

Jessica Braswell Equestrian Academy Information and Policies

Basic Information: At Jessica Braswell Equestrian Academy we strive to provide a functional and solid riding foundation. We will teach students to ride in a safe and fun environment and nurture their love for horses. It is also imperative that students learn basic ground safety and horsemanship skills to help make each student a complete horse person. We will offer lessons to riders in 4th- 12th grade. If a rider is in the 9th - 12th grades their home address must be within 50 miles of the Equestrian Center. The Auburn Equestrian Center is located at 1235 Wire Rd., Auburn, AL 36849. If you have a rider younger than 4th grade, please reach out about private lessons.

Schedule: Auburn Equestrian Academy runs on a semester system with the school year. The semester will begin the week of August 31 and end the week of November 16. Make-up lessons will be November 30-December 3. Only lessons canceled by the instructor can be made up. **Lessons will be taught MONDAY-THURSDAY.** The questionnaire for the academy will ask your preferred day. We will do our best to accommodate your preference, but our groups will be composed of students of similar abilities in order to keep the lessons safe and productive.

Academy Tuition: Tuition for the semester will be due in full by your first lesson date. A \$75 non-refundable deposit will be due at the time of registration. Group lessons are 1 hour and private lessons are 45 minutes. This includes grooming, tacking, riding, untacking, and post ride grooming. Lessons will be taught rain or shine. The Auburn Equestrian Facility has covered tacking/grooming areas and a covered arena. In the case of extreme weather on the ground instruction will be given on a wide variety of topics. Tuition rates are as follows:

- 1 group lesson per week for 12 weeks: \$720
- 2 group lessons per week for 10 weeks: \$1,380
- Private lessons available for beginner riders (\$75/45 min)

Lesson Expectations: Students should arrive no less than 5 minutes prior to their scheduled lesson time. The instructor will help the students groom and tack their horse for the day. Lessons will be taught in groups of no more than 4 riders. The group will begin riding as soon as all students have groomed and tacked their horses. Students will learn to master skills at the walk, trot and canter. More advanced students will participate in exercises over poles and jumps. Safety is our top concern, so students will progress to more advanced skills such as jumping when they have mastered and are confident at the walk, trot and canter. After riding, the instructor will help students learn to properly care for their horse by untacking and grooming after riding. If a parent/guardian does not stay on property during the student's lesson, the student should be picked up no more than 15 min after the conclusion of their lesson time.

Proper attire: All academy students will need to ride in long pants, boots with a heel and an ASTM/SEI approved riding helmet. There will be no exceptions made for proper attire. Long pants, boots and ASTM/SEI approved helmet are necessary to ride safely. There is not a tack shop in Auburn, but we have outstanding partners with online resources that can help outfit your student. Please reach out to Coach Braswell or Coach Barnett for help on proper riding attire if you are looking to purchase! **Jessica Braswell Equestrian Academy cannot supply any riding attire including a helmet.**

Chagrin Saddlery: <https://www.chagrinsaddlery.com/>

Jeffers: <https://www.jefferspet.com/>

Instructor Information: Coach Holland Barnett just finished four years as a member of Auburn's equestrian team. She grew up riding hunter/jumpers with experience in the equitation, hunter and jumper rings. Holland has experience teaching lessons prior to her time at Auburn and has worked for Jessica Braswell Equestrian camps as an instructor. Coach Barnett believes in teaching proper riding skills while keeping a safe and fun environment!

Cancellation Policy: Lessons will happen rain or shine. If the instructor needs to cancel a lesson, she will do so with at least 24 hours notice. Instructor canceled lessons can be made up during the make-up week at the end of the semester. Students can cancel a lesson, due to illness, with at least 24 hours notice. A doctor's note is required to make up the

lesson. If students miss a lesson without a valid doctor's note, there will not be any make up opportunities. Lessons canceled with less than 24 hours' notice cannot be made up.

Refund Policy: Tuition is non-refundable. If a student sustains an injury or illness during the semester that prevents them from finishing out the semester's lessons a pro-rated refund will be provided if accompanied by a doctor's note. In order to receive a pro-rated refund a doctor's note must be provided prior to the first missed lesson.

Payment: Payments can be made by check or venmo. Checks should be made payable to: Braslane Equine LLC. Please list rider's name in memo of check. \$75 Deposit due upon registration. Tuition balance due before first lesson.

