

LIVING THE DREAM...

Imagine a weekend getaway to the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains during the most beautiful time of year, away from the responsibilities of home surrounded by friends indulging in your favorite passion. A place where someone else does all the cooking, and you can have your choice of several desserts each night. Don't worry about gaining a pound because you will have your own personal trainer to keep you in shape. And the best part about this scenario — This is no fantasy! It is real and it is SWVADA's 15th Annual Adult Camp!

Adult Camps differ from typical dressage clinics. Lessons, auditing, supplemental lectures, meals, hotel and stabling are, as they say in the travel industry, "all inclusive". Moreover, the close bonds formed between participants while helping one another, auditing lessons, and discussing the days sessions over hors d'oeuvres, wine and dinner make for the full camp experience.

Our camps are held at Stone Bridge Farm (formerly Fancy Hill Farm) in Natural Bridge. Visit them at www.stonebridgefarm.com to see pictures of this beautiful facility.

More than 50% of our campers are repeat customers. They return because they know that they can count on top notch instruction in a supportive and fun atmosphere.



Testimonials

SWVADA's Camp was so much more than I expected! The instruction was supreme, the camaraderie was empowering and the overall atmosphere was welcoming. Oh, and did I mention the food...FABULOUS!

Becky Morrisett, Moneta, VA

This was my first year at camp and if the check-book allows it, I will be back every year until I am unable to get on a horse. I anticipated having a "nice" time, not the time of my life!

Lucy Lokant, White Sulfa Springs, WV

I had high hopes when I left Mathews, and camp exceeded my expectations. I was sure the clinicians would be great and the venue wonderful. But, I was completely unprepared for how supportive and fun everyone was. Who could know that a group of such different people could offer such a great team for each other? We all have dressage in common, but our horses are different, we come from different backgrounds, and we have different goals. No matter. We could all understand the challenges and celebrate when somebody overcame a hurdle. Whether the challenge was a fear of cantering, or getting that perfect pirouette, there were always cheers and congratulations for riders and clinicians.

Becky Paquet, Mathews, VA



DRESSAGE CAMP

2011

October 7 - 9

Stone Bridge Farm
Natural Bridge, Virginia

Clinicians:

Liz Steacie
Tracey Smith-Oliver

\$675 Tuition

Lessons, Lectures
Motel, Meals & Stall

\$50 discount for tuition
paid in full before August 15

Accepting Deposits June 1

SPACE IS LIMITED

Contact Marie to Register at
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What is Dressage Camp ?

The Southwest Chapter of the Virginia Dressage Association has hosted an Adult Dressage Camp for 15 years. It is operated by the guidelines set forth by the USDF Adult Camp Program except that we offer private, not group, lessons. Riders of all levels and experience are welcomed and encouraged. We have had campers learning to post the trot and professional riders looking to put the finishing touches on their FEI mounts. .

Campers are able to interact with the clinicians in both formal and informal Q & A sessions. Additional educational opportunities presented at past camps have included Equestrian Yoga, Saddle Fitting, Equine Massage, Centered Riding, Proper Longeing, and Groundwork Demonstrations. Campers also have access to SWVADA extensive media library.

The educational opportunities are plentiful and first rate, but what makes this event truly special, is the camaraderie and generosity of spirit that have been demonstrated year after year making each camp a memorable and cherished endeavor. This fun, highly charged and supportive learning environment transforms a seemingly routine dressage clinic into the magic we call SWVADA Adult Dressage Camp.

Thanks to grants awarded through The Dressage Foundation's Violet M. Hopkins Fund, we have been able to keep our tuition affordable.

Can You Picture Yourself Here ?



THE 2011 INSTRUCTORS

Liz Steacie



Tracey Smith-Oliver



Liz is a member of the Canadian National Team and has had many national level wins and success in international dressage competitions. She is coached by her mom, Sue Rothgeb, a recently retired FEI judge. Liz and her husband Adam live in Brockville, Ontario, where they own and operate Porcupine Hill (www.porcupinehill.com), a dressage training stable. Liz has been listed with the Canadian Equestrian Team since 1994.

Tracey Smith-Oliver has competed through Preliminary level eventing and PSG dressage. She has been privileged over the years to receive instruction from Lilo Fore, Lucinda Green, Karen and David O'Connor, Harriet Peterson, Gerhard Politz, Cindy Sydnor, Walter Zettl, and Jim Wofford. Tracey is a USDF L Graduate and a USDF Certified Instructor. Currently, Tracey is a dressage instructor and trainer at her farm, Dixon Hill, LLC in Fairfield, VA and welcomes students and horses at all levels.