



NEW CANAAN MOUNTED TROOP

“To build leadership, responsibility and confidence in youth through sound horsemanship and to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs through equine assisted activities.”

Program Enrollment Forms 2016-2017 Academic Year

New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc. (“NCMT”) is a nonprofit 501(c) (3) educational and charitable youth organization. It was founded in 1939 as part of the Junior Cavalry of America by noted horsewoman, educator and author Margaret Cabell Self (1902-1996). In her lifetime, Colonel Self wrote more than forty educational books for children. She personally trained thousands of young people at NCMT and considered the organization her greatest accomplishment in life.

Her vision was simple yet innovative: **to build leadership, responsibility and confidence in youth through sound horsemanship.** NCMT continues to follow this mission, providing an environment to help youth develop character and realize their individual potential.

*Troopers will not be permitted to participate in the programs without completing **ALL** forms. Please complete and return all documents along with a photograph of your child (passport size preferred) to:*

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PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

NCMT takes pride in its unique approach to teaching horsemanship through a hands-on experience. All programs are designed to encourage children's personal growth by promoting fundamental values such as leadership, responsibility, confidence, work ethic and teamwork in a safe and fun family atmosphere. These are not only important around the barn but are also valuable through life: they can help each child excel in his or her future.

OVERVIEW OF THE JUNIOR CAVALRY OF AMERICA RANKING SYSTEM: The Junior Cavalry of America program ranks NCMT Troopers according to their level of participation, spirit, horsemanship skills and years of service. New members start as Inductees and are promoted through the ranks of Cadet, Corporal, Sergeant, Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant and Captain over time. The Cadet Major is the top ranking cadet and is elected by fellow Troopers to be the leader of the entire Troop for the program year. The promotion process is based on the following criteria:

- Overall program attendance
- Barn Day performance and work ethic
- Overall effort and dedication
- Sportsmanship, "Troop Spirit", courteousness, willingness to help
- Lesson attendance and attentiveness
- Overall compliance with NCMT rules

Troopers can expect to serve a minimum of one year at each ranking level before having earned the right to be promoted. Promotions are announced at each Review Ceremony.

THE FULL CADET PROGRAM is available to children between 7 and 18 years of age. The program combines weekly group riding lessons and participation in the Equine Care Program. Students are required to attend riding lessons as well as a designated "Barn Day". All riding lessons are taught in a group format, generally with up to 5 riders per class. Each class is one hour long. Students learn to ride a variety of horses appropriate for their level. Professional instructors teach the fundamentals of hunt seat equitation using a comprehensive curriculum that ensures consistency across riding levels.

THE EQUINE CARE PROGRAM is available to children between 7 and 18 years of age. The program consists of a weekly Equine Care Day, or "Barn Day", that includes a half hour academic lesson and training in horse care and stable management. Students acquire complete knowledge of the horse and practice learned skills during their Barn Day.

THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (TLC): Troopers (also known as Cadets) are promoted based on evidence of leadership and commitment to NCMT's programs regardless of athletic ability. Those achieving upper level ranks, or are in high school, are invited to join TLC, where they work alongside the Cadet Major to organize and host Trooper Nights, manage the Officers' Fund, help plan special events and fundraisers, and run the community service task force. They are also eligible to participate in NCMT's Drill Team. **Monthly meetings are held for TLC to plan events.**

REVIEW CEREMONIES are held each December and June. Troopers are honored with awards and promoted to recognize individual achievements at each ceremony, which is followed by a horse show. This is an important NCMT tradition that all cadets should attend.

TROOPER NIGHTS occur regularly during the program year and are hosted by TLC at NCMT. These social events are a chance for all Troopers to gather in a fun atmosphere, to play games, and to participate in activities such as Capture the Captain. A small cover charge may apply for the cost of craft materials and refreshments.

TROOPER EVENTS run by TLC, in addition to the Trooper Nights include the Horseless Horse Show and Gymkhana in September, and the Halloween Costume Parade and Carnival held in October, where Troopers are invited to dress up their favorite horse for the parade. TLC then holds a Halloween-themed carnival, which is great fun for the entire family! Other events include Family Work Days in October and March, and a Benefit Horse Show in May, all designed to bring the Troop community together. Finally, Troopers participate in the Town of New Canaan's Memorial Day Parade, dressed in traditional Junior Cavalry of America uniforms.