Checks can be mailed to:
Braslane Equine LLC
106 Turing Ln
Auburn, AL 36830

Checks may also be dropped off at the Auburn Equestrian Facility by scheduled appointment. For Venmo, please list rider's name in Venmo transaction. **Please send as a normal venmo transaction.** Venmo can be sent to:



Jessica Braswell

@Jessica_Braswell



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Auburn Equestrian Academy

Ground Safety Guidelines

Following are basic safety guidelines. This is not a comprehensive list; if in doubt, ask for help.

- Let the horse know where you are by talking and touching it – be confident in both
- Approach horse at left shoulder, put lead rope over neck to initiate control, and buckle on the halter
- Walk on the left side of the horse with right hand close to, but not touching, the snap. Never allow your fingers through any snap or ring, on halter or lead rope. There should be about 18 inches of slack between your hands, and extra lead rope should be gathered in a figure 8 formation in your left hand. Always turn the horse away from you.
- Always tie your horse using a quick release knot (slipknot). Always tie to a secure post, never to a board nor gate. Posts on wire fences are not acceptable. Horses should be tied at about their eye level, not too low or high, with about an arm's length of slack between horse and post
- When moving around a horse, be aware of its blind spots – directly in front and behind, and underneath. When moving behind a horse stay as close to it as possible and keep a hand on it at all times. If a horse is unfamiliar to you or seems nervous, circle far around its rear instead – at least two horse lengths
- Never climb over or under the lead line nor underneath the belly of the horse
- When releasing a horse into stall or pasture, turn the horse around to face the gate before removing halter

There are specific reasons for each of these guidelines with implications for your safety and/or the safety of the horse. If you have any questions, or if you have questions while tacking up, mounting, or at any other time, please ask academy staff. We are happy to help!

JESSICA BRASWELL EQUESTRIAN
ACADEMY REGISTRATION FORM

Rider Information

Name (Print): _____

Nickname or Preferred Name: _____

Address: _____
Street/City/State/Zip

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Address: _____
Street/City/State/Zip

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact Information

In the event that parent/guardian is unavailable, emergency contacts will be contacted.

Contact 1

Name: _____ Relationship to Rider: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact 2

Name: _____ Relationship to Rider: _____

Phone Number: _____

I hereby acknowledge that I am the parent and/or guardian of the Rider named above and that I have read and understood the Auburn Equestrian Academy Information and Policies. By signing my Rider up for the Academy, I understand that my Rider and I will be required to comply with such policies and that my Rider may be removed from the Academy for failure to adhere to such policies.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Student/ Camper Name: _____

Hold Harmless Agreement

Auburn University Equestrian Center Volunteers
Auburn University Equestrian Center Riding Lessons, Camps, & Outreach Participants

I, _____ (print parent/ guardian's full name), acknowledge that injuries or loss can result from participation in Auburn University Equestrian Center activities. I further realize that working with or around horses and riding horses can be a risky activity due to the unpredictable nature of the animal and have elected to take part in this activity. I, furthermore, release Auburn University, its Board of Trustees, Faculty, and Staff from any and all liability as to any right of action that may accrue to my heirs or representatives for any injury to me or loss that I may suffer while participating in these Auburn University activities involving horse handling and riding.

I either have been instructed on safe horse handling procedures and/or have received and read a horse safety handout furnished by my instructor, and I understand the safety requirements. I have been given an opportunity to ask any questions I may have. I understand the safety recommendations must be followed at all times for participation in these activities. Failure to comply with these safety recommendations may result in elimination from Equestrian Center activities.

I also grant permission to be transported to local doctors, clinics, or hospitals in the event of any injury and will assume responsibility for all costs, including costs of collection that may include reasonable attorney fees.

I have read and understand the Alabama Equine Activities Liability Protection Act warning:

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*Participant/ Volunteer/ Legal Guardian Signature**

Date

**Legal guardian required if under 19 years of age.*

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
COUNTY OF LEE)

*RIDER RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY TO BE COMPLETED BY OR FOR
EACH RIDER.*

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

A. Rider Information Name (Print): _____

Address: _____
Street/City/State/Zip

Date of Birth ____/____/____ Phone Number: _____

B. Inherent Risks of Equine Activities: RIDER UNDERSTANDS Those dangers or conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to:

- a. The propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them.
- b. The unpredictability of the reaction of an equine to sounds, sudden movement, and unfamiliar objects, persons, or other animals.
- c. Certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions.
- d. Collisions with other equines or objects.
- e. The potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within his or her ability.

