

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.

BEGINNERS or NEW TO THE PROGRAM:

Please set up an account found on our webpage under online registration. <https://ucnj.org/parks-recreation/watchung-stable/>

BEGINNERS

When you “register” for your date and time, you will not be charged or enrolled.

After you “register”, please email a picture of proof of residence and proof of age of the rider to stablequestions@ucnj.org. Anyone not supplying these documents within 5 days of registration will not be considered for classes and will be removed.

You may send this from your phone. Please send both documents together and put in subject line the name of the child who is participating.

Once we have your documentation, we will send you a bill. When your bill is paid your class will be confirmed and you will be enrolled.

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.

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.

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| *COST: | In County | Non-County |
| Jr. Troop | \$325.00 | \$415.00 |
| Beginners (D4) | \$270.00 | \$365.00 |

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

| TROOP # | DAY | TIME | START DATE | RIDING RATINGS |
|---------|-----------|----------|-------------|--|
| 13 | Tuesday | 3:45 PM | September 5 | All |
| 15 | Tuesday | 4:45 PM | September 5 | All |
| 19 | Wednesday | 3:45 PM | September 6 | All |
| 17 | Wednesday | 4:45 PM | September 6 | 3 rd & 4 th squads |
| 6 | Thursday | 3:45 PM | September 7 | All |
| 7 | Thursday | 4:45 PM | September 7 | All |
| 8 | Friday | 3:45 PM | September 1 | All |
| 18 | Friday | 4:45 PM | September 1 | 3 rd & 4 th squads |
| 21 | Saturday | 9:30 AM | September 2 | All |
| 2 | Saturday | 10:30 AM | September 2 | All |
| 9 | Saturday | 11:30 AM | September 2 | 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. 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.

CREDIT POLICY: 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.

Only 2 credits will be given for missed classes. Credits can be used to make up the session in another class during the Fall 2023 season only. Credits are not guaranteed.

PAID

DATE: _____
 AMOUNT: _____
 INITIAL: _____

JUNIOR/SENIOR TROOP REGISTRATION
 COUNTY OF UNION - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
 Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountaintide, NJ 07092

Date _____ FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.

Parent's Signature _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____

Street Number _____ Town _____ Zip _____ / _____

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Troop # Choice _____
1ST 2ND

(PRINT - LAST NAME FIRST)

Complete one: I am a new Member My riding rating is

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| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | 5. |
| 6. | 7. | 8. | 9. | 10. |

ADULT TROOP REGISTRATION

COUNTY OF UNION - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Watchung Stable, 1160 Summit Lane, Mountainside, NJ 07092

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| PAID |
| DATE: _____ |
| AMOUNT: _____ |
| INITIAL: _____ |

Date _____ **FULL PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.**

Participant's Signature _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____

Street Number _____ Town _____ Zip _____

Participant's Name _____ (PRINT - LAST NAME FIRST) _____ Class Date & Time _____

Complete one: I am a new Member My riding rating is

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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 \$370.00
Non-County Residents \$470.00

| TROOP # | DAY | TIME | START DATE |
|---------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| 5 | Wednesday | 4:45 PM | September 6 |
| 3 | Friday | 4:45 PM | September 1 |

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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 or Sunday afternoon.

***COST:** County Residents \$325.00
Non-County Residents \$415.00

- 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 | September 10 | All |
| Tuesday | 10:00 AM | September 5 | All |

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**WATCHUNG STABLE
2023 FALL TROOP SCHEDULE**



Troop Begins Friday , September 1, 2023

Registration for all Beginner riders will be online August 1 at 9:00am-7:00pm. Please see registration instructions inside.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION:

- August 2nd -9:00am-7:00pm -D2**
- August 3rd -9:00am-7:00pm -C3 & C2/3**
- August 4 -9:00am-7:00pm -C2/2, B2 & BB2/2**
- August 5 -9:00am-7:00pm -BB2/1, BB1, A, AA & 1 C/T**
- August 8- 9:00am-7:00pm- All Adults levels**

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