FUNDRAISERS: NCMT holds two primary fundraisers each year to sustain its programs. In the past, these fundraisers have included, participation in the Fairfield County Giving Day, an on-line fundraising campaign and a festive gala which included dinner, entertainment and a silent auction. In the spring, we also hold a barbeque at the barn for member families and alumni.

HORSE SHOWS AND CLINICS: NCMT, hosts schooling and USEF-rated shows throughout the year, which may include USHJA, FWPHA, CHJA, and Hoof Print Series classes. In addition, NCMT staff members occasionally arrange for outside professional trainers to hold riding and horsemanship clinics at our facility. These events are not mandatory but all troopers are encouraged to participate. Some horse shows and clinics may only be for the advanced rider. Charges for horse show and clinics are additional.

EQUINE CARE PROGRAM

The Equine Care Program is mandatory for all Troopers. It is a hands-on program designed to enrich a student's experience at NCMT through an engaging curriculum founded on fundamental horsemanship and basic veterinary care instruction. Once a week, Troopers actively work with the horses and ponies in a controlled, safe environment, overseen by adult staff members and senior ranking officers who are known as the Captain and the Tack Sergeant of the Barn Day. Troopers are required to attend a 30-minute weekly equine care lesson as part of a series that cover various topics. The structure of the barn day promotes leadership and teamwork as well as mentoring. Troopers are required to complete the tasks necessary to maintain a neat, orderly, and highly functional stable. Barn chores are mandatory and are an integral part of NCMT's complete horsemanship approach. Troopers are evaluated and promoted based on their performance and knowledge.

EQUINE CARE HIGH POINT HORSEMANSHIP AWARD: Horsemanship tests are given prior to each Review Ceremony on the topics covered in the Equine Care lesson series at each appropriate level of rankings. The tests are crafted and administered by NCMT staff members. While Troopers are not required to take the tests, they must attend lectures. Troopers who submit tests compete in their Troop ranking category for the **Equine Care High Point Horsemanship Award**, which is held at each Review Ceremony. In the event of a tie, NCMT staff members determine the method of breaking the tie either through additional testing or challenges. *Prizes are awarded to the high point Trooper at each ranking level.*

EQUINE CARE CURRICULUM

The curriculum is structured to incorporate all facets of horsemanship, equine care, and showmanship through the use of handouts, games, lectures, video, and live demonstrations. Each week features a particular equine-related topic which include:

- Barn and Equine Safety
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Horse Tack and Apparel
- Barn Tools and Practices
- Grooming Techniques
- Veterinary Disorders, Diseases and Treatment
- Showmanship
- Rider Equipment and Apparel
- Current Events
- Equine Events

Relevant material is available on NCMT's website in the "Members Only" section.

BARN DAY CHORES

The Captain and Tack Sergeant oversee younger Troopers, who are responsible for organizing and cleaning the barn. It is the role of the Captain and of the Tack Sergeant to mentor, assist and train the younger Troopers on how to complete needed tasks to ensure that the tack room, grooming stalls and barn aisles are kept clean and orderly. Such tasks may include:

- Sweeping and blowing aisles
- Grooming horses
- Putting away grooming tools
- Laundry
- Feeding hay and grain
- Watering
- Tidying up the Learning Center
- Dusting wall boxes
- Turnout
- Blanketing
- Cleaning tack and organizing the tack room

EQUINE CARE DAY REQUIREMENTS AND SCHEDULE

All Troopers are required to select one Equine Care Day shift. Children aged 9 and under are expected to devote 1½ hours to their designated Barn Day. Children aged 10 and older are expected to devote approximately 3 hours to the Barn Day, depending on their scheduled day. Please see the schedule options and be sure to indicate your choices on the Registration Form.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND YOUR BARN DAY: Second Lieutenants, First Lieutenants and Captains MUST find an appropriate substitute or trade barn days with other officers. Lower ranking cadets can make up barn days on an alternate day or on designated makeup days at the end of each semester.

