



True Vine Equestrian Center

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Dear Students and Families,

It's here! It's here! The schedule for 2025 is here! A new year is upon us and we cannot wait to fill our barn with lesson students. At True Vine, we seek to serve and glorify God in what we do and to point others to Christ using our various programs. Our horsemanship lessons will be starting on the 13th of January.

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31

We entrust our plans and preparations to God as we embark on a new year! We are passionate about sharing with all of our seasoned and new students about horses and more importantly about the Lord.

Group Lessons Schedule:

Session 1: Begins January 13th (5 weeks total)

Session 2: Begins March 10th (5 weeks)

Session 3: Begins April 28th (5 weeks)

Session 4-7: TBD

We need ALL students (and volunteers) to complete new waivers for the 2025 season before participating in any True Vine Activities. Our lesson forms (Waiver of Liability, Photo Release & Safety Instructions, and Emergency Medical) are available through Equine Office. If the forms are not completed when a lesson or activity starts then that student will not be allowed to participate. Forms only need to be completed once per calendar year.

Due to the minimum wage increase that goes into effect at the beginning of 2025, we have to increase our lesson prices. We understand this may be a hardship for some of our student families and we do not want it to stop people from participating in True Vine's programs. Please contact the office for partial scholarship information if the price increase affects your ability to attend lessons.

Blessings,

Brandy Zantello (Program Director) and the True Vine Team

Important Information

One of our main focuses at True Vine is Horsemanship. Horsemanship encompasses learning about the care, training, nutrition, behavior, and equipment used while interacting with equines. Our Horsemanship lessons may be a combination of mounted and unmounted skills including but not limited to riding skills, basic handling skills, groundwork, horse behavior, anatomy, and training techniques (for appropriate ages/levels). For various reasons, our winter lessons WILL include more unmounted work. Please be aware that lessons will not always include 60 minutes of riding.

Registration

Please pre-register for group lessons through Equine Office. Use the attached form to help choose the lesson day and time that works for you. Once logged in to Equine Office choose the account member you plan to schedule lessons for and click the orange "Book Lesson" button. A list of available lessons will appear. Click on the day and time of the lesson you would like to book. When you sign up in Equine Office, select the first day of the class to sign up for the entire session. After the first week, we will add the additional weeks of the session. If you do not have an account for Equine Office or have difficulty signing up, please contact the office.

All registrations must include a minimum \$50.00 non-refundable deposit for lessons to hold your spot for each session you register for and **payment in full is due** before the session starts. To pay online please contact the office. We continue to offer our Early Bird discount on select sessions for those who sign up and pay in full by the Early Bird date. If you register 3 or more students in the same session, please contact our office for a discount.

A requirement for signing up for Levels 5-7 (intermediate/advanced) lessons is that you have approval from a riding instructor and your student plans to attend the lesson for the first 30 minutes. They need to know how to groom and tack up a horse independently. We do not provide volunteers for these lessons. This allows us to appropriately lesson plan activities and be prepared for our more skilled students.

****We make every effort to provide volunteers for our lessons but in the event that we are unable to find the help that is necessary, we may need a parent or guardian to assist during the lesson. Please confirm that we have enough help before dropping off your student.**

Evaluation Lessons

All new True Vine students must call 269-501-0529 to schedule an evaluation lesson (\$55). The evaluation lesson helps us determine the best class options for a student. It also helps the student start to become familiar with lesson basics and safety at True Vine. Evaluation lessons may be waived if the student has participated in a True Vine Clinic.

Cancellation and Make-up Policy

We will continue to make an allowance for the cancellation of one lesson per session due to the weather or an instructor's illness. **Make-up lesson times are used ONLY if TVEC cancels a lesson.** With a small staff and limited lesson times, at this time we cannot offer makeup lessons due to student cancellations. Please plan accordingly. You will receive an email to notify you that your lesson is canceled at least 30 minutes before your scheduled lesson time (when possible). If TVEC cancels more than one lesson during each session, True Vine will make an effort to schedule a make-up lesson for you or you will receive a credit or refund.

If a student cancels lessons more than 2 weeks before the session begins, they will receive a refund of the amount they paid minus the \$50 deposit. If a student cancels less than 2 weeks before the session begins, they will receive a 50% refund. If a student cancels anytime after the session begins, there will be no refund.

TVEC Lesson Registration 2025 Session 1

Please check the class and time you are signing up for and complete the registration through Equine Office. Payment must be turned in to the office or completed through Paypal.

Payment in full for Session 1 is due January 13th.

