



ELLIS HOUSE & EQUESTRIAN

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2019

Equestrian Center Program Catalog



**Riding Lessons * Birthday Parties
Summer Camps * Scout Outings
Pony Club * Lead Line Lessons
Group Tours**

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About the Ellis Equestrian Center...

The Ellis House and Equestrian Center is a facility of the Kendall County Forest Preserve District located at Baker Woods Forest Preserve along the Aux Sable Creek woodland corridor in Minooka, Illinois.

Ellis House and Equestrian Center facilities include the Ellis House and Event Tent available for rental for small to large family occasions and events, classroom space for children's camps and birthday parties, an indoor and outdoor riding arena, and 8-stall horse stable, and multi-purpose hiking and riding trail loops through the preserve's scenic areas.

Ellis Equestrian Center offers a variety of equestrian-focused educational and recreational programs for adults and children introducing students to horse care knowledge and safety practices, and beginner-level recreational riding.

Ellis Equestrian Center is the host facility for Sunrise Center North, a not-for-profit therapeutic riding program specializing in services that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with special needs by using equine oriented activities for cognitive, physical, emotional and social well being. **All Ellis Equestrian Center programs require advanced reservations, with prices subject to change.**

Programs include, but are not limited to the following:

Lead Line Individual Lessons and Lesson Packages - Ages 4 through 6

Individual and 5-lesson packages are available for beginning riders to explore basic horse care and handling, tacking and mounting, and seat position. Lessons are offered in 6-week session blocks, with prorated package pricing available.

Individual and Semi-Private Lessons and Lesson Packages - Ages 7 through Adult

Individual, semi-private, and 5-lesson packages are available for beginning riders to explore basic horsemanship through intermediate horse care and handling, tacking and mounting, seat position, and walk-trot-canter progression and control. Lessons are offered in 6-week session blocks, with prorated package pricing available.

Pony Club

Pony Club is a special program offered to Ellis Equestrian Center lesson students that provides opportunities for students to support the care of Ellis and Sunrise Center North horses, receive additional instruction and training, and have fun with mixed-age group peers involved with daily horse care and learning activities. Pony Club meets year-round in 12-weeks sessions, with the Club's winter session offered once every two weeks.

Pony Parties, Group Outings and Summer Camps

Pony Parties are available for children ages 4 and up, and feature use of the Ellis House party room, Ellis horses meet-and-greet, lead-line pony ride, and optional craft activity for an additional charge. Ellis Equestrian Center also offers a variety of group outing packages, and summer camp programs for children.





Ellis Equestrian Center Lessons Programs 2018 Sessions Schedule and Pricing

2018 Sessions Calendar

March 3 through April 6 April 14 through May 18 May 26 through June 29	July 7 through August 10 August 18 through September 21 September 29 through November 2 November 10 through December 14
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Please note that you CAN enroll in lessons mid-session and that lessons ARE offered during the winter months as well!

Ellis House and Equestrian Center offers a wonderful beginner riding lesson program. Lessons are offered year round, 7 days a week with a qualified riding instructor. Both English and Western riding styles are offered for students 4 years of age and older, with lessons personalized for each student's individual needs and goals.

1-hour lessons include 15-minutes of grooming and tacking-up, 30-minutes of riding, and 15-minutes of un-tacking, grooming, and a lesson review.

Individual Lead Line Lessons and Individual and Semi-Private Beginner Horsemanship Lessons are offered year-round. Riders are scheduled for 5-consecutive riding lessons per session, with individual private and semi-private lesson rates available.

Riders are able to reschedule a single lesson during the make-up week for that session when a minimum **48-hour advanced notification** is provided for the rescheduled lesson. If a rider is a no-show, the rider will **not** be able to make-up the lesson. If a holiday falls on the rider's scheduled day, the prorated lesson fee will be deducted from the 5-week session. Payment is required before the start of the first lesson.

All riders are required to sign a waiver of liability and wear helmets at all times.

Lead Line Individual Lessons and Lesson Packages - Ages 4 through 6

	Kendall County Resident Fees	Non-Resident Fees
5-Lead Line Lesson Package	\$ 87.50	\$112.50
Individual Lessons	\$ 20.50	\$ 25.50

Individual and Semi-Private Lessons and Lesson Packages - Ages 7 through Adult

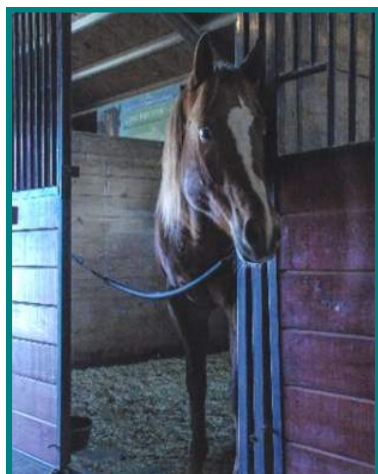
	Kendall County Resident Fees	Non-Resident Fees
5-Semi-Private Lessons Package	\$125.00	\$145.00
Individual Private Lessons	\$ 31.00	\$ 36.00
5-Individual Lessons Package	\$165.00	\$185.00
Individual Lessons	\$ 41.00	\$ 46.00

Pony Club 12-Week Sessions*

	Session Tuition
Spring Session (March—June)	\$120
Summer Session (July—September)	\$120
Fall Session (October—December)	\$120
Winter Session (January—March)	\$ 60

(*) Pony Club participation is limited to students concurrently enrolled in lessons within each seasonal session.