WEEKDAYS

CHILDREN AGED 10 and OLDER: 2 1/2 hours

| | <u>1ST SHIFT</u> | <i>EQUINE CARE</i> <u>LECTURE</u> | <u>2ND SHIFT</u> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| MONDAY-FRIDAY: | 3:15 – 5:30 | (5:00 - 5:30) | 5:00 – 7:15 |

CHILDREN AGED 9 AND YOUNGER 1 1/2 hours

| | <u>1ST SHIFT</u> | <i>EQUINE CARE</i> <u>LECTURE</u> | <u>2ND SHIFT</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| MONDAY-FRIDAY | 4:00 – 5:30 | (5:00 - 5:30) | 5:00 – 6:30 |

WEEKENDS

CHILDREN AGED 10 and OLDER: Up to 4 hours

| | <u>1ST SHIFT</u> | <i>EQUINE CARE</i> <u>LECTURE</u> | <u>2ND SHIFT</u> |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| SATURDAY: | 9:00 – 12:45 | (12:00 - 12:30) (1:00 – 1:30) | 12:15 – 4:00 |
| SUNDAY: | - | (12:30 - 1:00) | 12:00 – 4:00 |

CHILDREN UNDER 10: Up to 2 hours

| | <u>1ST SHIFT</u> | <i>EQUINE CARE</i> <u>LECTURE</u> | <u>2ND SHIFT</u> |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| SATURDAY: | 11:15 – 12:45 | (12:00 - 12:30) (1:00 - 1:30) | 12:15 – 1:45 |
| SUNDAY: | - | (12:30 - 1:00) | 12:30 – 2:30 |

RIDING LESSON DAYS AND TIMES

All listed lesson times are subject to change, depending on final individual student enrollment.

Lesson level **Code**

Beginner 1 B1
 Beginner 2 B2
 Advanced Beginner 1 AB1
 Advanced Beginner 2 AB2
 Intermediate 1 INT1
 Intermediate 2 INT2
 Advanced ADV

Weekday Schedule:

| <u>Day</u> | <u>3:45 PM</u> | <u>4:45 PM</u> | <u>5:45 PM</u> |
|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Monday | INT 1 | B 1 | ADV |
| Tuesday | INT 2 | AB 1 | AB2 |
| Wednesday | INT 1 | B 1 | INT 2 |
| Thursday | AB 1 | INT 1 | INT 1 |
| Friday | AB 2 | B 2 | INT 1 |

Weekend Schedule:

| <u>Day</u> | <u>9:30 AM</u> | <u>10:30 AM</u> | <u>11:30 AM</u> | <u>12:30 PM</u> | <u>2:00 PM</u> | <u>3:00 PM</u> | <u>4:00 PM</u> |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Saturday | INT | AB1 | B1 | INT1 | B2 | INT2/ADV | |
| Sunday | Therapeutic Riding | Therapeutic Riding | Adult | B 2 | AB2 | INT 1 | Adult |

MAKE-UP LESSONS POLICY

Makeup lessons are offered if a student gives at least 24 hours' notice prior to the missed lesson. They must be scheduled during one of the indicated makeup days:

Once-a-week riders: 1 makeup per semester (Fall and Spring)
 Twice-a-week riders: 2 makeups per semester (Fall and Spring)

In the event of a long-term illness or injury, where a trooper is out for three (3) or more weeks, please contact the office.

NCMT follows the New Canaan Public School schedule and reserves the right to cancel lessons *in the event of inclement weather and emergency situations without providing a makeup allowance.*

Please refer to the NCMT Calendar for available makeup times. Non-program days are indicated with an asterisk (*) on our Calendar.

LESSON LEVEL PLACEMENT INFORMATION

Upon registration, it is very important to sign up for the appropriate lesson level. Please review the descriptions below.

NCMT instructors teach from a curriculum that specifies required Ground and Horsemanship Skills for each level. Students can remain at each level for 1 to 2 academic years, developing proficiency in the appropriate skills before moving up to a higher level.

BEGINNER 1:

Little or no previous riding experience. Students at this level may have had some previous riding experience, but may not know general horse handling or the basic commands. For the first few months, two students share a horse: each student receives instruction for half an hour while the other student receives ground instruction. Once appropriate horsemanship skills are mastered, students are assigned their own horse and ride for a full hour. Introduction to grooming, tacking up, untacking and cleaning tack properly will be given.

To graduate to the next level: Must be confident with the basics of walk and trot, balance, steering, halting, and controlling the horse at a walk and a trot. Students must be able to trot for an extended period of time without assistance. They must know diagonals and how to identify the correct one while riding. Students must also be able to tack up with little or no assistance. The students must be ready and willing to learn to canter.

They must be able to:

- Understand barn rules and safety
- Be comfortable working around horses
- Halter and lead with assistance
- Identify parts of tack and understand their purpose
- Understand the use of the various grooming tools
- Groom with assistance
- Hold reins properly

BEGINNER 2:

Students must be able to walk independently in a group setting, balance at the walk standing up out of the saddle, and half seat at the walk. The students can keep horse trotting for extended periods of time, and be able to determine diagonals; can tack up with assistance. During this phase, the students will begin to learn to canter.

