



August News

Fall Riding Registration Is Now Open



As summer comes to a close, it's time to start planning for an exciting fall at Thomas School of Horsemanship!

Our fall schedule is one of the **busiest times** of the year, and lesson times fill **quickly**. To secure your preferred instructor, day, and time, we strongly encourage riders to book their **entire series** of lessons now rather than scheduling one lesson at a time.

Consistent weekly riding is the best way to build confidence and strengthen skills. Riders who reserve their full series also enjoy the convenience of having a guaranteed spot each week throughout the season.

Why Choose Group Lessons?

Our group lessons continue to be one of the most popular ways to ride! Students benefit from:

- More riding time and practice
- Learning alongside friends with similar goals
- Increased confidence and motivation
- A fun, supportive atmosphere that builds teamwork and sportsmanship

Whether your goal is to master the basics, prepare for horse shows, join our IEA team, or simply enjoy time at the barn each week, fall is the perfect season to continue your riding journey.

Don't wait until your favorite lesson time is gone! Reserve your recurring weekly lesson today and enjoy a full season of progress, friendships, and fun in the saddle.

Additional lessons will be added as demand warrants.

Book Your Spot Today

HITS VI



What an incredible week for our Thomas School Riders at HITS Hudson Valley IV! We are so proud of the hard work, growth, and determination shown by each of these riders and horses.

Katherine Maresca & Citation

1st Junior/Adult 2'3" Eq U/S

Haley Martens & Brightside

1st Cross Rail Equitation Flat

1st Saugerties Child Hunter O/F
2nd Maiden Equitation Flat
3rd Saugerties Child Hunter O/F
4th Junior/Adult 2'3" Eq O/F
4th Maiden Equitation O/F
4th Maiden Equitation O/F
5th Saugerties Child Hunter U/S
6th Junior/Adult 2'3" Eq O/F

Amelia Martens & Believable

Champion Low Children's Hunter
1st \$250 The League Bit O' Straw
1st Low Children's Hunter O/F
2nd Novice Equitation Flat
3rd Novice Equitation O/F
3rd Low Children's Hunter O/F
4th Novice Equitation O/F
8th USHJA 2'6" Hunter U/S

3rd Short Stirrup Equitation O/F
3rd Short Stirrup Hunter U/S
4th Short Stirrup Equitation Flat
4th Cross Rail Equitation O/F
4th Cross Rail Equitation O/F
5th Cross Rail Equitation O/F

Ella Sandoval & Triskell de Cafeny Z

1st 0.90 Jumper
3rd 1.0 Jumper
5th Junior 1.0 Jumper
5th Junior/Amateur .90 Jumper

Johanna Babinski & Brightside

3rd USHJA 2'Hunter O/F
4th USHJA 2' Hunter O/F
4th USHJA 2'Hunter U/S

Congratulations to all of our riders, horses, families, and trainers.
These results represent so much more than ribbons...
They reflect confidence gained, goals achieved, and countless hours
of dedication.
We could not be prouder of this team!

Clinic with Julie Winkel



We're excited to welcome Julie Winkel back for another special clinic!

Julie first joined us in 2024, helping prepare our riders for IEA Nationals, and her visit was a powerful reminder of just how impactful a great clinic can be. A fresh set of experienced eyes, a new way of explaining a concept, or one small adjustment can create breakthroughs that riders carry with them long after the clinic is over.

Julie is one of the country's most respected trainers, judges, clinicians, and educators. She has officiated at many of the sport's most prestigious competitions, including Devon, the Pennsylvania National, Washington International, Capital Challenge, USEF Pony Finals, and major national equitation finals. She is also an accomplished trainer and competitor with decades of experience developing hunters, jumpers, and equitation riders.

Julie has a longstanding connection with legendary horseman Bernie Traurig, and her teaching reflects the same emphasis on classical fundamentals, thoughtful horsemanship, and understanding the "why" behind effective riding.

Clinics like this offer riders a unique opportunity to step outside their normal routine, gain a new perspective, and

make meaningful progress in a short period of time. We're thrilled to have Julie return and look forward to another inspiring and educational experience for our riders.

Register here for: **[Private Sessions](#)**

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