Monday: January 13-- February 24 (5 weeks) Makeup: March 3

Stable Management Team (SMT) 4:00 – 6:30 pm (Minimum age 10) **Cost: \$150**

No SMT on January 27th or February 3rd

6:30 – 8:00 pm (Level 5-7 Int/Adv – class size limit: 6) **Cost: \$239**

No Lessons on January 27th or February 3rd

Tuesday: January 14-- February 25 (5 weeks) Makeup: March 4

Stable Management Team (SMT) 4:00–6:30 pm (Minimum age 10) **Cost: \$150**

No SMT on January 28th or February 4th

6:30 – 8:00 pm (Levels 5-7 Int/Adv – class size limit: 6) **Cost: \$239**

No Lessons on January 28th or February 4th

Wednesday: January 15 – February 19 (5 weeks) Makeup: February 26

1:00 – 2:30 pm (Levels 1-3 Homeschool option – class size limit: 5) **Cost: \$239**

*Children under 10 years need a parent/older sibling to assist

No Lessons on January 29th

4:00 – 5:30 pm (Levels 1-2 Beg – class size limit: 5) **Cost: \$239**

No Lessons on January 29th

5:30 – 7:00 pm (Levels 2-3 Beg/Int – class size limit: 6) **Cost: \$239**

No Lessons on January 29th

Thursday: January 23 – February 20 (5 weeks) Makeup: February 27

4:30 – 6:00 pm (Levels 1-2 Beg – class size limit: 5) **Cost: \$239**

6:00 – 7:30 pm (Levels 3-4 Int – class size limit: 6) **Cost: \$239**

TVEC Lesson Registration 2025 Session 2

Please check the class and time you are signing up for and complete the registration through Equine Office. Payment must be turned in to the office or completed through Paypal.

Early Bird (EB) discounts apply ONLY for registrations paid in full by February 10th.

Payment in full for Session 2 is due February 24th.

Monday: March 10 – April 7 (5 weeks) Makeup: April 14

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stable Management Team (SMT) 4:00 – 6:30 pm (Minimum age 10) | | Cost: \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 – 8:00 pm (Level 5-7 Int/Adv – class size limit: 6) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
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Tuesday: March 11 – April 8 (5 weeks) Makeup: April 15

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Stable Management Team (SMT) 4:00–6:30 pm (Minimum age 10) | | Cost: \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 – 8:00 pm (Levels 5-7 Int/Adv – class size limit: 6) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
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Wednesday: March 12 – April 9 (5 weeks) Makeup: April 16

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 – 2:30 pm (Levels 1-3 Homeschool option – class size limit: 5) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
| *Children under 10 years need a parent/older sibling to assist | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4:00 – 5:30 pm (Levels 1-2 Beg – class size limit: 5) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5:30 – 7:00 pm (Levels 2-3 Beg/Int – class size limit: 6) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
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Thursday: March 13 – April 10 (5 weeks) Makeup: April 17

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4:30 – 6:00 pm (Levels 1-2 Beg – class size limit: 5) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 – 7:30 pm (Levels 3-4 Int – class size limit: 6) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
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TVEC Lesson Registration 2025 Session 3

Please check the class and time you are signing up for and complete the registration through Equine Office. Payment must be turned in to the office or completed through Paypal.

Early Bird (EB) discounts apply ONLY for registrations paid in full by March 31st.

Payment in full for Session 3 is due April 14th.

Monday: April 28 – June 2 (5 weeks) Makeup: June 9

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3:30 – 5:00 pm (Levels 1-2 Beg – class size limit: 5)
No Lessons May 26th | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 – 6:30 pm (Levels 2-3 Beg/Int – class size limit: 6)
No Lessons May 26th | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 – 8:00 pm (Level 5-7 Int/Adv – class size limit: 6)
No Lessons May 26th | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
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Tuesday: April 29 – May 27 (5 weeks) Makeup: June 3

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 – 6:30 pm (Levels 2-4 Beg/Int – class size limit: 6) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 – 8:00 pm (Levels 5-7 Int/Adv – class size limit: 6) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
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Wednesday: April 30 – May 28 (5 weeks) Makeup: June 4

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 – 2:30 pm (Levels 1-3 Homeschool option – class size limit: 5)
*Children under 10 years need a parent/older sibling to assist | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4:00 – 5:30 pm (Levels 1-2 Beg – class size limit: 5) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5:30 – 7:00 pm (Levels 2-3 Beg/Int – class size limit: 6) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
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Thursday: May 1 – May 29 (5 weeks) Makeup: June 5

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 4:30 – 6:00 pm (Levels 1-2 Beg – class size limit: 5) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 – 7:30 pm (Levels 3-4 Int – class size limit: 6) | Early Bird \$229 | Cost: \$249 |
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