



SERRANO CREEK RANCH EQUESTRIAN CENTER



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As part of our greening of SCR, we will be adding additional trees this winter (see photo). These additional trees will continue our efforts to reduce summer temperatures by providing increased shade. We are trying to locate the trees in areas that collect water from the winter storms. These saturated areas will then have higher soil moisture levels to sustain these drought-resistant trees (once established) without requiring additional water. As part of our settlement, the Stormwater Horse Infiltration Trenches we have started installing throughout the stable are excellent sources of moist soils for the hot summer months.



Hay Price Update

This year's drought has pinched farmers and ranchers to our north. Many growers of orchard and timothy hays have not obtained the necessary water to continue to irrigate their fields and have therefore ceased growing for the remainder of the season. As a result, there is a real shortage of these two hays. The broker we purchase from has secured our year's needs so that orchard and timothy will be available. We have ensured our hay supply because we always pay in full upon each delivery.

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SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

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SERRANO CREEK REMINDERS



Arena Priority

1. Riding
2. Lunging (Always ask the rider if it is ok to lung your horse before entering the arena)
3. Turnouts (15 min a horse or if more than one is turned out the maximum turnout time is 20 mins)

Driving at the Stables

Please remember that our speed limit is 5MPH on stable grounds and even slower when horses and riders are present.



Waterers

Please make sure that you are cleaning your horses waterers regularly. As horses drink 10 gallons of water a day and even more on hot days.

Guests At SCR

As a reminder, any guests, leasers or people that are helping you take care of your horse are your responsibility when they are on SCR property. It is the responsibility of the owner to have their guest read, understand, and sign the SCR Safety Manual and release form, which is available in the office.

Wash Rack

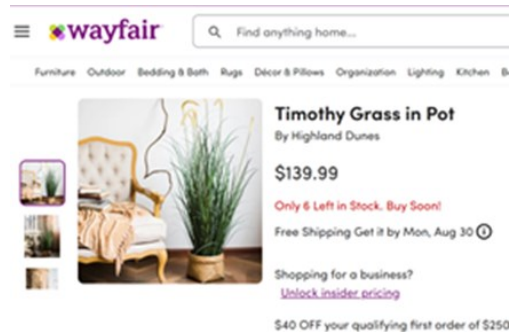
The wash rack is the only designated area to bathed or rinse off your horse. We ask that you please do not bathed or rinse your horse on any other part of the stable's ground. When bathing your horse, please make sure that you use the least amount of water as possible, and make sure that your horse is being rinsed off on the concrete portion only. It is extremely important to clean after your horse, so please pick up any manure or trash and dispose of it in the proper receptacle.

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For the slow payers, this year looks gloomy at best. The bad news is that the market price for even the best payers has been increased by 10% a few months back.

Besides the price increase, the smoke from the fires blocks the sun and lengthens the drying time before the proper baling moisture is reached. So, for example, the orchard will have a grey/silvery cast to it. Nutritionally the values are the same; it is just the appearance will be different. Unlike timothy and orchard, our alfalfa comes from the Imperial Valley rather than from the north. Because the farmers of the Valley were involved in the water allocation of the Colorado River more than 100+ years ago, they have very senior rights on water. Consequently, they have received their total allocation for this season's growing period. As of today, we aren't expecting significant price increases, but time will tell.

Effective in your October bill, you will see orchard and timothy increased by 10% to help us recapture our incurred costs. For those with a green thumb, we found an alternative on the Wayfair website you might want to consider. For now, there will be no increases in alfalfa prices as we wait and see.



New Feed Rates

Feed	2-3	5-6	7-8	9-10
Type	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.
Alfalfa	\$27	\$42	\$52	\$60
Orchard	\$36	\$59	\$75	\$91
Timothy	\$38	\$63	\$80	\$97

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Barn Etiquette Series: Arena Manners



When entering any arena, always wait until the entrance is clear before making your way in. Once in the arena, it is extremely crucial to close the arena gate, in the case that a rider falls or a horse gets loose, the runaway horse might leave the arena and injure itself or others. So please make sure to close the gate.