To graduate to next level:

Students can mount and walk off unassisted. They know how to ask the horse to move forward, turn and stop. Students must be comfortable with trotting and cantering independently. They will be able to ride a variety of different horses, and trot for extended periods of time. Students must be ready to start cantering in a group.

They must also be able to:

- Halter and lead with moderate assistance
- Groom with moderate assistance
- Know the different brushes and use in correct order on their own
- Tack up with moderate assistance
- Begin to understand position; heels down, correct half seat, and balance
- Sit up tall in the saddle with their heels down
- Walk and trot independently in a group setting, and canter independently one at a time

ADVANCED BEGINNER 1:

The students are currently able to walk, trot and canter independently in a group setting. At this level, students need to be comfortable working around horses, should be grooming, haltering, leading a horse, tacking up with less assistance, and have a basic knowledge of the saddle and bridle parts and general stable safety. Students will begin to trot cross rails at this level.

To graduate to next level: Students must be ready to canter around the ring in a group setting, and have an understanding of leads at the canter. At the end of this level, students should be comfortable trotting individual cross rails.

They must also be able to:

- Halter and lead without assistance
- Groom without assistance
- Tack up without assistance
- Put on splint/bell boots with assistance
- Check girth before mounting
- Correct length of and untwist reins
- Maintain safe distance from other horses in the ring
- Have correct leg and body position when applying aids
- Sit at the trot and also maintain the half seat at the trot
- Transition from walk to trot with their heels down
- Drop and pick up stirrups
- Begin to understand what aids are and their use

ADVANCED BEGINNER 2:

Currently able to walk and trot in a group setting, and to trot cross rails, the students will begin to canter as a group. Students will begin to advance to cantering cross rails. Students should have a solid understanding of “diagonals” at the trot and have a preliminary understanding of leads at the canter. Students should be proficient at grooming.

To graduate to next level,

Must be confident cantering and jumping cross rails on a variety of horses.

Should have a strong understanding of diagonals and correct leads.

Should be starting to flat without stirrups and be able to jump a course of cross rails.

They must also be able to:

- Put on standing wraps and polos with supervision and/or assistance
- Canter in the half seat to full seat without breaking from the canter
- Drop and pick up stirrups at the trot
- Collect and lengthen
- Count strides at the canter
- Ready to jump 2'0"

INTERMEDIATE 1:

Must be confident cantering and able to jump a course of cross rails on a variety of horses and ready to jump 2'0". Should have a strong understanding of correct leads. Should be starting to flat without stirrups and be ready to jump a course of cross rails. Should be ready to start learning leg yielding, lateral movement, and flexion.

To graduate to next level:

Must be confident in jumping skills and should be able to do a basic course on a variety of horses. Should be starting to understand take off distances at the jumps and have the ability to count strides between related obstacles. Should understand concept of leg yielding, and lateral movements.

They must also be able to:

- Adjust girth and stirrups while mounted with minimal help
- Put on polos with little or no assistance
- Work on a refined body position
- Demonstrate simple changes of leads on a figure eight
- Serpentine demonstrating a change in bend
- Understands what a distance is
- Count strides in between fences
- Consistently uses the correct release with the motion of the horse
- Be ready to jump 2'3"
- Know how to demonstrate a hand gallop

INTERMEDIATE 2:

With a solid knowledge of the Intermediate 1 level, students must be capable of performing simple changes of lead, and ride on the flat without stirrups. Students should understand how to see a distance, and count "1, 2, 3" to the take off spot, and canter a course of eight jumps, correcting leads and counting number of strides between jumps. Students should be able to trot a jump without stirrups. Students should know the correct pace for flat and for jumping and be able to effectively open and close the horses stride length.

To graduate to next level: Students should be confident at the Intermediate 2 level, and able to jump courses on any troop horse or pony. Student should be comfortable jumping a 2'3" course and should have an understanding of flying changes, leg yielding, counting strides between jumps. Students will be ready to jump without stirrups. Students will learn more sophisticated tracks on course such as rollbacks, inside turns and end jumps. Students will be ready for more technical skills including gymnastics and 2 strides. Flatwork should be advanced.

