

*Horseback riding lessons
for all ages available at:*

Hunter's Rest

Flint Hill, Virginia

* **We offer** an innovative, active lesson program for children and adults at Hunter's Rest. Our horses are well-schooled, responsive, privately-owned sport horses. They are quiet and willing and are eager to teach you everything they know! The horses, and ponies, come in a wide range of sizes and athletic level, but the common thread is that they are all very kind and very quiet, something that will help, particularly, when fear or timidity is a factor.

* **Our riding instructors** boast more than 100 years combined experience as equine professionals. Beginners through advanced riders can benefit from our schooling and gentle -- yet fun -- teaching styles. Though there is no "minimum" age, we recommend starting formal riding instruction at age 5 or 6, when a child's comprehension level, physical strength and attention span begin to line up. However, younger kids -- much younger -- can benefit from an introduction to horses and ponies at a very young age, so you're welcome to bring the younger kids out for an intro lesson (with emphasis on safety and fun) as early as you wish.

We also have many mother-daughter (even one father-daughter, and a father-son) students who enjoy riding together from time to time. Lessons are taught on a private or very small group basis, divided according to age and skill levels, but we can easily make special arrangements for friends or relatives riding at different levels to practice at the same time.

* **We offer** lessons every day of the week, anytime of day, and can work around your busy schedules.

* **Lessons are \$40.** You will be taught -- and helped, if necessary, to handle, groom and tack your own horse in addition to learning the correct riding skills to have a rewarding lifelong relationship with horses.

* **Summer camps,** holiday parties, riding clinic weekends, field trips and more are offered. Hunter's Rest has the most unique riding program in the region as we can take a rank beginner from their initial introduction to a horse all the way to the show ring or the event course or the hunt field, something bigger, less personal programs cannot do.

We look forward to meeting you and your kids! Contact farm owner-instructor Betsy Parker at (540) 364-2929 or E-mail BetsyP@crosslink.net. The farm's Web site is www.HuntersRest.net.