



Triple R Ranch Horsemanship Handbook

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Triple R Ranch Horsemanship Philosophy

When Triple R Ranch opened its gates for the first time, horses were an integral part of the plans. The goal of horseback riding at Triple R Ranch is to equip all horse enthusiasts with not only foundational riding skills but also well-round horsemanship knowledge and skills. All riders begin at the foundations level and build upon their skills over the course of time.

Contact Information:

Website: www.triplerranch.org

Registrar Email: camp@triplerranch.org

Office phone: (757) 421-4177

Fax: (757) 720-7400

Address (office and camp property): 3531 Bunch Walnuts Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322

Hours of Operation

Saturday lessons (classes occur in increments): 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Thursday lessons: 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Office Hours (summer): Monday – Friday 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Office Hours (fall through spring): Tuesday – Saturday 9:00AM – 5:00PM

Lessons continue, even if the office is closed. Please check the website for the exact dates the office hours change for each season and holiday.

Holiday Policy

Triple R Ranch is providing lessons every day during the session period that is listed online and on the registration form. If the lesson falls on a holiday and/or holiday weekend, the dates where there will be NO lessons, the dates will be listed online and the registration form as “except” and the lesson dates will extend to include eight (8) lessons in every session.

Getting Started

How to register for lessons:

Fill out the registration form (online or on paper), sign the Medical and Liability Release, and make a \$100 deposit. You're in!

All communication to parents about lessons will be sent through the email(s) provided on the registration. We may also phone call to communicate directly. All registrations and waitlist spots will be confirmed via email communication. All riders will be notified of their time by the Wednesday prior to the first lesson by phone call. If you are unable to answer your phone call, we will leave a voicemail message. Please add the domain "@triplerranch.org" to your safe sender's list to ensure you receive all email communication.

Remember your account information for the Registration Portal.

- If you registered online, your username for the portal is the email with which you signed up.
- If you registered on paper or PDF, it is the email you put in the household information, and you will be sent an activation email within a few business days to access your online account. The email you put on the registration form will become your username to log into the portal.

The online account is called the "Parent Portal" and can be accessed at any time through the "Login" button on the top of the website at <https://triplerranch.org/> or directly to the log in page at <https://triplerranch.campbrainregistration.com/>. Please let us know if you have trouble accessing your account, and we will be happy to assist you.

All of the required forms and registrations are accessible digitally through the Parent Portal.

Put the lesson dates on your calendar. If you don't remember, the session will always be listed in your online Parent Portal and on your account statement. The current list of sessions and dates can always be found on our website.

Required Forms

Forms:

- Contact Information
 - Required at time of registration.
- Medical and Liability Release
 - Required before the rider arrives.

Additional forms that may apply:

- Riding History
 - If you have ridden horses elsewhere, or it has been awhile since you have ridden horses altogether, this will help us place the rider in the appropriate class. We may call to for you to elaborate more about experience.

Date and Time Placement

All horseback riding lessons at Triple R Ranch include 8 (eight) lessons, which usually occur in 8 (eight) consecutive weeks (exceptions are made for major holidays and events at Triple R Ranch). Dates of lessons are determined ahead of time and will always be posted on the website until the last day of the session.

Thursday lessons are at 4:00pm unless communicated otherwise. Saturday lessons are at 9:00am, 10:30am, 1:00pm, and 2:30pm unless communicated otherwise. Times are assigned by Triple R Ranch once registration closes so we can group riders by skill level. All riders will be notified of their time by the Wednesday prior to the first lesson by phone call. If you are unable to answer your phone call, we will leave a voicemail message. We will consider any time placement requests in order of registration.

When registering for any lessons at Triple R Ranch, you do so knowing that we will assign a time to you the week of the first lesson of the session. We want to be considerate of your schedule and place you/your rider(s) in the best level that is safe and challenging. Because of this, our lesson placements change each session. We will take time requests until two weeks before the registration deadline. We cannot guarantee you will receive the time you requested, but we do all that we can to accommodate everyone. Please check the current session information for deadlines.

Cancelations and Inclement Weather

If you are unable to attend your regularly scheduled lesson, Triple R Ranch is not responsible to offer a make-up lesson.

