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Boot Camp Agenda – Novice/Beginner

Saturday Session - Classroom & Stables

- 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Check-in, Meet & Greet, Refreshments
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Classroom Instruction
Equine personality traits, what's suitable for you
What to do with a problem horse
Establishing alpha position, reading a horse
Basic first aid, when to call a vet
Feed & hay types, reading labels, salt & water intake
- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Stables Demos
Turnout, catching, haltering
Leading without being stepped on
Where to tie up, how to tie safety slip knot
Grooming, clipping, blanketing, leg wraps, bathing
Types of bits and functions
Western, hunt seat, saddles & fitting
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Classroom Instruction
Coggins, de-worming, vaccinations, health certificate
Most common ailments – allergies, founder, colic
Hoof care, frequent causes of lameness
Equine activities for kids/novices
- 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Stables Demonstrations
Stable layout, safety and health features, stall care
Conformation to breed/function and soundness
Basic tack & grooming items to have in stock
First aid kits and when to call the vet

Sunday Riding Session – Indoor Arena (riders welcome to bring their own horses)

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Basic Horse Handling & Horsemanship

Lunging – why and how, with or without line

Moving the horse's shoulder and hips on the ground

Proper body position for riding

Softening the back, prepare for trotting/cantering

Moving the horse's shoulder and hips mounted

Neck reining and lateral movement

Refine cues to go forward, stop and back-up

Circling for position, discipline, focus

Learn "emergency" slow-down or stop maneuver

To register for these sessions, to be put on a mailing list for future boot camps, or if you want information about the intermediate/advanced boot camps, contact CJ Farmer at 706-677-0072 or email c.j.farmer@windstream.net.