



Keezlenutten News

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Camp Dates Announced

We will be offering 7 weeks of camp this summer.

June 13 - 17 Advanced camp - FULL

June 20 - 24 Full Day camp - FULL

June 27 - July 1 Intermediate camp

July 11 - 15 Full Day camp

July 18 - 22 Intermediate camp

August 1 - 5 Full Day camp - FULL

August 8 - 12 Half Day camp - FULL

UPCOMING SHOWS

April 17 Bridgewater
Jumpers &
CVSJA

May 15 CVSJA

May 29 CVSJA

June 12 CVSJA

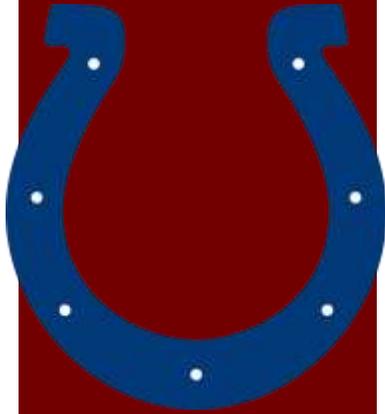
June 25 Keezlenutten

Full Day camp is available to students of all levels, including those with no experience. Advanced camp is limited to students who are cantering courses. Intermediate camp is limited to students who are at least trotting multiple jumps. All of these camps are for ages 8 - 18 and run from 8am - 4:30pm each day. They all include 2 riding lessons a day. At the end of the week there will be a show for family and friends to come watch. It will start at 2:30pm on Friday. The cost is \$375 for the week.

Half day camp is available to students with little or no experience who are 6-10 years old. It runs from 9am - 1pm each day. At the end of the week there will be a show for family and friends to come watch. It will start at noon on Friday. The cost is \$250 for the week.

To register for a week of camp, please visit our website at <http://www.keezlenutten.com> and download the registration forms. You can also contact Danielle at 540-290-3731.





Summer Horse Show Dates

We will be hosting 3 shows this summer on June 25, July 30 and August 13. We are happy to announce that Holly Keplinger will be our judge again this year! Jenner will also be selling her super tasty food. We will have all the same Jumper, Equitation and Pleasure classes as **last year, plus we will be adding a Hopeful Hunter division at 2' - 2'3" after the Beginner Hunter division.**

If we have to cancel a show for bad weather, we will try to schedule a show for September.

Ring Use

Lessons: Abby will be starting up her Saturday morning lessons on April 9th. Once those start, the ring will not be available on Saturdays from 9am - **12pm. Danielle's lessons start at 2pm** and go until 8pm Monday - Thursday and then from 1pm until 7pm on Fridays.

Horse Camp: During full day camp weeks, the ring will be available before 9:30 am, between 11:30am and 2pm and then after lessons. Since there are no lessons on Fridays in the summer, the ring will be free after 4:30pm.

Horse owners: Your horses will not be used on Saturdays for lessons unless you tell us it is okay. For lessons during the week, please let me know if there are days you do not want **your horse used (if you have not already done so). If you don't have set days that you don't** want your horse to be used, just send me a text if you want to come out and ride. This also applies to horse camp weeks.

Summer Lessons

Starting the week of June 13, Danielle will only have lessons at 4, 5, 6 and 7 Monday - Thursday. Abby will continue to teach on Saturdays throughout the summer. Because the lessons will have to be consolidated as much as possible to fit in students from earlier daytime lessons as well as Friday lessons, we ask that you let us know about any planned camps or vacations as early as possible. If the student is going to miss a lot of lessons, we will have you stop for the summer and start back up in the fall. If this is the case for you, on weeks that the student is in town, you can contact us about openings.

Field Changes

You might notice that there is electric fence up in both the gelding and mare fields. This is to allow the green grass to come in really well. We are planning to open the mare field back up in April sometime. The gelding field might take longer because we are also doing some fence repairs while we have the temporary fence.

Spring Shots

The Blue Ridge Vet Tech students will be coming this week to administer spring shots for our horses. The lesson horses (except the large gelding field) will be done on Wednesday and the trail horses (plus the large gelding field) will be done on Thursday. The horses will be getting their Rabies, West Nile Virus, Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Tetanus and Potomac Horse Fever vaccines. They will also be getting their dewormer and blood drawn for the coggins test.

Reminders

1. Please DRIVE SLOWLY once you get onto our paved driveway. Keep in mind that the speed limit on the gravel road is 15MPH because of the turn and we request that you stay under 15MPH when you get onto our driveway. There are many dogs and cats around, plus the grandchildren are frequently visiting Greg and Margaret, not to mention all the students and their siblings that are around the barn.
2. **Please do NOT park at the farmhouse. There are a lot of cars that need to park there, so please don't take any of their spaces.** Parking is available anywhere around the barn, or if that is full, you can park out in the grassy area by the red machine shed or the horse trailers.
3. Now that the hayfield is coming in nicely, it is off limits for riding or driving. Even if you are just turning your car around, we ask that you do so at the trail barn. Once first cutting is done in June, you can ride on it again for a short time.

Car Decals

Muddy Feet (the company that makes our shirts) made some car decals for us! These decals can be put on car windows or bumpers—just make sure to clean the area first. If you are interested, they are \$2 each. They will be available in the barn on the bulletin board. Just put the money in the lesson box, or add it on to a lesson check.



For those of you that have asked, we are trying to get a VTO Saddlery Barn Night together, but haven't chosen a date yet. It will hopefully be late April or May. I will post information about it on the Keezlenutten Farm Facebook page as soon as we've decided on a date.

Keezlenutten Quiz (answers in next issue):

1. How can you determine if a thoroughbred has been raced?
2. What color is Patrick?
3. Who is the youngest horse we have in the lesson program, and how old are they?

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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!

Shameless Foster Dog Plug

“Georgia Mae” is our current foster dog. She is a 2-3 year old Red Tick Hound. She is a very quiet dog that gets along with our dogs and cats. She’s definitely a quiet dog and she appears to be housebroken! I have left her unattended in the house for short periods of time during the day and she sleeps in our room without accidents and she hasn’t had an accident in her very large kennel in over 2 weeks. She walks well on a leash as well. The downside about Georgia is that she is very timid. Joel and I have been working with her, and she is getting better, but she will need her adopter to be patient with her. She is very sweet, but right now she would rather curl up in a dog bed near you as opposed to coming over to you and getting attention. We’re hoping that as she comes out of her shell this will improve though. If you have any questions about her, or you’d like to come meet her, let me know!



Last Month's Keezlenutten Quiz Answers:

1. What are dapples? Darker colored spots that show up on a horse's coat.
2. What is an example of a primitive marking on a horse? “Zebra” stripes on the legs
3. When you say a horse has “black points”, what does that mean? Black marks on hocks