

## 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](mailto: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.

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

<b>TROOP #</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>START DATE</b>	<b>RIDING RATINGS</b>
13	Tuesday	3:45 PM	March 19	All
15	Tuesday	4:45 PM	March 19	All
19	Wednesday	3:45 PM	March 20	All (no 1st)
17	Wednesday	4:45 PM	March 20	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> squads
6	Thursday	3:45 PM	March 21	All
7	Thursday	4:45 PM	March 21	All
8	Friday	3:45 PM	March 22	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> squads
18	Friday	4:45 PM	March 22	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> squads
21	Saturday	9:30 AM	March 23	All
2	Saturday	10:30 AM	March 23	All
9	Saturday	11:30 AM	March 23	All (No Beg)

**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.

### **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 Spring 2024 season only.
- We are not responsible for accommodating make-up classes.

## 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	March 20
3	Friday	4:45 PM	March 22

## 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.
- We are not responsible for accommodating make-up classes
- 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 Intermediate (AI)
- ◆ Advanced Beginner (AB)        ◆ Advanced (ADV)
- ◆ Intermediate (INT)

DAY	TIME	START DATE	RIDING RATINGS
Sunday	12:45 PM	March 24	All
Tuesday	10:00 AM	March 26	INT & ADV only

***\*All fees for Beginner Troop, Junior Troop, Senior Troop and Adult troop are subject to change, approval and adoption by Ordinance by the Union County Board of Chosen Commissioners***

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## WATCHUNG STABLE 2024 SPRING TROOP SCHEDULE



**Troop Begins Tuesday, March 19, 2024**

**ON-LINE REGISTRATION:**  
**Registration for Junior Troop Beginner riders**  
**February 20th from 9:00am-7:00pm.**  
**(Please see registration instructions inside.)**

**February 20th from 9:00am-7:00pm-All Adult Levels**

**February 21st -9:00am-7:00pm -D2**

**February 22nd -9:00am-7:00pm -C3 & C2/3**

**February 23rd -9:00am-7:00pm -C2/2, B2 & BB2/2**

**February 24th -9:00am-7:00pm -BB2/1, BB1, A, AA & 1 C/T**

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