

We are please to offer the current schedule for Horse University 2015. HU is made up of two series:

'Horse University Classes' (indicated in red in the events listing): the foundational classes which will work hand-in-hand with the inclement weather barn lesson. Each class is from 4-6 on the date indicated. The cost is \$35.00 per class.

'Horse University Presents' (indicate in blue in the events listing): Community building special events to have fun, sometimes learn, sometimes expand our world view, sometimes even involve the whole family. Dates, times and prices vary.

Please take a look and join us for this exciting opportunity to learn and grow with *horsemanship that goes beyond riding.*

What is HU?

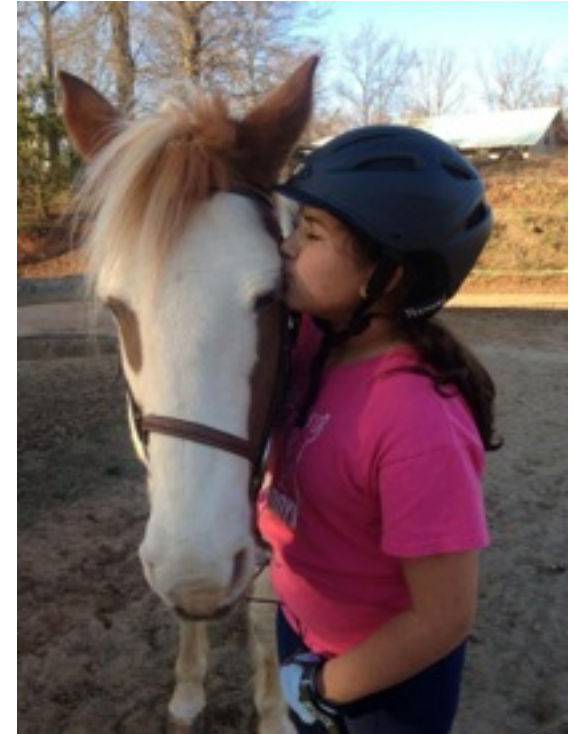
In 2014, we conceived a program where real knowledge of all things horses could be instilled into our students. We wanted an opportunity to give both adult and young students a solid base of knowledge that will allow them to talk intelligently about their passion as well as increase awareness and help with critical thinking and problem solving.

Horse University is a series of classes that gives students a sense of accomplishment and growth outside of the riding arena, no matter their ability in the saddle.

It is rare that we learn by hearing something one time so our desire is that the HU classes will be reviewed and reinforced during the inclement weather barn lessons. Thus Bramblewood students own the knowledge they gain and can apply it when needed.

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Horse University



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Horse University: 2015 Planned Schedule of Events**

January:

- 17 **Hoof Care: Anatomy and Ailments**
One of the most important parts of the horse. We'll take a closer look at what's there and how to identify problems.

February:

- Pay it Forward: SCARE collection** *Did you know Miss Rachel sells Valentine's every February to support a local equine rescue? Look around the barn in February for information about SCARE and a needs list! There will be a donation box in the tack room.*
- 21 **Tack Intensive: It's more than saddles and bridles** *Martingales, draw reins, cavesson... Do you know what these are? You will! We'll be looking at tack and training equipment from different riding disciplines.*

March:

- 14 **Evolution of the Jumping Position (with a little history)** *The jumping position we spend so much time in didn't start out that way. How has it changed over the years and why?*

April :

- 18 **Dressage: What is it?** *Why do we say it is the foundation for everything we do? What is involved? How does it apply to me? Can Max do it?*
- 26 **Spring Exhibition Show**

May:

- 9 **Reinforcing Ground Manners, Part 1**
Looking at good and bad manners from both horse and human and methods to create a good environment for everyone.
- 16 **Summer volunteers meeting** *Let's talk about safety, assign roles and practice teaching before summer camps begin and students start spending more free time at the barn.*

June:

- 12 **Friday Family Movie Night** *Bring the whole family out with your favorite movie snacks, set up blankets and chairs in the ring and join us for some classic horse cinema!*
- 20 **Reinforcing ground manners, Part 2**
Practicing what we talked about in May. (Helmet and boots required)

July:

- 18 **Horse Keeping, part 1** *Ever think about having your own farm? In this 2 part class we will start looking at what it takes. This will include horse keeping in different environments, financial considerations, etc.*

August:

- 8 **Horse Keeping, part 2**
- 21 **Friday Family Movie Night**
- 21-22 **Farewell to Summer Sleepover** *Once the movie is over, bid your family farewell and spend a night under the stars with us as summer comes to a close.*

September:

- 12 **Preparing out of the Saddle: Exercises to improve riding** *Talking about and practicing ways to improve strength, balance and flexibility when you are at home*

October:

- 10 **Common illnesses** *The signs and symptoms that make a barn managers blood run cold. We'll talk about diagnosis, treatment and, most importantly, prevention.*
- 24 **Halloween Bash**
- 25 **Fall Exhibition Show**

November:

- Pay it Forward: SCARE collection**
- 14 **Cold Weather Horse Care** *Blanketing, turn out, snow, wind and ice in the buckets. What do we really need to worry about and how do we help our horses make it through the winter?*

December:

- 12 **Conformation: What makes a good looking horse?** *Proportions, angles, size. How to pick the best horse for your discipline.... But wait, does it really matter?*

** All events and topics may be changed or cancelled. Events may also be added! Please check with your instructor throughout the year for more information or to sign up.