

RIDING UNLIMITED GUIDELINES

Sessions: Riding Unlimited offers a 4-6 week winter session, a 10-week spring & fall session, and a 5-week summer session. A calendar of riding days for the current session is available at the center.

Lessons: Based on the needs and abilities of a student, an individualized program will consist of therapeutic riding, driving, and/or horsemanship skills. Most lessons are approximately 55 minutes in length. Private lessons are 45 minutes in length. In some cases, lesson times may be shortened to accommodate a participant's special needs. Occasionally ground lessons (stable management) classes are conducted in lieu of a mounted activity. Class size is limited to four per class. Classes run Tuesday through Saturday. A variety of morning, afternoon, and evening classes are available.

Tuition: Winter \$175; spring and fall \$350; and summer \$175. Private lessons are \$45 each for a 45 minutes lesson. Tuition covers only approximately twenty-five percent of the overall cost of the session. Tuition is payable to Riding Unlimited (divided into two or three payments) by cash, check, or charge. Payments should be placed in the "Pony Express mailbox in the "RU Corral" or mailed to:

Riding Unlimited
9168 T. N. Skiles Rd.
Ponder, TX 76259-5823

Alternative payment arrangements are available upon request. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Applications are available upon request.

Weight Guidelines: The following weight guidelines have been set for the safety and comfort of our horses, participants and volunteers:

Maximum weight:	under 5' tall	-	150 lbs. or less
	5'1" - 5'6" tall	-	175 lbs. or less
	5'7" - 6' tall	-	200 lbs. or less
	6'1" - 6'5" tall	-	250 lbs. or less

Those who exceed the limits may be eligible for the Riding Unlimited carriage driving program.

Attendance: Upon arrival, park by the covered arena, go to the "Corral" and sign in by placing a "P" in the Rider Attendance Book. When the student will be absent, notify the center within 24 hours, if possible. If a student knows of an absence ahead of time, mark an "A" next to the student's name corresponding to the date of the scheduled absence and inform the Daily Coordinator. When a student who is scheduled to ride doesn't show up for his lesson, volunteers who were assigned to work with them become discouraged and may drop out. This jeopardizes the entire program. Three absences without notice (denoted by an "X" in the attendance book) may result in being dropped from the schedule. **For last minute cancellations, call the RU office** and leave a message in box 3. Ample notice is appreciated.

Bad Weather: Classes will only be cancelled in the event of dangerous or threatening weather. To determine cancellations you may call the Riding Unlimited office at (940) 479-2016. Class cancellation notification is posted in mailbox 3.

Class Make-ups: Make-up classes are held only if Riding Unlimited cancels a class. Riders that cancel forfeit the class. Occasionally stable management lessons may be given in lieu of a mounted lesson. Ground lessons do not require a make-up.

Punctuality: It is extremely important for a client to arrive approximately 10 minutes prior to the scheduled riding time.

Late rider policy: If a client is late to the scheduled riding time, Riding Unlimited cannot guarantee he/she will be able to ride. Once the lesson has begun, the instructor may not be able to leave the other riders to mount late arriving students. **Horses will be untacked and volunteers released 15 minutes after the scheduled start time of the class.**

Clothing Requirements for Riders: Long pants
Closed toe shoes or boots, with heels
ASTM/SEI approved helmet (can be supplied by Riding Unlimited)
Sunscreen, gloves, and jacket, as needed.

Siblings: If siblings are in attendance with parents of students participating in class, **parents are responsible for the direct supervision of these children at all times.** Noise and lots of activity can distract horses and students.

Conduct at the Center: It is mandatory that everyone complies with all posted **safety rules**. Abide by all posted **off-limit areas**. Riding Unlimited is a **no smoking** facility and the use of **drugs or alcohol on the property is strictly forbidden**. No mistreatment or abuse of any animal will be tolerated.