They must also be able to:

- Demonstrate a leg yield
- Counter canter
- Put on polo's independently
- Know how to adjust strides
- Drop and pick up stirrups
- Jump confidently without stirrups
- Demonstrate a crest and automatic release
- Demonstrate a simple change of leads
- Demonstrate leg yields on a variety of horses

ADVANCED:

At this level, students will be able to demonstrate more advanced flatwork on any troop horse; have a strong understanding of lateral and diagonal aids, impulsion, contact and flexion. They should have a strong knowledge of when to use the half seat versus full seat, haunches in and out, and shoulder in and out. Students should be able to canter jumps without stirrups and counter canter a jump. Students should be proficient at flying changes, counter canter, calculating strides, lengthening and collection of stride, and "flexion" of the horse. Students should be able to analyze and ride broken and bending lines, combinations, and inside turn options. Students should be comfortable jumping complex courses (hunter and equitation style.) Horsemanship skills include the ability to assess vital signs, including taking a horse's temperature. Students should be able to identify conformation flaws. They should be able to recognize a problem with a horse's overall well being and identify the need for basic emergency care. They will also learn how to poultice, and lunge.

DRESS CODE FOR LESSONS

- Breeches with tall boots, or jodhpurs with paddock boots, or breeches with half chaps. Denim or jeans are not permitted.
- Shirts must be tucked into breeches or jodhpurs. Sweaters, sweatshirts or jackets must be waist length and as form-fitting as possible. Tank tops are not permitted.
- Gloves are recommended.
- **A safety approved (ASTM approved–SEI certified) helmet with harness is mandatory** for all riders, who must bring their own helmet to each lesson. Riding without a helmet is prohibited at all times.
- Hair should be neatly tucked into the helmet.
- Riders should be dressed appropriately for weather. Please wear gloves and warm clothes in winter to ensure comfort.

DRESS CODE FOR BARN DAY

- Appropriate footwear—paddock boots or work boots—is required. Sandals, flip-flops, and open-toed shoes are not safe and not permitted in the barn.
- Long trousers/pants/jeans are strongly recommended. For safety reasons, baggy pants are not recommended. Pants may not drag on the ground.
- Gloves are recommended.
- Please wear warm clothes in winter to ensure comfort during barn day.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT and TACK

NCMT provides all equipment and tack and requires that you consult with the office prior to using personal equipment or tack on NCMT horses.

MEDICATIONS AT THE BARN

Please inform the office if your child suffers from asthma or allergies. NCMT also recommends to discuss tetanus vaccination and boosters with your doctor.

THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

NCMT is pleased to offer high school aged students the opportunity to volunteer in our “Super Troopers” therapeutic riding and equine care programs. This can also assist our Troopers in fulfilling community service hours. We encourage interested Troopers to contact the office for additional information.

RATES FOR CADET PROGRAM

I. FAMILY MEMBERSHIP FEE \$ 1,350.00

A membership fee is required for **new** Horsemanship program participants and payable upon registration but it is not required for Equine Care only program participants.

II. ANNUAL DUES (per family) - Required for all cadets, payable upon registration.

| | Horsemanship Program | Equine Care Program |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| One child in the program | \$585.00 | \$375.00 |
| More than one child in the program | \$845.00 | \$530.00 |

III. PROGRAM TUITION

| HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM | Tuition* | First Tuition Installment* |
|---|------------|----------------------------|
| One lesson per week plus Equine Care Day | \$4,500.00 | \$900.00 |
| Two lessons per week plus Equine Care Day | \$7,415.00 | \$1,483.00 |

Private lessons may be scheduled on a first come, first served basis, based upon availability of instructor time and horsepower. Payment is due at time of lesson. See Section VI below.

*Tuition fees are billed 30 days in advance and are due in **five installments** (at registration, November 1, January 1, March 1, and May 1). **A \$25 late fee will be charged if payment is not received by the 10th of the month due.**

IV. EQUINE CARE PROGRAM (No Riding)

| EQUINE CARE PROGRAM | Tuition* | First Tuition Installment* |
|--|------------|----------------------------|
| Once a week Barn Day (annual dues additional)* | \$1,535.00 | \$767.50 |

* Tuition fees are payable in **two installments** (at registration and January 1). **A \$25 late fee will be charged if payment is not received by the 10th of the month due.**

Once enrolled, NCMT families are liable for the full academic year tuition. For Horsemanship tuition, the membership fee (if applicable), the first installment and annual dues are due upon registration. For Equine Care tuition, the annual dues and the first installment are due upon registration.

