



Christiane Noelting Dressage Center
6954 Lewis Road,
Vacaville, CA 95687

Job: Kids Lesson Riding Instructor

\$16 to \$20 an hour, full-time or part-time

Position Overview

At the Dressage Center, we are making kids' dreams come true by offering beginner and advanced level riding lessons on our proven ponies and lesson horses. We strive to teach children (pre-K to teens) the traditional way of riding (English Style) as well as basic horsemanship in the handling of these amazing animals.

As the Kids Lesson Riding Instructor at the Dressage Center, you will be leading the Children's Program of currently 25+ lessons/week with a mindset of expanding the program. Your job consists of giving lunge line lessons for beginners as well as group or individual riding lessons for the advanced kids. On Saturdays, we are offering a horsemanship program through the city of Vacaville that is tailored to bringing in new horse enthusiasts. Our program also includes summer camps and special activities days, like the annual Easter Egg Hunt or Christmas Party, for the kids to further their involvement and connection with our animals. You will take charge of planning and execution of these activities and events in coordination with clients and barn management to provide the best experience to our children and their families.

Responsibilities

As the Kids' Lesson Riding Instructor at the Christiane Noelting Dressage Center you are responsible for:

- conducting the children's riding lessons, including overseeing and guiding kids during
 - fetching the lessons ponies/horses from their stalls and turnouts,
 - grooming and tacking up,
 - conducting lunge-line lessons, group or individual riding lessons
 - untacking and returning the ponies/horses to their stalls and turnouts
 - equipment maintenance and tack care
- establishing a safe and fun environment for kids and parents alike
- promoting and growing the Kids Riding Program through networking and other channels like social media, web campaigns, or print advertisement
- owning the client relationship and day-to-day communication with parents/ guardians
- planning and executing camps and other special events tailored to the Childrens' Program
- overseeing the health of the ponies and lesson horses used in the Kids' Program
- ensuring the basic care and upkeep of tack, equipment, supplies, and facilities used by the program
- maintain prompt and professional communication with barn management and parents
- demonstrate impeccable time management and reliably arrive to lessons on time as well prep before classes

- additional job functions may include the support of general operations during dedicated “non-instruction” time, which may include helping with cleaning and maintenance duties, assisting with animal care responsibilities, or maintaining grounds.

Key Qualifications

- min 3-5 years of experience
- English riding background
- a sincere passion for connecting children to nature, mentoring young people, and working with youth outside in *all* weather (covered riding arenas are available)
- ability to lunge horses
- understanding of basic horse health, first aid and long-term care of the animals
- strong verbal & written communication skills
- team player with a positive and engaged personality and ability to build new relationships
- certificate of completion for California Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Training (can be acquired at any time prior to start date)

Preferred Qualifications

- ability to maintain the lessons ponies/ horses and potentially train new ponies/ horses that are added to the program
- conversational Spanish
- current First Aid and CPR for Adult and Child certifications, and clear TB test results

The perfect candidate will

- continually strive to improve their own methods and skills
- have the ability to work well with a high level of autonomy & trust
- display a desire to build this program with long term grow targets in mind

Base Pay Range

\$16 to \$20 an hour, depending on qualification

Job Type

Full-time, Part-time