



Athlone Equestrian Centre News and Events August 2010

Lessons

From 6th September 2010, Lessons will be conducted through a term of eight lessons. Each child must enroll in a group and payment made to their Instructor on the date of their first lesson. No Payments are to be made to shop.

Term Dates:	6 th September – 30 th October		
<u>Cost:</u>	Adult	€170	Saving of €30
	Child	€130	Saving of €30
	2 x kids/2 lessons	€250	Saving of €70
	3 x kids	€350	Saving of €130
	4 x kids	€420	Saving of €220

If you cannot attend your class on a particular evening, you can attend another class within the term time, 24 hour notice must be given. Lessons missed cannot be carried into the next term.

Can you please contact Claire / Siobhán to find out which class suits and if you have any questions regarding new lesson arrangements.

*If you cannot pay the full amount at the start of the term, it can be paid in two instalments. Please speak to Claire / Siobhán about this.

Introduce a friend to participate in the September lesson term and receive a €30 discount on the term fees.

Only one friend per person

The new term will ensure that each child is in a suitable lesson given their own standard and it will be easier to monitor their progress.

Lesson schedule is on notice board

Please arrive five minutes before your lesson time to mount up, and if there is a delay in collection please let a member of staff know.

Autumn Show Jumping League

The Autumn Show-jumping League will be starting on Friday 3rd September at 4pm. This will incorporate Tiny Tots, 60cm, 70cm, 80cm, 90cm and 1m classes. This is a great opportunity for both adults and kids to compete, with the final being held on Friday 15th October. There are rosettes for all competitors and great prizes on the final for first to Third Place in each of the categories.

Entry Fee €10 -1 entry / €20 -2entries per family / €25 – 3 entries per family and €30- 4 entries per family

**** Kids using ponies from Athlone Equestrian Centre must participate in 3 shows to compete in Show Final ****

Kids are not to be left unsupervised / dropped off at the competitions as it is quite dangerous when horses / ponies are walking around the yard.

Allow one hour for each competitor to come and take part.

New Management

Siobhan Cooney (BHS AI) has recently begun working at the centre. Siobhan is the center`s new manager and will replace Claire in an everyday capacity. Her main role is in charge of Lessons and ensuring the progression of all kids and adults. She brings some valuable experience to the centre having managed Kildare`s premier equestrian facility at Kill for the past four years. Siobhan will be introducing some changes to the centre`s policies and procedures.

BHS Training and Examinations

We will be running a BHS Examination training course on Wednesdays @ 6pm. For more information about the course and qualifications, please visit www.bhs.org.uk. To register for these equestrian exams, you must be aged 14+. Kids / Adults etc are welcome to take part to gain knowledge even if not registered for the exams.

Clothing Standards

For your comfort and safety it is required you wear a Hard Hat (current BHS requirements) and suitable footwear must be worn. Body protectors are strongly advised for jumping and are compulsory for forest treks. We will provide a riding helmet, however riders taking up riding are advised to purchase there own. **We regret that runners/wellies are not acceptable and kids/adults will not be allowed to ride in these from now on.**

Horse Riding

Horse Riding is a risk sport. We make every effort to ensure the safety of our clients and their property. Clients must accept the risk of personal injury or loss for whatever reason, while attending this establishment.. *It is advisable to take out personal accident cover.*

If you have any comments / Suggestions / Ideas or Complaints, please contact Siobhan / Claire 086 – 2433609

For more information on the above and to keep track of news, events and pictures from all the summer camps, check out the notice board and www.athloneequestrian.ie