



Moss Performance Horses

Lesson Program

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Lesson Program! My name is Devin Moss. I'm the head instructor and trainer here at Moss Performance Horses. I've been riding horses for over 13 years and teaching for 5 years. I have also been training horses for 6 years. I mainly compete in barrel racing and team roping but have had training in other events including reining and numerous other western events. Currently, I attend different types of shows and clinics regularly because you are never done learning! I've had some training in English, but Western is the direction that better suited me. Teaching and training horses is what really gets me excited to wake up in the mornings. There is nothing more satisfying to me than working with a young horse and watching them learn or to watch a lesson student work hard and achieve their goals! I am so excited you decided to join our program and can't wait to get started!



GOALS

Our biggest goal is to provide top notch training and understanding of the horse and the way they work. In order to have a safe and fun experience with the horses, we believe it is very important to learn from the ground up and not miss anything. We keep notes on the accomplishments and needs of all students so that focus can be placed on what they need help with and to personalize the lessons based on the individual. No two lessons are the same!

"Fear has to do with helplessness. The only thing that conquers it is knowledge. When you learn about how a horse thinks and makes decisions, that helplessness goes away." – Buck Brannaman



UNDERSTANDING LEVELS OF RIDERS

Beginner: Just starting out

Experienced Beginner: Knows most of the basics and can ride unassisted.

Advanced Beginner: Independent control of the horse and has learned how to apply tack.

Intermediate: Rides well-balanced through the paces and can catch, groom, and completely, and properly, tack-up the horse.

Intermediate-Advanced: Rides with authority, can use aids, and understands principles of training.

Advanced: Shows precise control in basic exercises, and shows knowledge and responsibility in the proper care of horses. Has well rounded knowledge about horses.

PRICING

30 Minutes: \$30

1 Hour: \$50*

**This option is seasonal. We do not offer hour long sessions in the summer due to the heat being too much for both horse and rider.*

Group Lessons (Max 4 students): \$40 for 1 hour

Options to pay:

Monthly – guaranteed a makeup lesson, due at or before your first lesson of the month

Per Lesson – makeup lessons upon request and availability. Payment due on the day of the lesson. You will not receive a next lesson until the previous one is paid for.

Acceptable ways to pay include: Check, Cash or Venmo

WHAT TO BRING

Proper riding attire

- Helmet (A bike helmet will suffice, but we highly suggest getting a proper riding helmet.)
- Boots
- Jeans or leggings
- Water Boots (Good thing to have on hand for muddy facility after a rainy day.)

Please bring your own saddle if you have it. We have plenty of saddle pads and all the horses have their own bits.

SCHEDULING AND RESCHEDULING

- You may choose to ride one of our lesson horses, or you may choose to haul in your own horse. The lesson rate is the same.
- We require 24-hour notice if you must cancel or reschedule a lesson. If you DO NOT provide a 24-hour notice, you will be charged for that lesson.
- There will be no penalties if lessons are cancelled due to an emergency.
- If the instructor must cancel or reschedule, there will be no charge.
- Lessons are NOT cancelled due to cold or hot weather, or rain. The only time rain is a factor is during thunder storms or very heavy rain.
- It is recommended that students arrive 15 minutes early if they tack their own horses.
- Lessons are held Monday, Wednesday, Thursday during the week. Fridays are saved for makeup days. We will add more days to the schedule as we grow.

SAFETY, RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Dogs are allowed on the property but, please keep any aggressive dogs at home.
- NO running and screaming in the barn or anywhere near a horse.
- DO NOT pull out or handle ANY horse unless given permission by the instructor. For horses not owned by Moss Performance Horses, owner permission is also required to handle the horse.
- DO NOT walk directly behind a horse.

LESSONS

Ground Work: Consists of exercises that you do with your horse while you stay on the ground and lead the horse on a halter. Groundwork can include teaching the horse to walk with you, asking them to back up, asking them to give you space and bring them back to your space, and lunging. This is very important for both horse and rider as it teaches respect and manners. You will also learn how to properly tack and untack a horse.

Basic Lessons: Learning the basics of walk/trot/canter on the fence. Learning how to make your horse stop & back up on your cue, and learning how to use leg and hand cues. You also learn things such as rollbacks and circles which are both great warm up exercises.

Team Roping: A rodeo event in which horseback riders compete in pairs to rope the horns and legs of a steer in the fastest time possible. Lessons would include learning how to swing your rope on and off the horse, learning how to back your horse into the box and come out in the proper manner. You will also learn basic etiquette of being part of a team which includes helping put the steers in the chute and putting wraps on their heads. When ready, the student will be allowed to attend roping practices and local roping events. We hold a lot of our own at the stables.

Rodeo Team: Barrel racing is a rodeo event in which a horse and rider attempt to compete a cloverleaf pattern around preset barrels in the fastest time. The Rodeo Team is the group that have been through all the ground work & basics and choose to compete in barrel racing / pole bending and other play day events. We attend races every weekend, giving the horses a break here and there. You can race our horse or yours. We highly suggest having your own saddle once you reach this point, it makes things easier when getting ready for races. This is a competitive team but we have plenty of girls who just go out there just for fun!

INFORMATIONAL CLASSES

New for 2018! We will have informational classes once a month with different instructors such as vets, farriers, chiropractors, etc. These classes will be open to the public for a small fee but free for all kids and their parents who are enrolled in lessons. These classes will include how to properly groom a horse, how to take care of a sick or hurt horse and much more. Please make sure you follow us on Facebook (Moss Performance Horses) as events and dates will be posted there as well as other important information.

LEASING

All lesson horses are available for lease at this time, however, please make sure to check with me because some horses may not be available due to health issues or lameness. In order to lease a horse, you must actively be a member of our lesson program and must be self-sufficient. Self-sufficient means that you catch and tack your own horse and ride without aid in the arena. If you lease the horse you also get first dibs on the horse at shows.

Pricing:

3 lease days and 1 lesson day: \$350/month

2 lease days and 1 lesson day: \$250/month

At this time, all of our lesson horses compete at rodeo events on the weekend and are only available during the week for riding.