

# Oak Meadow Farm

## Hacking Program

Oak Meadow Farm would like to offer our students a chance to further their riding skills by taking part in supervised rides called “hacks.” Hacks will be offered during vacation weeks at specified times, no more than 3 riders per half hour, and will be filled first come, first served. Hacks will also be available by request at all times. Please keep in mind that requests will only be honored if they are available. Horses will not be overworked and therefore, some days, hacks will not be available. If you would like to request a hack, please call at least 48 hours in advance and your instructor will take your request and get back to you as soon as possible to confirm or deny the request.

### Policies:

- Riders must be approved by their instructor for hacks. General guidelines are as follows: riders must be able to walk/trot/canter with and without stirrups and riders must be able to tack up and cool out properly and independently.
- Hacking is supervised, but at your own risk. If your negligence results in a fall or injury, please refer to the Connecticut Equine Statute: “Each person engaged in recreational equestrian activities shall assume the risk and legal responsibility for any injury to his person or property arising out of the hazards inherent in equestrian sports.”
- Hack times will be available as instructors see fit. This may mean that you are hacking while your instructor teaches a lesson, meaning that you cannot socialize during your ride.
- Hacks are limited to 30 minutes and may be cut short if you are late getting on and your instructor is not in the ring beyond your scheduled time.
- Hacks will be \$30 to be paid up front.
- Hacking is a privilege that can be revoked at any time, including in the middle of a ride, for any reason. Reinstatement after revocation is at the discretion of the management.
- In the case of vacation weeks, everyone is entitled to one hack and additional spots may be filled by the same people after everyone has had a chance to sign up.

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