Scholarships: Full or partial scholarships are available to qualifying Troopers. Please contact the office for an application.

What is also included in tuition fees?

Tuition fees include the Equine Care lesson series, 1 or 2 riding lessons per week (depending on individual student selection), participation in the Drill Team (Officers), Halloween Parade, Trooper Nights (a small additional charge may apply), TLC Meetings, and the Review Ceremonies (horse shows fees are not included). **There will be a \$20 fee for dry cleaning/repair of Troop Jackets.**

V. HACKING

45 minutes on the flat \$55.00

Hacking is available based upon eligibility and availability of horses and ponies, to be determined by NCMT staff.

VI. PRIVATE AND A LA CARTE GROUP LESSONS

A half hour private or a one hour group lesson may be scheduled, based upon instructor availability. Payment is due at the time of lesson. \$80.00

Must be scheduled with the office separately from regular weekly lesson.

No private lesson will be counted as a makeup.

VII. HORSE SHOWS – FEES

HOME SHOWS

Rated Horse Shows Horse Use Fee and Training \$125.00

Division fees and administration/office fees will also be charged on day of the show.

NCMT Review Shows \$110.00

**Includes horse use, class fees and training fees*

AWAY HORSE SHOWS

NCMT may offer members the opportunity to compete in local and regional horse shows, primarily in the summer months. A brief summary of **approximate fees is provided below**, and is subject to change based upon the number of members attending a show. Additional costs, such as entries, show office fees, shipping, braiding, stall rentals, hay, shavings may also apply. Upon request, a list of possible expenses for an away horse show can be provided.

Daily horse use fees \$125.00

- For daily use of an NCMT horse or pony at away horse show

Training fees \$80.00

- For coaching fees on the day a rider is showing

- For a half hour private or one hour group lesson at the away horse show

Grooming fees per horse per day \$35 per day minimum

- To groom, feed, water, lunge a horse on the show grounds, to set up and take down the show tack room, to load and unload, etc.

- Will vary based upon number of exhibitors, number of horses, and other factors.

NCMT Registration Form 2016-2017

Cadet Name: _____ DOB & Age: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Home Tel: _____

Address: _____ Cell: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Parent email: _____ Cadet email: _____

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FULL HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM Riding: <input type="checkbox"/> one lesson per week <input type="checkbox"/> two lessons per week Membership Fee: (\$1,350 - new members only) \$ _____ First Tuition Installment: \$ _____ Annual Dues: \$ _____ Total Amount Due: \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Date: _____ Check #: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> EQUINE CARE ONLY PROGRAM <input type="checkbox"/> Please waitlist my child for a riding spot in the Full Horsemanship Program <i>Membership Fees - not required for Equine Care</i> First Semester Tuition Installment: \$ _____ Annual Dues: \$ _____ Total Amount Due: \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Date: _____ Check #: _____ |
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*****Please submit a photograph (passport size preferred) of your child with your enrollment form.*****

LESSON DAY, LEVEL AND TIME

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|----------------|---------------------|---|
| | Lesson Days: | RETURNING STUDENTS: Please refer to Spring progress reports to determine your level. |
| First Choice: | _____ | |
| Second Choice: | _____ | NEW STUDENTS: Please review the "New Student Information" and contact the office for evaluation. |
| Third Choice: | _____ | |

EQUINE CARE DAY *Space on shifts is limited.

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|----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| | Day: | Time/Shift: |
| First Choice: | _____ | _____ |
| Second Choice: | _____ | _____ |
| Third Choice: | _____ | _____ |

Date
Trooper Signature
Parent/Guardian Signature

NEW CANAAN MOUNTED TROOP ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT
2016-2017 Academic Year

The undersigned parent(s) or guardian (s) hereby enrolls _____

to participate in NCMT's Full Horsemanship Program (or) Equine Care Program.

Date of Birth: _____ School and Grade: _____

Previous Riding Experience:

Can he/she participate in all normal NCMT activities? Yes: _____ No: _____

If "No", please explain:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name:

Address:

Occupation: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parents are encouraged to volunteer with NCMT's Committees - please check area of interest:

_____ Parent _____ Finance _____ Fundraising _____ Marketing & Communications
_____ Facilities & Maintenance _____ Leadership Council Advisor

_____ Check here if you do not wish your contact information to be listed in NCMT's "Members Directory" that is made available to all program participants.