While riding, always look out for beginning riders, riders taking lessons, and young or excitable horses, and you give them plenty of room and consideration. Please remember, you were once a beginner rider too!

If there are several riders in the arena, be aware of other riders and give them plenty of space. No galloping when other riders are in the arena. We ask that you please always use common courtesy. When passing from behind, pass very wide, circle, or cut across the arena. Also, pass on the inside rather than on the rail. When passing a rider coming from the opposite direction, left shoulder to left shoulder, as you do with the oncoming traffic when driving a car.

When riders are in the arena, only the instructors, trainers, and those involved in training or working their individual horse may be on the ground inside the arena. If the arena has jumps, stands, or other obstacles, and you knock them down or move them, please make sure to replace it promptly.

When utilizing the arenas, please remember that riders have first priority over lunging and turning out. Lunging is permitted in any of the arenas if space permits and if the riders gives you permission and feels that their horse will not be troubled. It is important to always ask the individuals riding in the arena if they would mind if you lunged your horse. If they say no, then you cannot. Lunging is only allowed in arenas that have 4 or fewer riders.

Turnouts are allowed in every arena except the front arena. Turnouts are only 15 mins and 20 mins if more than one horse is in the turnout. Please make sure to stay with your horse at all times when turning out your horse, just in case a rider wants to ride or lung their horse.

Professional Services

Directory



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Western Lessons
& Training
(949) 295-4807

Silver Stirrup Riding Academy

Beginning English, Western,
and Camps
(949) 354-3603

MKO Performance Horses

Western & Barrel
Training/ Lessons
(949) 351-4706

Heart & Soul Horse Care

Western Lessons and Horse
Care
(949) 246-2466

Tom Betts-Aranda

Dressage Lessons
(949)291-8262

Silver Iris Farms

All-Around English and 3-Day
Eventing
(949)395-0932

Brave Grace

Equine Inspired Growth and
Healing
(949) 371-6240

New Flight Counseling

Equine Assisted EMDR
(949)793-9264

Simple Horses Sense

Equine Assisted Counseling
(714)468-2512



Meet our Newest English Trainer



Melissa McKeever is an English trainer who is currently focusing on 3-Day Eventing. She is offering English flat, Jumping, and Dressage lessons at SCR. Melissa has been riding and teaching professionally for over 20 years. She started riding at a young age more than 30 years ago in Athens Greece.

She has always had a passion and love for horses. She strives to improve the relationships between horse and rider through riding instruction and horsemanship. She began her riding career doing Western pleasure, gymkhana, and barrel racing. Then she switched over to the Hunter/Jumper circuit and local Dressage shows. Eventually she combined her love for all disciplines and transitioned to 3-Day Eventing. She has also enjoyed working with SAS and Endurance horses.

She is a graduate HA pony clubber from the traditional 3-day Eventing track. She continues to give back to the United States Pony Club by teaching and acting as a regional examiner for local testings.

She rode overseas at Vilhelmsborg the National Equestrian Center of Denmark. There she studied Dressage and worked with the national breeding stallions. She also worked with a 3-Day Eventing barn just outside of Aarhus, Denmark during her time overseas.

She has had the privilege to work with former Olympic riders and course designers. She has successfully started many young horses. She has extensive trail riding experience and enjoys working with Endurance horses. She worked as a hunter/jumper judge on the 4H and Inland Empire schooling show circuits. She is one of the original founders of the California State University Fullerton Equestrian Team.

Melissa is currently accepting new clients who already own, lease, or have a horse to use at SCR. She looks forward to meeting you and your horses soon. Happy Trails!



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LESLIE THOMSON TRAINING



Congrats to all the riders and their horses for a successful participation in this past weekend LSAC show. Thank you to all SCR boarders, friends, and family for coming to cheer us on and join the fun! Big shout out to the following riders and their horses:

- Kendra on Jack
- Brown on King
- Christi on Linda
- Emma on Lanne
- Stephanie on Duncan
- Ally on Perla
- Sherin on Hunter
- Lauren on Tucker
- Sara on Rosie
- Kaitlin on Dakota

