, grooming, handling, leading, round pen sessions, independent practice sessions, observation, and general presence on the property.

#### **Release, Waiver & Hold Harmless**

Participant agrees to release, waive, indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Owner from any and all claims, demands, damages, injuries, losses, liabilities, or expenses of any kind, including attorney's fees, arising from participation in equine activities or presence on the property, except in cases of direct, willful, and wanton gross negligence by the Owner.



#### **Rules, Safety & Protective Equipment**

Participant agrees to follow all farm rules, safety instructions, and horsemanship standards established by the Owner. ASTM/SEI-approved helmets are required for mounted activities unless expressly waived by the Owner in writing. Participant accepts full responsibility for their own safety, conduct, and equipment.

#### **Medical & Insurance Responsibility**

Participant acknowledges that they are solely responsible for obtaining and maintaining medical, health, and personal insurance coverage. Owner does not provide insurance coverage for participants, visitors, or guests.

#### **Minors**

If the Participant is under 18 years of age, the parent or legal guardian affirms that they have legal authority to sign this Agreement and agrees to all terms on behalf of the minor. The parent or guardian assumes full responsibility for the minor's participation.

#### **Photo & Video Release (Optional)**

Participant grants permission to Galloping Lane Farm LLC to photograph and/or record video of the Participant during farm activities for educational, promotional, website, and social media use, without compensation.

Please indicate your preference by checking one box below:

☐ YES, I grant permission for photo and video use.

☐ NO, I do not grant permission for photo and video use.

#### **Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of New Jersey.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS AGREEMENT AND VOLUNTARILY SIGN IT.

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian (if minor): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

GLF Owner Representative: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_