Silver Buckle Youth Equestrian Center

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS



SBYEC Featured Instructor

Andrea

Andrea has been an instructor at SBYEC for almost 2 years now. As a youth, she competed as hunter/jumper for six years and was a part of an IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Association) team for two years.

Andrea teaches at SBYEC because she enjoys being around the horses and kids. "I love watching the kids grow and learn more about horses and riding. Seeing them light up when they come for lessons makes me so happy."

Big changes are coming for Andrea, though! She will be going out on maternity leave later this month! We are so excited for her new chapter of life as she becomes a mom, but will miss her, of course, while she is at home with her baby. Because some of you have asked, we're including her baby registry link: https://my.babylist.com/andreamode.



I'm really good at horse puns, it's my MANE category.



Student Highlight

Kodi

By: Eva Overbagh

Kodi has been a student whom most of the instructors have had the pleasure of teaching. She started out with the standard lunge line lessons, quickly moving into more advanced skills. She has learned to find a way to balance her joy of riding and her nerves over the past year through fun private lessons while preparing to join a group.

Kodi is a very independent rider (and person!) and is determined to figure everything out when it comes to horses. She has begun to learn the advanced way of steering for her level, the basics of showmanship, and how to be assertive on a lazy horse. Kodi has been riding Lark, "the potato," and has gained confidence and resilience. She has improved greatly this year, and we look forward to her continued growth in the program.





Featured Lesson Horse

Megan

Megan is a 19-year-old chestnut Quarter Horse mare. She is occasionally shared with our program by Teresa & Ted Gitner. She showed in her youth on the American Quarter Horse Association circuit as a reining horse, then later did Working Equitation competitively. The past couple of years, she was owned by a couple who took her on very long trail rides (like a week long!) in various states. Teresa bought her last year, and she has enjoyed transitioning back to Dressage work and teaching lessons. She loves kids and has a good work ethic.

Here, Megan is pictured with SBYEC lesson student, Elise Overbagh at the Black Pearls show at the Clark County Fairgrounds in October. She hadn't shown in years and came out and did wonderfully with her young rider (who had only ridden her twice before that!) What a good girl.

