

THE WATCHUNG TROOP PROGRAM WILL:

- 1. Introduce participants to the lifelong recreational activity of horse-back riding.
- 2. Teach basic knowledge and fundamentals of good horsemanship.
- 3. Encourage good sportsmanship and friendship.
- 4. Teach the English style of riding according to the accepted standards of hunt seat equitation.

**INSTRUCTION** is a “do-it-yourself” technique. Experienced instructors explain and demonstrate, but each trooper is in control of his or her own mount. Troopers are assigned to squads according to their riding ability as determined by the Stable management. New members with previous riding experience will be asked to exhibit their riding ability prior to squad placement. Horses are specially selected for squads based upon their suitability to a particular level of riding. Troopers will ride a different horse each week and will experience a variety of sizes and temperaments.

**SPRING TROOP HORSE SHOW:** Will be held May 25, 26 & 27 for ratings D2 and higher. ***Separate Horse Show Registration forms and payment must be submitted to participate.*** Troop classes will not be held on these dates. Beginners will have their own show in their last class.

ATTENTION NEW RIDERS—MARK YOU CALENDARS!

There will be a **NEW RIDERS MEETING**, sponsored by the ***Watchung Stables Auxiliary***, on Saturday March 10 at 9:30 AM to introduce new members into the program.

**REQUIRED UNIFORM — All troopers must wear the following:** ASTM/SEI certified **equestrian** riding helmet with a fixed harness, a powder blue long-sleeve shirt with a Watchung Troop Insignia, a yellow or gold neck-tie and a riding crop.

**ADDITIONALLY, all troopers rated D2 or higher** must also wear jodhpurs and paddock or jodhpur boots, or breeches and tall boots. Brown or black half chaps are permitted for troop, not for horseshows.

**ONLY** first season beginners rated D4 may wear jeans or slacks and a hard sole shoe or boot with a heel.

**THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:** Bicycle or all sport helmets, sneakers, including riding sneakers, chaps or leggings.

***THE ANNUAL USED RIDING CLOTHES SALE:***  
Will be held on March 3 from 8:30 AM until 12:00 PM.

WATCHUNG JUNIOR TROOPS

For Boys and Girls 9 years of age and older with or without previous riding experience. All new members must present a birth certificate and proof of residence.

**\*COST:**

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| Jr. Troop County Residents      | \$300.00 |
| Jr. Troop Non-County Residents  | \$390.00 |
| Beginners (D4) County Residents | \$255.00 |
| Beginners (D4) Non-County       | \$350.00 |

| TROOP # | DAY       | TIME     | START DATE | RIDING RATINGS                           |
|---------|-----------|----------|------------|------------------------------------------|
| 13      | Tuesday   | 3:45 PM  | March 20   | All                                      |
| 15      | Tuesday   | 4:45 PM  | March 20   | All                                      |
| 19      | Wednesday | 3:45 PM  | March 21   | All                                      |
| 17      | Wednesday | 4:45 PM  | March 21   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> squads |
| 6       | Thursday  | 3:45 PM  | March 22   | All                                      |
| 7       | Thursday  | 4:45 PM  | March 22   | All                                      |
| 8       | Friday    | 3:45 PM  | March 16   | All                                      |
| 18      | Friday    | 4:45 PM  | March 16   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> squads |
| 21      | Saturday  | 9:30 AM  | March 17   | All                                      |
| 2       | Saturday  | 10:30 AM | March 17   | All                                      |
| 9       | Saturday  | 11:30 AM | March 17   | All                                      |

**JUNIOR OR SENIOR TROOP MEMBERSHIP** is for ten lessons of riding instruction, one lesson per week. **Refunds will only be given prior to the second lesson of the troop.** If there is a refund made, there is a \*\$35.00 administrative charge plus the per diem cost per lesson taken. Lessons are seldom canceled due to weather. Troopers must have appropriate clothing available. If severe weather occurs, troop will be canceled one hour prior to the ride. Postponed lessons will be added to the end of the season, generally at the usual day and time. Should a member be unable to attend a scheduled lesson, a credit will be issued **ONLY** if the Stable is notified at least two (2) hours in advance.

**CREDIT POLICY:** Only 2 credits will be given for missed classes. Credits can be used to make up the session in another class or for ring rentals only. They will not be accepted for private lessons or clinics.

### WATCHUNG SENIOR TROOPS

For Boys and Girls 9 years of age and older with previous riding experience. Troopers must have achieved a riding rating of "A" or higher. **Class time 1 hour.**

**\*COST:** County Residents \$350.00  
Non-County Residents \$450.00

| TROOP # | DAY       | TIME    | START DATE |
|---------|-----------|---------|------------|
| 5       | Wednesday | 4:45 PM | March 21   |
| 3       | Friday    | 4:45 PM | March 16   |

### WATCHUNG ADULT TROOPS

Adult Troop Membership is for people 18 years of age or older and is offered for **eight, one-hour rides** on Tuesday morning and Sunday afternoon.

**\*COST:** County Residents \$300.00  
Non-County Residents \$390.00

- Refunds will only be given **prior** to the second lesson of the troop. There will be a \*\$35.00 administrative charge if a refund is made.
- **Should a member be unable to attend a scheduled lesson, a credit will be issued ONLY if the Stable is notified at least two (2) hours in advance.**
- **A maximum of two credits will be issued for each riding season. No exceptions.**

- A riding helmet and shoes or boots with a heel are required.
- Students will be placed in one of the following riding classifications based on experience and the Stable management's determination:

- ♦ Beginner (BEG)
- ♦ Advanced Beginner (AB)
- ♦ Intermediate (INT)
- ♦ Advanced Intermediate (AI)
- ♦ Advanced (ADV)

| DAY     | TIME     | START DATE | RIDING RATINGS |
|---------|----------|------------|----------------|
| Sunday  | 12:45 PM | March 18   | All            |
| Tuesday | 10:00 AM | March 20   | All            |



***\*All fees are subject to change, approval and adoption by Ordinance by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders***

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## WATCHUNG STABLE 2018 SPRING TROOP SCHEDULE



**Troop Begins Friday, March 16, 2018**

**ON-LINE REGISTRATION FOR ALL RATINGS**  
**January 10 at 9:00AM-January 17 at 7:00PM**

**In Person Registration: January 30, 2018 9:00AM**  
**Registration for all beginner riders and new riders to the program will be in person only.**

In Person Registration will continue until all spots are filled;  
accepted in-person only, no mail-ins.

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**Office Hours: 9:00AM-noon and 1:00PM-4:00PM**

**\*\*\*Please note there are no longer discounts for 2nd Troops and/or family discounts\*\*\***

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