Private lessons must notify the instructor and/or Triple R Ranch office 48 hours in advance to receive a make-up lesson. All make-up lessons must be rescheduled directly with your instructor.

In case of inclement weather, one of the Triple R Ranch staff will call and let you know if lessons are cancelled. We will offer up to two make-up lessons due to weather and will be credited to your online account as soon as possible. Triple R Ranch has an indoor arena to ride in protected from weather, so we do not usually cancel for rain.

Pro-rate

We are able to pro-rate the cost of the group riding lesson package based on the number of dates the rider will be able to attend (up to two lessons). If the rider or parent/guardian is aware of the dates the rider will be missing and gives notice by the starting date of lessons, the cost of the session will be adjusted accordingly (\$40 per lesson). This policy is not applicable for simply missing a lesson or if you have already received the full-payment discount.

Notice must be given by the starting date of lessons to the Registrar (camp@triplerranch.org). This policy is not applicable to any absences made known after the time of registration. We hope this will help as families are budgeting and scheduling out the school year, and we hope you make riding at Triple R Ranch a part of that schedule!

If you are signed up for private riding lessons, we do not pro-rate as you are able to make-up any lessons directly with the instructor with 48 hours' notice to the office at Triple R Ranch. Please send notice to the Registrar (camp@triplerranch.org) if you plan on missing any lessons prior to the start of the session. After the start of the session, you may communicate directly with the instructor and/or notify the Triple R Ranch office for scheduling your make-up lesson(s).

Full Payment Discount

If you are paying in full for a session (all 8 lessons—none pro-rated) by the first day of classes and not receiving a pro-rate, you will receive \$20 off the total fee. This will not calculate automatically during online registration. You will be credited on your account, or you may mail a check or pay In cash for the discounted amount with a registration.

When Rider Arrives

Parking

When driving into Triple R Ranch, parking is provided near the barn. The designated parking area is to the right of the office. The office building is the first building on the right when driving into the ranch (has a porch and "OFFICE" sign).

Triple R Ranch can become very muddy when there is a lot of rain, so please be mindful of where you park. You may be emailed to park or not park in a specific area if the mud becomes an issue. Please see map on the next page for reference.

