

Tiny Trotters Lesson Program 2022

Gale's Equine Facility

What: To offer a learning and fun experience for small children to be introduced to horses

Who: Offered to children 3 to 7 years of age. At least one parent must be in attendance for each child.

When: Saturdays, 1:00PM

How long: 60 to 75 minutes long per session

Where: Gale's Equine Facility, 219 Sing Sing Road, Horseheads, NY

How Much: Four lesson sessions will be held, one per week, for a total lesson fee of \$260. Fee is required when registering for the event. We plan on a maximum of only five to six children for this program. If there is enough of a demand, we will open a second session on Saturdays.

What will you get for your lesson payment:

For four weeks in March, on Saturdays, the 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, at 1:00, Gale's will provide a horse-riding experience for small children, with some instruction done by an individual instructor assistant for each child. A bit of horse knowledge will be taught at the beginning of each lesson. Horses/Ponies will be prepared for riding by the assistants and the students/parents. Riding is planned to be done in the safety of our indoor arena during March. Once mounted upon the horse/pony, the child's horse will be hand led around by the assistant with appropriate instruction to suit the age of the child. Upon completion of the riding time, the assistant will help the child dismount from the horse and then the horse will be taken back into the stable for untacking and clean up. Students will be dismissed once the horse has been returned to its stall. The program session may be 60 to 75 minutes long.

The program, if there is interest, will be continued into April and May.

Gale's can provide a riding helmet as a loaner, but the parent will be responsible for properly fitting the helmet to the child's head (instruction on how to do this will be provided). Gale's encourages all riders to purchase their own helmet for maintaining proper fit and for hygiene reasons. Riding helmets are required for all children at our stable whether they are on a horse or not. Bike helmets are not acceptable. Helmets older than 5 years, or not meeting the testing standards are not acceptable.

Children will need proper footwear for being in a stable with large animals. Something with a small heel and ankle support is recommended. We don't expect parents to spend a lot of money on riding clothes, but children must wear long pants – such as jeans - and tall thick socks that come up to the child's knees. Children should wear fingered gloves to protect their hands. Although we will be indoors, it is the same temperature in the riding arena as it would be outdoors, so participants should dress for the current weather.

Please email back to galestinytrotters@gmail.com if you have additional questions and reservation form.