The undersigned understands that:

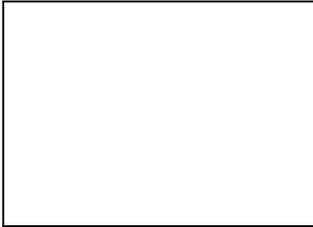
1. There is an inherent risk of accidental injury in horseback-riding related activities. **A General Liability Release and an Emergency Medical Treatment Form must be completed before participating in NCMT's programs.**
2. Enrollment in the Full Horsemanship Program requires NCMT membership. New members will be charged a one-time family membership fee upon registration. Enrollment in the Equine Care program does not require NCMT membership.
3. **Enrolling means a commitment to program participation for the entire academic year (from late August to mid-June). Tuition will not be pro-rated for missed riding lessons or Equine Care days.**
4. Tuition is billed on an installment basis during the academic year. Horsemanship Program tuition is billed in five (5) equal installments. Equine Care Program tuition is billed in two

(2) equal installments. **A monthly service charge of \$25 will be added to bills outstanding by the 10th of the month. Accounts outstanding for 60 days or more may cause the student to be excluded from activities until the account is paid in full.**

5. Annual dues are charged to each participating family and are payable at the start of the academic year.
6. Participation in horse shows, gymkhanas and certain other activities involve additional fees payable on the day of such events.
7. Troopers are expected to fulfill responsibilities assigned to them by higher ranking officers.
8. NCMT reserves the right to suspend or dismiss a Trooper from its programs with approval from the Board of Directors.
9. Proper dress and footwear is required for all lessons and Equine Care days. Please refer to NCMT's dress code for details. **ASTM-SEI approved riding helmets with harness are mandatory.** NCMT logo clothing is also available for purchase.
10. A riding lesson requires approximately two (2) hours of presence at the barn to allow sufficient time for grooming, tacking up, group riding lesson, untacking, wrapping or bathing the horse after a lesson.
11. A mandatory "Equine Care Day" requires a minimum of one and a half (1 ½) and up to four (4) hours of presence at the barn, depending on age and specific barn day.
12. In the winter, NCMT follows local schools' "snow day" cancellation schedules. While make-up lessons are not available for cancellations that are due to inclement weather, the academic year may be extended to account for cancelled lessons.
13. **Make-up lessons for missed lessons/barn days are only available during specific weeks of the year that are indicated in the 2016-2017 calendar.**
14. Troopers are required to wear an NCMT uniform jacket for Review ceremonies. Jackets must be signed out prior to each event and promptly returned. **Troopers are responsible for replacing lost jackets. A dry cleaning fee of \$20 is included in registration fees.**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: _____

Date: _____



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WARNING, INDEMNITY, HOLD HARMLESS AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

WARNING

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §52-557p, a person engaged in recreational activities assumes the risk and responsibility for any injury to his or her person or property arising out of the hazards inherent in equestrian sports, unless the injury was caused by the negligence of the person providing the horse/pony or horses/ponies to the individual engaged in the equestrian activities, or the failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity of the person providing the horse/pony and/or horses/ponies, or his or her agents and/or employees.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I, and/or on behalf of my child listed below, understand that there is an inherent risk in equestrian sports, including but not limited to the risk of serious physical injury, loss and/or death. However, I feel that the possible benefits for myself/my child/my ward are greater than the risk assumed. I, on behalf of myself/my child/my ward, fully assume all risks associated with equestrian sports, including Therapeutic Riding Programs, even if due to the negligence of New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "NCMT"), and any of its instructors, including but not limited to Hannah Wirfel, Jessica D'Urso, Mali Schneider, Therapeutic Riding instructors, or guest instructors invited by NCMT, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, and/or Employees, including but not limited to variations in the indoor and outdoor ring conditions; man-made obstacles; collisions with objects either inside or outside the riding rings including but not limited to jumps, hay bales, shrubbery, rocks, equipment, employees, participants, or other patrons and spectators on the property; lack of safety devices, or inadequate safety devices; lack of warning or inadequate warning; lack of instruction or inadequate instruction. I, on behalf of myself / my child / my ward, am responsible for immediately informing NCMT of any mental, physical or other condition, or change in condition, that may affect my child's ability to participate in equestrian sports, including Therapeutic Riding Programs.

_____Signors' Initials

HORSES and PONIES

I, or on behalf of my child listed below, understand that horses and ponies, although tamed, trained and boarded at NCMT are in fact a “wild” animal, and may buck, shy, spook, kick, bite and/or react unexpectedly to the actions of other horses or ponies, riders, employees of NCMT, and environmental effects including but not limited to noise, wind, light/darkness, or any man-made or environmental anomaly beyond the control of NCMT, its instructors, guest instructors, Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, and or Employees.

