



How to get started:

Call us at 410-795-8371 to schedule a lesson time. Please let us know your availability (days and times).

Private lessons:

- New students ride in 30-minute private lessons until they can walk, trot, halt, and steer on their own.
- Private lessons are sold in sets of 3 lessons (usually 1 lesson per week, on a recurring day and time).
- Need to miss a private lesson? If you call to notify us *at least 24 hours in advance*, we can schedule a make-up for another day.

Group lessons:

- Once riders can walk, trot, halt, and steer on their own, they may join a 50-minute group lesson.
- Group lessons are sold in sets of 9 lessons (1 lesson per week, on a recurring day & time)..
- These lessons are once a week at a predetermined day and time; enrollment is ongoing.
- Groups consist of 3-7 riders who ride at a similar level.
- Need to miss a group lesson? If you call to notify us *at least 2 hours in advance*, we can schedule a make-up for another day.

Before you ride:

Please read our [Student Handbook](#), which can be found on our website. Students & parents should read and sign the Handbook *before* beginning lessons, as it contains pertinent information regarding our policies, services, local resources, and more (such as our inclement weather policy).

What you'll need:

- A pair of long pants
- A hard-soled shoe/boot with a heel

We provide helmets, grooming supplies, saddle pads, and crops for the first few lessons. All lesson horses have their own school tack. Please check with your instructor if you wish to use your own saddle.

As you continue to ride, talk to your instructor for specific recommendations regarding clothing/equipment. After 4 lessons, all riders must bring their own ASTM/SEI-approved riding helmet, saddle pad, grooming supplies, and crop (if needed). Additionally, we recommend purchasing paddock boots, breeches, half chaps, or jodhpurs. We suggest these tack shops:

- Maryland Saddlery (located on the corner of Falls Road and Butler Road in Monkton, MD). They know us, and they have a great rewards program! – <https://marylandsaddlery.com>.
- Dover Saddlery (located on York Road in Hunt Valley, MD) – <https://www.doversaddlery.com>.
- SmartPak (online only) – <https://www.smartpakequine.com>.

Want to ride more?

- Riders get 10% off each additional concurrent lesson set.
- Students aged 12 and older who have been enrolled in lessons at FMF for *at least* six months can take advantage of our Working Student program, which allows students to earn credit that can be applied to the cost of a second concurrent lesson set. Please ask your instructor if interested.
- Riders and families can also volunteer at farm events to earn discounts on lessons.

Lessons offered at all experience levels ... **Come ride with us!**