

FAQs

1. What is the cost?

- a. Cost per class is \$32.50. Invoices will be mailed prior to the beginning of session that will include the total number of weeks for the session. Fall and spring sessions run 10 weeks (\$325), once per week for approximately 1 hour. Winter session is typically 6 weeks (\$195). We offer abilities camp during the summer months (\$325 per camper).

2. Do you bill insurance companies?

- a. No, we do not bill insurance. There are a number of community resources that will help with the cost. Raemelton Therapeutic Equestrian Center offers a limited number of scholarships for those with financial hardship. A financial aid packet must be filled out every year and a w2 needs to be included. Payment arrangements are also available. It is our goal to never turn away a student due to limited resources. We will work with you!

3. What program should I sign up for?

Before enrollment, an intake assessment will be done to ensure the participant is placed in the most beneficial program for them. We offer two programs: Equine Facilitated Learning and Therapeutic Riding.

- a. EFL (Equine Facilitated Learning) is a non-mounted educational approach that incorporates activities using equine/human interaction for self-discovery. This program promotes teamwork, leadership, coping and problem solving. The program is designed to teach the student to appropriately act, react and interact with their environment. Minimum age is 7.
- b. Therapeutic Riding is a mounted activity. The horse's movement transfers to the rider's pelvis and core system which strengthens the core muscles and provides stability and balance. Riding lessons are in a group setting, but adapted to each participant's abilities. In evaluating whether therapeutic riding is appropriate for a participant, the safety of both rider and horse is our primary concern. A rider evaluation along with a medical history and physician's statement is required before someone may even be considered for participation in the program.

4. How and when are classes scheduled?

- a. Classes are offered Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. through 5:30 pm., with a variety of times available. Therapeutic Riding is scheduled based on rider's age and riding skills/goals. There are a limited amount of classes per each age group based on horse suitability and availability. EFL classes are schedule based on participant's age. Like all other activities, we have a limited amount of spaces in each class. Classes are scheduled on a first come first served basis.

5. Who can ride?

- a. Riders must be at least 2 ½ years old with a confirmed medical diagnosis. There is no maximum age. The maximum weight limit for riders is 185 pounds. All riders must complete an intake assessment by a trained staff member and a registration packet including a medical history and physician's statement to evaluate the rider's ability, balance, behavior, etc. Periodic evaluations are done throughout the year to assess riders. These requirements are for the health and well-being of participants, horses, volunteers and staff.

6. What is the parent/guardian involvement in the lesson?

- a. Parents/guardians may observe class while it is in session. There is a heated view room overlooking the arena for your comfort. Parent intervention during class is typically not necessary and distracts from the lesson. Parents may volunteer in class. From time to time, parents may be asked to sidewalk either with their student or another student in the event that we are short volunteers for class.

7. What should I wear to class?

- a. For EFL classes, participants should wear closed toed shoes and no dangling jewelry.
- b. For Therapeutic Riding, participants should wear closed toed shoes; boots with a small heel is preferred, long pants and a riding helmet. Helmets are provided or the student is welcome to purchase their own ASTM/SEI certified riding helmet. No bike helmets are permitted.

8. Can a class be cancelled?

- a. Yes, we will cancel class if there is an active severe weather alert, thunder, hazardous driving conditions, temperature, power outage or any other reasons that may cause unsafe conditions. We will make every effort to keep you informed of cancellations if the need arises as soon as possible. In the event of a thunderstorm during class, we will dismount all riders and end class for safety reasons. A makeup class will be schedule for later during the session as the schedule allows.

9. What should I do if the participant can't make it to their class?

- a. Call the office, 419-756-0040, as soon as you are aware and leave a message. As the schedule allows, we will do our best to schedule a make-up class for excused absences. If a participant is a no call no show, there will be no refund for the missed class.

10. Do you take donations of horses for your program?

- a. No. We lease all of our horses from their owners. Please contact the office for more information.

11. Do you accept tack donations?

- a. Raemelton accepts gently used tack by donation. If we cannot use the donated tack for our programs, we will typically sell them, with the proceeds helping to fund equipment that is needed for our programs. Monetary and in-kind donations are tax-deductible.

12. How do I enroll?

- a. Please call the office at 419-756-0040.