



SUNFLOWER FARMS

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The air is warmer, the rain is coming down, and seeds are sprouting new life all over the place! Spring is finally here! Of course as we all know with the new season comes new subjects to cover in this month's Seed.

Just so everyone is aware, even though the weather is warmer and we all want to be outside riding, we really need to wait just a little while longer. All of the outdoor rings will be closed when needed to allow the base to dry out. We are doing this so that the footing does not get ruined. This is for everyone's benefit so please help us out on this.

Also, with the changing of the seasons comes much warmer weather. I'm sure all of our horse friends would really appreciate it if we stripped off those hot blankets to let them feel the sun on their backs. Please take all of the blankets off of the stall doors and have the farm wash them. There is a book in the office for a description of the varying services we offer.

Just some reminders for our last weeks in the indoor arenas. First, for safety reasons, please remember to say, "DOOR" when you're entering or exiting the arenas. Second, if you are using any of the poles in the arenas during your ride please be courteous to those riding after you and remember to take them down and put them away when you're done.

I know that all of us love being here at Sunflower, however, we ask that you please heed the hours that we have posted. The gates will open at 6am and we are closed at 9pm. Though we haven't been overly stringent on this we are

going to be enforcing these times starting immediately. Please be off of your horse by 9:00 and wrapping up your ride so that you are able to exit the gates by 9:30. This is for safety as well as insurance reasons.

For the safety and well being of those who board with us and their equine friends, please remember that smoking is only allowed in your cars or on the deck across from F Barn.

By now everyone should have received the letter explaining that we are no longer sending out bills for basic board. Board payments will be due the first of the month and a late charge will be applied to all fees after the 10th of the month. All payments will be deposited weekly instead of bimonthly, as we have done in the past.

Finally, last but not least, because of the time of year, we are doing the best that we can to rotate the horses in the all weather paddocks. We are taking great care to make sure that none of your horses slip in the mud and get hurt. Please be patient with the current schedule. Also, we are reseeding the pastures so those will be ready for turnout as well.

Thank you to everyone for your patience and cooperation. We believe that we have the best group of people we could ever hope for. Hope everyone enjoys the beautiful weather!



"No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle."

~Winston Churchill