

Armada Bay News

February 2009

AB Excursions (New in 2009)

We had a great January trip to the show at Latigo Trails. Kim and Francine showed their horses Willow and Bright Eye, in showmanship at Halter, Ella showed Skylar in a walk/trot Western Pleasure class, and Melanie took Eclipse into a Western Pleasure class. All of the horses were wonderful and it was fun to go somewhere with them.

For more information on Armada Bays Excursion Program, call 332-3445 or email to info@armadabay.com

February Excursion:

February 16 – Latigo Trails Monday night haul –in to ride.

Look for sign up and cost information on the bulletin board next to the tack room the next time you are at Armada Bay!



Practice Makes Perfect

Improve Your Riding Opportunities

Horses for Sale/Lease

Skylar

For sale, or I am willing to sell a 1/2 share or 1/2 lease. Skylar is a registered APHA 10 year old mare. She has the movement and athletic ability to go Western and/or English. Must remain at Armada Bay for 1/2 sale or lease option. \$4,000 purchase price.

Espresso

1/2 lease available for this 16 year old warmblood mare. Must remain at Armada Bay.



Bright Eye

1/2 lease available for this registered APHA mare. She is 6 years old and built for reining or other western events. Must remain at Armada Bay.

Double Shot

2 year old warmblood/andalusian for sale to the right potential owner. Prefer to sell 1/2 share in this incredibly talented young horse.

Armada Bay Safety/Manners Tip of the Month

There has been some confusion over the last few months about owners responsibility for farrier visits, and Armada Bay management would like to share some ideas.

The farriers' point of view varies. The vast majority of farriers are an unreliable crowd, but if we are blessed with a farrier who is reliable, we need to respect that trait. Especially if he does good work as well. If your horse is easy to catch, and the farrier can recognize him, they may say that they are willing to catch your horse without help from you. His point of view might be that for an owner to take time away from making money, to spend money, is asking a lot. So he respects your job enough, to make his job more challenging. A gift on his part there, but we must respect his job as well. If he feels taken advantage of eventually, it ends badly. I know a large barn in Falcon that my farrier will no longer go to, although they ask repeatedly, because they have become too much trouble for him. What started as a favor ending up not being worth the effort.

Barn management point of view is we like to know when folks are coming. If someone we don't know pulls your horse out of its pen, should we be concerned? Yes! We also like to see professionals that we have spent years building relationships with, farriers, vets, equine dentists, and all the rest, treated with respect. If we lose relationships with them because of boarders' behavior, everybody loses.

Some points of view may vary, but at Armada Bay, we are committed to good horsemanship, showing respect for humans and horses alike. Treat an appointment with an equine professional like you would a doctor or lawyer appt. mark your calendar and plan ahead to arrive in time, have your horse ready, and respect the farriers time and ability. If you cant be there, arrange ahead of time, for another boarder or a staff member to be there. Sharing appointments makes it easy to share catching and holding chores. If you know the charge, leave a check ahead. If you don't know the charge, find out that day and send payment. We are very fortunate to have the quality of farriers and vets that we have, and saying thank you always matters.

2009 Saturday Clinics!

Feb. 21 Ride a test clinic (\$15 per ride)

Rides includes a scored test and pointers for improvement by the judge.

Feb. 28 Horse Management Clinic

Learn the basics of caring for your horse beyond your riding lessons!

March 21 Responsible Trail Riding Clinic

How to hit the trail without hitting the trail! Prerequisite to Armada Bay Excursions/Trail Rides!!

May 2 Freestyle Riding Clinic

Introduction to riding to music, including picking music for your horses gaits.

May 30 Memorial Day Freestyle Presentations! (\$10 per freestyle)

Come for the party!

June 20 Show Grooming

Horse and tack preparation for competition.

July 25 Ride a test clinic (\$15 per ride)

Rides includes a scored test and pointers for improvement by the judge.

Sept. 26 Freestyles Part II (Part I prerequisite.)

Create a freestyle, music and choreography.

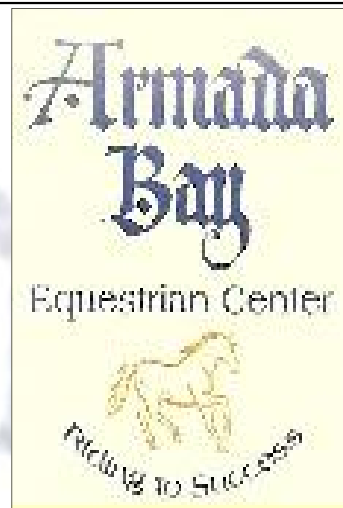
Oct. 10 Ride a test clinic (\$15 per ride)

Rides includes a scored test and pointers for improvement by the judge.

Oct. 31 Halloween Freestyles (\$10 per freestyle)

End of season celebration!!

Unless otherwise specified, one day clinics are \$95 and require a minimum of 4 participants. A 10% discount to those who sign up in full 30 days prior!



2009 Training Vacations

June 8-12

Horse Heaven: New horses and New riders. Finding the courage to live your childhood dream? Whether learning to ride or finding yourself as a new horse owner, we will address the fundamentals of horsemanship, equitation and ownership. Celebrate your passion within the positive structure you need to succeed. Bring your horse or ride one of ours.



July 6-10

Young Riders Week: For ages 12 - 19. Spend a week with your horse friends (both equine and human!) playing games and developing your skills in different areas of horsemanship. You and your horse will grow together in experience and confidence. English or western tack and week will end with an excursion.

August 10-14

Handy Horse Challenge: Want a horse you can do anything with, confident in the arena and on the trail... You and your horse can open a gate on a trail or ride a dressage test, navigate obstacles with confidence or ride a reining spin...? Here's a chance to dabble in the diverse and follow the common thread running through the riding disciplines.

September 14-18

Of Women and Horses: Passion and Technique. A week celebrating the connection between women and horses by understanding how our female traits empower us to be the kind of leaders that nurture the best in our horses and each other. Riding and improving our horsemanship skills will be a major focus of the week. We will also be exploring the creative side of horses, including drawing, music, photography and writing.

English or western tack is fine. Vacations begin Monday am through Friday pm, ending in time to pack and drive home. Feeding and care of horse is the participants responsibility. Each week will end with an excursion on the last morning.

Cost: \$550 (including stall or lease of horse, continental breakfast each day and Bar-b-q Monday and Thursday evening) Nearby lodging available. (A 10% discount to those who sign up in full 30 days prior!)

February Special Events:

16th: Excursion

21st: Ride a Test

28th: Horse Management Clinic

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| Lesson..... | \$35/hour |
| <i>Practice ride.....</i> | <i>\$20/ride</i> |
| Use of lesson horse | \$5/hour |
| Board / paddock | \$325/month |

New prices in italics

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