



JC Eventing January Horsemanship Series

Join us for a series of unmounted educational sessions with a focus on groundwork for the month of January!

Sessions will run Saturday afternoons from 2:00pm to 3:00pm on January 7th, January 14th, January 21st, and January 28th.

Each participant will be assigned their own horse to work with for the duration of the series.

Tuition for the series is \$120 per participant. Everyone is encouraged to attend all of the sessions as each session will build on the previous one, but participants may attend all or some of the sessions for the flat tuition rate.

This series needs at least 3 participants to run. Open to all ages and all levels. Each exercise will be modified to fit the experience level of each horse/rider pair from beginner to advanced.

This is a great way to brush up on some important horse knowledge skills that we may not always have time for in a typical weekly riding lesson.

The curriculum will be as follows:

January 7th: Intro to Groundwork. Learning about proper equipment for groundwork. Leading properly, how horses read body language, learning how to yield the forehead and hindquarters. Learn how to utilize these techniques to negotiate different obstacles with your horse.

January 14th: Teaching lateral work in hand. Learning about how to introduce lateral work on the ground such as turn on the forehand, turn on the haunches, leg yield, shoulder-in, and haunches-in. Learn how to properly utilize a bridle as a tool from the ground.

January 21st: Introduction to lunging, free-lunging, and long lining. Learn about the different equipment used for each exercise method and the pros and cons of different techniques.

January 28th: Introduction to positive reinforcement (“clicker”) training, how it can be used with horses, and some tricks and behaviors you can train with it such as standing at the mounting block, picking up feet, etc. We also will have an introduction to “liberty” training, where we work the horses on the ground without any kind of line or rope attaching us to them.

If you’re interested in joining the fun, contact Jamie to sign up. Spaces are limited. And keep an eye out for our February unmounted series with a focus on general horse care such as tack fitting, equine nutrition, first aid, and more!