INDEMNIFICATION

I, or on behalf of my child listed below, for myself and for my heirs, assigns, successors, executors, administrators and legal representatives, agree that I will defend, indemnify and hold harmless, NCMT and any of its instructors, including but not limited to Hannah Wirfel, Jessica D’Urso, Mali Schneider, Therapeutic Riding instructors, or guest instructors invited by NCMT, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, and/or Employees, free from any and all claims, suits or demands by anyone arising from my use of the facility, equipment and/or horses/ponies owned by, boarded at NCMT, or brought onto the property owned by NCMT, including claims of negligence on the part of NCMT and any of its instructors, including but not limited to Hannah Wirfel, Jessica D’Urso, Mali Schneider, Therapeutic Riding instructors, or guest instructors invited by NCMT, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, and/or Employees.

RELEASE

I, or on behalf of my child listed below, for myself and for my heirs, assigns, successors, executors, administrators and legal representatives, hereby release and agree that I will not sue NCMT and any of its instructors, including but not limited to Hannah Wirfel, Jessica D’Urso, Mali Schneider, Therapeutic Riding instructors, or guest instructors invited by NCMT, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, and/or Employees, for money damages

and/or for any injury, loss and/or death, emotional distress, or from theft to person, horse/pony or possession, sustained by me while using the facility, equipment and/or horses/ponies owned by, boarded at NCMT, or brought onto the property owned by NCMT, even if due to the NEGLIGENCE of NCMT and any of its instructors, including but not limited to Hannah Wirfel, and Jessica D'Urso, Mali Schneider, Therapeutic Riding instructors, or guest instructors invited by NCMT, its Officers, Directors, Agents, Volunteers, and/or Employees.

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SIGNATURE PAGE

I have read this WARNING, INDEMNITY, HOLD HARMLESS and RELEASE OF LIABILITY and fully understand its terms. I further understand that by signing this agreement that I may be waiving specific legal rights, either for myself or for my undersigned child on whose behalf I am signing this agreement. I have not been induced to sign this agreement and have not signed same pursuant to any promise or representation which has not been attached hereto, if any. I sign said agreement voluntarily and of my own free will.

Signature of Participant or Parent/Legal Guardian if under 18 years of age Date

Printed Name of Participant or Parent/Legal Guardian if under 18 years of age

Participant Signature Date

Participant Printed Name



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PHOTO/MEDIA RELEASE

I grant to New Canaan Mounted Troop, Inc. ("NCMT"), its representatives and employees the right to take photographs or videos of my child/children or myself ("my family") in connection with my family's activities associated with NCMT. I authorize NCMT, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically as part of its advertising, publicity, fundraising efforts or other uses. I understand that NCMT will not compensate my family for such use and hereby waive any right to inspect and approve the use to which it may be applied.

I indicate my family's consent or non-consent by initialing below:

_____ I agree that NCMT may use such photographs or videos of my family with or without my family's name and for any lawful purpose, including such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content, and without any compensation to my family.

_____ I do not permit NCMT to use such photographs or videos of my family for any purpose.

Signature _____
(Parent or guardian if under 18)

Printed name _____

Address _____

Date _____



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT PERMISSION

Name: _____ Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mother Name and Phone: _____

Father Name and Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone: _____
(Person(s) living outside the primary household)

Physician Name and Phone: _____

Dentist/Orthodontist Name and Phone: _____

Medical Insurance and Policy Number: _____

Known Allergies: _____

Special needs/conditions/disabilities: _____

Daily medication (if applicable, please describe): _____

Pertinent Medical History: _____

Special Instructions/Comments: _____

Previous Riding Experience: _____

Height: _____ Weight*: _____ *Please note that riders over 200lbs. cannot be accommodated.

THIS DOCUMENT AUTHORIZES THE STAFF OF *NEW CANAAN MOUNTED TROOP, INC.* TO SIGN FOR THE ADMITTANCE AND TREATMENT OF THE PERSON ABOVE AT AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY, IN THE EVENT THE PARENT/GUARDIAN IS NOT AVAILABLE. ALL INFORMATION SUBMITTED WILL BE HELD STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL. IF THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE ABOVE INFORMATION, PLEASE NOTIFY *NCMT* IMMEDIATELY.