Arrival

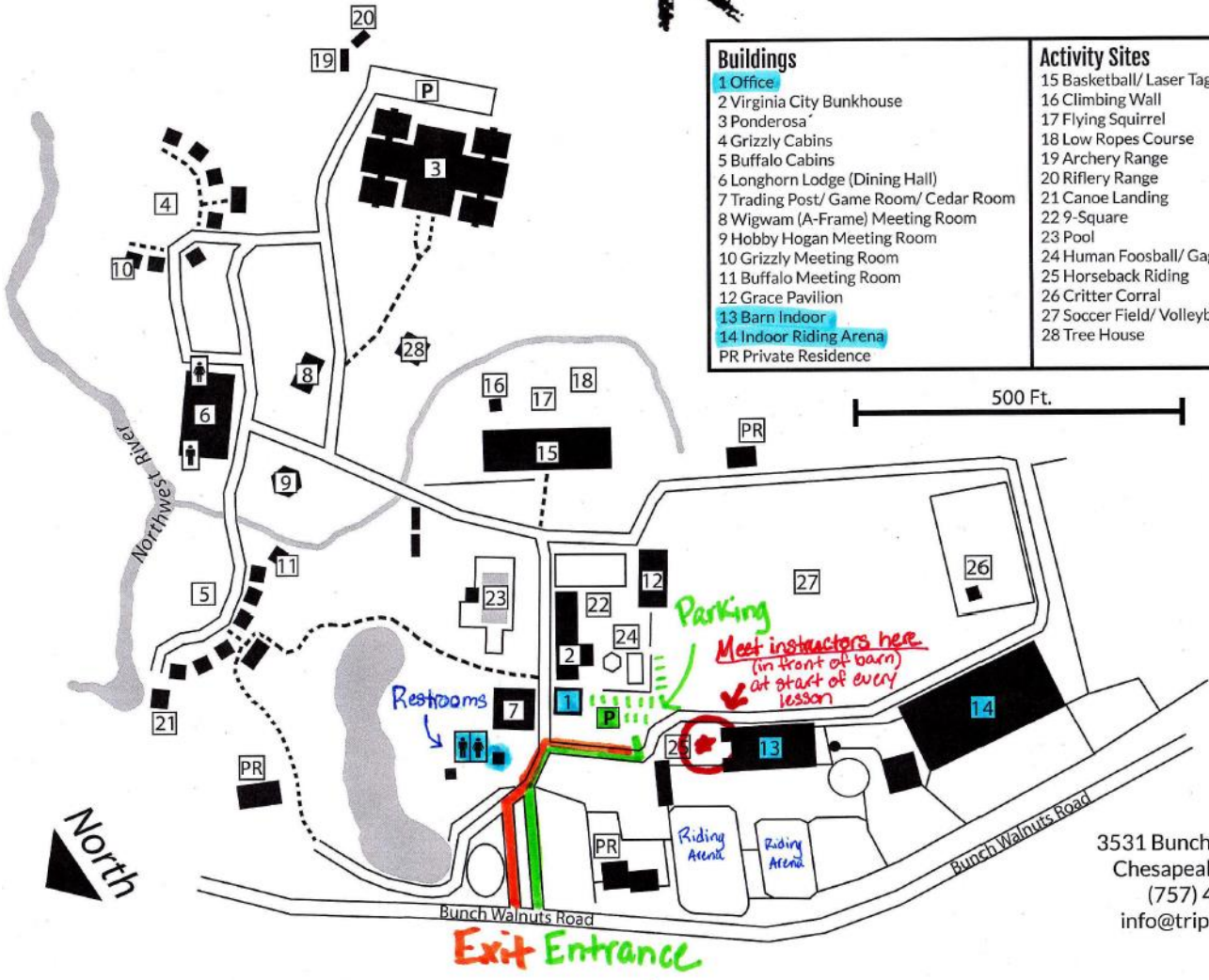
When the rider arrives, the instructors will be ready to greet them outside at the front of the barn. The riders will be called by name by the instructors and shown where to find their horses for the lesson. Please see map on the next page for reference.

Parents observing

Parents are welcome to observe lessons while students are on horseback. Bleachers are provided near some of the outdoor arenas and inside the indoor arena. Unless invited, parents and guests may not walk in any fenced in areas, including the inside of the barn. Triple R Ranch provides many paths and trails for walking. Please keep in mind that horseback trail rides and vehicles use our trails, so practice safety and alertness when walking on trails.

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Buildings	Activity Sites
1 Office	15 Basketball/ Laser Tag
2 Virginia City Bunkhouse	16 Climbing Wall
3 Ponderosa	17 Flying Squirrel
4 Grizzly Cabins	18 Low Ropes Course
5 Buffalo Cabins	19 Archery Range
6 Longhorn Lodge (Dining Hall)	20 Riflery Range
7 Trading Post/ Game Room/ Cedar Room	21 Canoe Landing
8 Wigwam (A-Frame) Meeting Room	22 9-Square
9 Hobby Hogan Meeting Room	23 Pool
10 Grizzly Meeting Room	24 Human Foosball/ Gaga Ball
11 Buffalo Meeting Room	25 Horseback Riding
12 Grace Pavilion	26 Critter Corral
13 Barn Indoor	27 Soccer Field/ Volleyball
14 Indoor Riding Arena	28 Tree House
PR Private Residence	



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Proper Attire

Boots

All riders must wear boots with a 1" heel. This is for the rider's safety to help maintain the foot placement in the stirrup, and to support the ankle and legs to maintain the correct riding position in the legs. There are various equestrian shops that will help your rider to be properly fitted, but we do not require anything specific.

Clothing

All riders must wear long pants and an appropriate shirt with no loose articles of clothing. Jeans are the preferred riding pants for western riding, but riders are also welcome to wear breeches or other pants that are comfortable that will protect the legs from rubbing against the saddle.

Headgear

All riders must have a helmet, and Triple R Ranch provides the appropriate headgear at no cost. Riders are welcome to bring their own helmets that are SEI-approved for horseback riding. There are various equestrian shops that will help your rider to be properly fitted, but we do not require any specific brand as long as it meets safety requirements for equestrian activities.