

Keezlenutten Farm



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Summer Horse Shows

UPCOMING SHOWS

Keezlenutten June 13

CVSJA July 19

Keezlenutten August 1

CVSJA August 2

We are looking forward to hosting our first show on June 13! The jumps have all been painted—THANK YOU to everyone who helped with that—and the horses are starting to school over all the new scary planks and boxes. The sign up sheet is up at the barn for the June show, but since most of the lessons were cancelled this week due to the rain, please send me a text with your first, second and third choice horses if you want to show. Or you can just sign up at your lesson next week. Signing up earlier does not guarantee you your first choice horse. Horse choices are made based on good match for classes that the student will be competing in and riding level of the student.

I have had a lot of parents ask about simply coming to watch shows. This is very much encouraged! Even if your student is not interested in competing, they can learn a lot from watching the different classes throughout the day. Definitely bring some chairs if **you're going to come watch the shows as the seating in the building usually goes pretty quickly.** Also, please park out by the big red machine shed in the hayfield. We do not allow any parking near the barn on horse show days because we have to leave enough room for trailers to get in and out of the farm.

Also, please keep in mind that horse show days are pretty hectic at the farm. Here are **some pointers that will help make everyone's show day more enjoyable:**

- Please leave your dogs at home, if they need to come, they **MUST** be on a leash.
- Younger siblings will not be able to run around and play in the field like they normally can during lessons because horses will be warming up in the field.
- Canopies can be brought, but you need to check with Danielle or Joel (up in the announcer stand) **BEFORE** putting up your canopy so we can minimize risks to riders **caused by horses who are generally afraid of large flapping objects...** Horses assume these strange looking contraptions are horse eating monsters and sometimes react accordingly.
- **Keep the "in gate" area clear. This is the area around the gate into the ring. We realize that you want to get pictures with your student and their ribbon, but please move over to the side before doing so to allow other people to enter/exit the ring.**

Please be mindful that competitors are sometimes nervous about showing and a lot of time the horses are nervous because they are in an unfamiliar environment. Try to keep your noises/voices to a minimum while there are competitors in the ring.

Our other shows this summer will be August 1, September 12 and October 3. You can go to our farm website at <http://www.keezlenutten.com> to download a prize list.





Lesson Request

This summer I will have very limited lesson availability due to the demands of 7 weeks of summer camp, and we currently have the largest number of students we have ever had! This creates some scheduling challenges, since my students that ride **before 4pm and those on Fridays have to be moved to time slots that I really don't** have. Because of this, I am asking that ALL students let me know what days they will not be able to come this summer as soon as you know them. Since vacations and camps are generally scheduled far in advance, if you can let me know those dates that you will not be coming to lessons, it will allow me to give students your spot for that week. I greatly appreciate this, as do my students who would otherwise not get **to ride if not for cancellations!** **Please either text or email the dates you won't be** able to make lessons. Thank you :)

Summer Ring Availability

For my boarders and lease students, the ring will have limited availability this summer. During the 7 weeks of summer camp (June 15, June 22, July 6, July 13, July 20, August 3 and August 10), the ring will only be available before 9am and between 12 - 2pm Monday - Thursday. On Fridays during camp, the ring will be available in the morning before 9 and then again after 4:30. On the Friday of half day camp (August 10 week), the ring will only be used between 12 and 2. I do not teach lessons on Fridays after camp. The weekends are still free, except for the 4 horse show days (June 13, August 1, September 12 and October 3). As usual, you are welcome to ride in the field beside the ring.

Shirt Order

We will be placing a shirt order within the next couple weeks. We will be ordering embroidered polos and screen printed tee shirts, tank tops and hoodies. I am not planning on ordering any long sleeves this time, but if enough people are interested, I can put an order together. I will post the order sheets at the barn as well as post them on our Keezlenutten Facebook page.

New Horses At The Farm



“Humphrey” is a 6 year old dark bay OTTB gelding. His show name will be “Here’s Looking At You, Kid”. Humphrey is very green but he has a big heart and tries very hard. He is being used in some lessons already and does not ride like your average 6 year old TB, he actually sometimes takes leg, believe it or not!



“Tye” is a 9 year old chestnut Hanoverian/QH gelding. He is Kailee’s new horse, but will be used in lessons on a limited basis as well. Tye is a very quiet ride on the flat that takes a lot of leg to keep going. He is very willing to the jumps and doesn’t seem to be worried about anything we’ve shown him yet.



“Polly” is an 11 year old black QHx pony mare. She’s not actually “new” to the farm, but she hasn’t lived her for over 3 years. She was out on a lease and has recently returned. Polly is a great walk/trot horse, but she has a pretty serious go button when it comes to cantering and jumping, so you probably won’t see her in too many lessons. Anna will be leasing her this summer.

Food Drive

We will be doing our food drive a little bit different this year. At each of our shows we will have a donation collection. If you bring 4 items for the food bank, you will get \$5 off your show bill!



Keezlenutten Quiz (answers in next issue):

1. What is the piece of equipment that keeps a saddle from slipping too far back on a horse?
2. What is the piece of equipment that keeps a saddle from slipping too far forward on a horse?
3. What is the piece of equipment that attaches to the nose band that helps keep a horse’s mouth closed?

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Keezlenutten Farm, LLC is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley just minutes away from Harrisonburg, VA, Massanutten Resort and I-81.

We offer:

- Hunter/Jumper riding lessons for all levels of riders age 6 and up
- summer day camps for ages 6 and up

The next time you're in the area, set up a time to come out and enjoy our horses!

Why All the Photos?

My students know that I take pictures of them frequently during lessons (some even request me to do so), but while some of them know that I post them on Facebook, I **don't know if everyone realizes that.**

Even if you don't have a Facebook account, you can view the Keezlenutten Farm facebook page because it is a public page. Just go to <http://www.facebook.com> and search for Keezlenutten Farm, LLC. Because I take photos with my phone most of the time, they are not super high resolution so I doubt the photos would be very good printed out. However, if you cannot access our Facebook page, I would



be happy to text you some of the photos, you just have to let me know.

Pictures are a great teaching tool, allowing me to show students what I am trying to explain to them. I can explain all I want, but sometimes without the visual proof, it is hard for a student to realize what is that needs to be corrected. One of the activities that we do in both Intermediate Camp and Advanced Camp is learn how to critique both rider and horse form over fences. We learn by looking at pictures in magazines and then at the end of the week, they have to pick out both a good form picture of theirs as well as one that where they can see areas that need

improvement. Not only do they have to pick out those two photos, but they also have to tell me specifically what looks good and what needs improvement. As they have heard in lessons, **telling me that a jump wasn't good isn't helpful, they have to be able to tell me what wasn't good about it. Being able to pinpoint what went wrong is the first step towards fixing the problem!**



Last Month's Keezlenutten Quiz Answers:

1. What is the normal range for resting heart rate of a horse? 36 - 42 beats per minute
2. What is a horse's normal temperature range? 99- 101 F
3. What is the normal respiration rate for a horse? 8-12 breaths per minute