Furthermore, Horseback riding is a hazardous activity containing numerous inherent, obvious and non-obvious risks that always present themselves in such activity, despite all safety precautions. Related injuries can be severe, resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries from other activities. Horses are unpredictable and participation in activities in the presence of horses always involves an element of risk.

You assume the Risk of equine activities pursuant to Alabama Law.

C. Nature of Riding Horses RIDER UNDERSTANDS THAT no horse is a completely safe horse. Regardless of a horse's training or past experience, a horse may, without warning or any apparent cause, buck, stumble, fall, rear, bite, kick, run, stop short, make unpredictable movements, spook, jump obstacles, step on a person's feet, push or shove a person, saddles or bridles may loosen or break, all of which may cause Rider to fall or be jolted, resulting in property damage, personal injury or death. is not responsible for total or partial acts, occurrences, or elements of nature that can scare a horse or cause it to fall or react in any unsafe way.

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D. Rider Responsibility: RIDER UNDERSTANDS THAT upon mounting a horse and taking up the reins, Rider is in primary control of the horse, and no one else is responsible for Rider's actions or inactions. Rider's safety depends upon his or her ability to carry out simple instructions, and his or her ability to remain balanced aboard the horse. Rider is responsible for his or her own safety and that of an unborn child if Rider is pregnant. Pregnant women should ride horses only under the advice of their physician.

E. Protective Equipment/Headgear Requirement: RIDER UNDERSTANDS THAT as a condition to riding any horse, Rider is required to wear and utilize all protective clothing and equipment, including protective headgear and proper riding shoes with heels, at all times while mounting, riding and dismounting horses. Rider's protective headgear must meet or exceed ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use. The headgear and harness must be secured, properly fitted and fastened at all times while mounting, riding and dismounting horses.

F. Indemnification and Liability Release: RIDER AGREES THAT in consideration of allowing Rider's participation in this activity on its premises, I, Rider, for myself and on behalf of my child and/or legal ward, heirs, administrators, personal representatives or assigns, shall forever save, hold harmless, defend, and indemnify Braslane Equine LLC (doing business under its own name or any other name), its affiliates, and its and their respective owners, officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, shareholders, members, insurers, assigns and others acting on its behalf (each, a "Released Party"), from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, suits, damages, costs, expenses and causes of action (each, a "Claim"), including the negligence of a Released Party, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, economic or non-economic, arising out of Rider's or Rider's child's use of, or presence upon, Braslane Equine LLC, facilities or horses. Rider shall bring no Claims against any Released Party resulting from or arising out of any loss, damage, injury, loss of life or property damage, sustained by Rider or Rider's minor child arising out of the use of, or presence upon, the Released Party's property, facilities or horses.

G. Governing Law: RIDER AGREES THAT this Release and Waiver of Liability is non-assignable and non-transferable, and shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama, without regard to conflicts of laws principles.

RIDER STATEMENT OF AWARENESS I, the undersigned Rider, being of sound mind and not under the influence of alcohol, drugs or other intoxicants, have read and understand the foregoing Release and Waiver of Liability. I/we further attest that all stated facts concerning Rider are true and accurate. I understand that I can be injured or damaged during this activity and that I have release all of my rights to blame, sue or bring claims against other parties defined herein.

Signature of Rider: _____ / Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian (if Rider is a minor): _____ / Date: _____

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Lesson Information and Availability

Please describe how much riding experience your rider has? This information will help us group riders appropriately:

Do you prefer a group or private lesson?

Group Private

How many lessons per week do you want to take?

1 2

Availability: Please check **ALL** times you are available

MON: 3 PM	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	5:00 PM
TUES: 3 PM	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	5:00 PM
WED: 3 PM	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	5:00 PM
THUR: 3 PM	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	4:30 PM	5:00 PM

Would you be available for a lesson prior to 3 PM? YES NO

Notes or information that could be helpful as we schedule: