

2019 Spring Session Information

*Below you will find information with regards to our 2019 Spring Session.
It is also helpful to read the Riding Centre Updates located in the lounge or on our [website](#).*

Payment

Invoices will be emailed closer to the end of March to the contact information that you have provided on the Spring Session program registration form. **Please indicate the riders name when making a payment.**

We accept cash (exact amount; no cash is kept on premises), cheque (made out to Alborak Stable Inc.) and e-transfer: alborakstable@gmail.com.

Payment will need to be received prior to the lesson or on first lesson day.

Dates

The schedule will be running as follows:

Monday and Friday classes will run from **April 15th until June 21, 2019**

Saturday and Sunday classes will run from **April 20th until June 23, 2019**. **The weekend of June 8/9 there will be NO LESSONS.**

If there are times where Alborak needs to cancel a lesson due to uncontrolled factors, we will look at makeup lessons for the week of **June 24, 2019** or a credit may be added to your account.

Lesson Amounts and Credits

Credits have been noted on selected invoices. Please ensure that your information matches the invoice prior to making a payment.

If there is additional information that was not indicated on the registration form with regards to lesson attendance, please email alborakstable5726@gmail.com **Attn: Justine** so that invoices may be adjusted. **You have until the first day of class to make these adjustments.** Minimum attendance for registration is 50%.

Pony Club Discounts for the 2019 Spring Session

Without the Alborak Riding School programs, some of our riders would not have the opportunity to be a member of the Canadian Pony Club. We will be offering a Pony Club discount to our 2018/2019 members* registered in the 2019 Spring session.

The incentive will be revisited prior to the Fall 2019 program and is subject to change.

**Discount currently not available to Alborak Pony Club members that board/lease at Alborak or lease an Alborak horse.*

Refund lesson policy

We currently run under a no refund policy, unless approved by Program Coordinator.

Paperwork; please bring completed paperwork to the first lesson (where applicable)

Media Release form

We will now ask parents to read and sign the Media Release form if they wish to grant Alborak the right to use pictures/videos of the students. This is not mandatory.

2019 Release forms are mandatory for all riders who have not yet submitted this year's form.

Rider Profiles are required for all new riders. If there are any current students that need to update their information (ie address, riding goals) please complete a new form.

Attire *We highly encourage that students no longer wear hoodies to their lessons.*

- 1/2 inch heeled boot (little to no grip on soles)
- Jeans or riding breeches
- No loose clothing, **hoodies** or jewellery
- Gloves are preferred (not suitable for grooming)
- Hair neatly tied back
- Students must dress for the weather (to include boots for the muddy weather); layers is preferred
- Horseback riding helmet is mandatory. If you do not have an SEI approved helmet, students are welcome to borrow one of ours
- A safety vest is recommended but not mandatory

Helmet Check and Safety Talk; what to expect at the first lesson

Helmet checks, paperwork and payment drop-off will be taking place in the lounge prior to riders entering the barn.

Beginner level students: Please wait in the lounge for an orientation.

Novice students: safety talks, lasting approx. 5 mins, will take place in the arena prior to mounting. Topics for this session will include: rider fall, freshness of horses/change of the seasons, grooming inspection, mud fever(curry if it's dry) and proper footwear. **We invite parents to be present to hold the horses.**

Program Adjustments

BEGINNER L1 & L2 Lesson length is between 1-1.15 hrs.

These programs are designed to instruct students on how to safely catch, lead, groom and tack the horse under supervision.

L1 students: Please ensure that you are arriving on time for your lesson and wait for the instructor in the lounge for your first lesson.

L2 students: Are permitted to arrive **15 mins early to catch their horses** and must be accompanied by an adult or instructor. Please note that riders in this group will start the riding portion together, therefore assisting other riders in the class might be needed.

Students who can successfully and safely perform tasks associated with preparing a horse for a lesson with the addition of confidently riding basic figures, post trot and are developing a strong 2 point position may be invited to move onto the Novice Program.

NOVICE

Please ensure that you are arriving early enough to get your horse ready. If your horse is being used in the previous lesson, please help the other riders with their horses.

Be in the arena **5-10 mins before your lesson starts**. You will then be able to walk your horse around, perform your safety tack check and alleviate congestion at the mat where hoof cleaning is done.

Reminder: When a lesson consists only 1 student, lesson time will be reduced by approximately 15 minutes.

Drop-in classes on Sundays: we have room if you want to improve!

We are excited to once again offer drop-in lessons with Autumn! The lessons are offered on SUNDAYS ONLY, starting April 15th until June 23, 2019. **The weekend of June 8/9 there will be NO LESSONS.**

Who can join: Riders that are currently in the program, looking to register for the next session or have ridden with us within the past year.

Cut off time: within 1 hour of the lesson start time. These lessons are on a first come first serve basis.

Payment information:

You may pay on the lesson day:

Cheque to Alborak Stable Inc. or e-transfer alborakstable@gmail.com

If you have booked in a lesson and do not attend without approval, you will then have a “no show” status and will be required to pay in full prior to the lesson. No refunds.

Costs: \$75+GST

Book a lesson via phone:403-932-4819 or email alborakstable5726@gmail.com. When booking via email please include in the subject line: Drop-in;(DATE)

Please note that going forward, Autumn, the Sunday instructor, will be leading the email reminders.

The following slots are available:

*1:45pm-Novice (2 spots available) *3pm- Novice (3 spots available) *4pm-Novice (3 spots available)

These lessons follow the present Riding School curriculum. NOTE: Students currently enrolled in the Spring session (on Sundays) will have first priority of exercises and horses.