Ellis Equestrian Center Pony Birthday Parties



Children and families are invited to Ellis Equestrian Center to learn and interact with the horses in a fun and unique way while celebrating your child's birthday!

A 3-hour Pony Party includes:

- 1-hour of interactive hands-on horse activities and riding
- 1-hour of a craft activity provided by Ellis
- 1-hour for your leisure in our classroom or outside to eat and open gifts!

The horse craft provided and lead by Ellis Equestrian Center staff is a Horse Head to take home.

Additional craft options and activities such as a tractor-drawn hayride, horseshoe craft, and face painting can also be arranged for an extra fee of \$2.00 per participant per activity. Ask for details and pricing!

All activities are age appropriate and keep the safety of the participants in mind!

Pony Birthday Party Pricing:

Kendall County Residents \$200.00

Out-of-County Residents \$210.00

Pricing includes a party for up to 10 children.

Additional children:

Kendall County Residents \$20.00 for each additional child.

Out-of-County Residents \$21.00 for each additional child.

Parties can accommodate 5 to 25 children. Please provide one adult chaperone for every 5 children attending.

Food and decorations are not provided by Ellis House and Equestrian Center.



Scout Outings and Group Adventure Tours

Scout Outings

Come to Ellis to earn your next badge! Get hands on with our horses and review basic horse knowledge including horse care, feeding, brushing, horse behavior, and more! This is a 3-hour learning session with crafts.



Scout Outing Pricing:

Kendall County Residents \$190.00

Out-of-County Residents \$200.00

Pricing includes a party for up to 10 children.

Additional children:

Kendall County Residents \$19.00 for each additional child.

Out-of-County Residents \$20.00 for each additional child.

**Ellis Patches, tractor-drawn hayrides, and horseshoe craft are available for an additional charge of \$2.00 per scout (\$3.00 per scout for hayrides).*

Group Adventure Tours

Group tours provide a one-hour option for school programs, summer camps, and church groups to come out and learn about Ellis House and Equestrian Center! Groups receive a tour of the Ellis barn and facilities, and have the opportunity to learn the basics of horse care through fun, hands on activities!

Group Adventure Tour Pricing:

\$50 for up to 10 people

\$5 per person additional for groups larger than 10 people.

Equestrian Center Field Trip Programs

Ellis Equestrian Center Field Trip programs provide two to three-hour program options for school groups, summer camps, and church groups to host a learning field day at Ellis House and Equestrian Center. Groups receive a tour of the Ellis barn and facilities, receive a lead-line lesson, and have the opportunity to learn the basics of horse care through fun, hands on activities!

Field Trip Program Pricing:

\$8.00 per student

Field trip stations include tour, grooming the horses, and a craft station. Environmental science lessons may be substituted, and can include a stream life study of the Aux Sable Creek, and insect studies within the surrounding Baker Woods Forest Preserve.

Craft Upgrade, tractor-drawn hay rides, and face painting stations are available for an additional fee of \$2.00 per student.

Pony rides are available for an additional fee of \$5.00 per student



2019 Summer Camps for Children

Summer Day Camps at Ellis Equestrian Center provide children with the opportunity to learn the basics of horse care and horse behavior. All camps include fun, hands-on activities that teach safe, responsible care for horses. Children learn confidence around the horses by feeding, grooming, leading, and riding the animals on a daily basis at our camps!

In addition to getting hands on with our horses, our camps provide a daily craft and a variety of games and activities to keep your child busy and having fun while they are here at Ellis!

Our summer camps here at Ellis are divided into three different age groups to accommodate to the needs of each child.

Children's Summer Day Camp Options and Pricing

PARENT AND TOT DAY CAMP:

\$45 (Kendall County) / \$50 (Out of County)

This is a two hour, one day camp offered for our younger horse lovers!

Explore the wonderful world of horses with your tot!

Ages 3 to 5

Session 1: Mon. June 10th

Session 2: Mon. July 1st

Session 3: Mon. July 29th

All Parent and Tot Camps run from 9:00 am-11:00 am

ONE DAY CAMPS:

\$65 (Kendall County) / \$70 (Out of County)

This is a one day, FOUR hour camp that explores grooming, handling, and riding horses, as well as a craft and other activities. One day camps provide a great option for introducing the love of horses to your child!

Ages 6 to 8

Session 1: Tues. June 11th

Session 2: Tues. July 16th

Ages 9 to 13

Session 1: Thurs. June 13th

Session 2: Thurs. July 18th

All One Day camps run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

THREE DAY CAMPS:

\$200 (Kendall County) / \$210 (Out of County)

Ellis Equestrian Center 3-day camps are four-hours per day. Camps will provide students with hands-on horse care, feeding, handling, and riding. Each camp also includes a daily craft and other explorations of Baker Woods Forest Preserve.

Ages 6 to 8

Session 1: June 18—20 (Tues. – Thurs.)

Session 2: July 23—July 25 (Tues. – Thurs.)

Ages 9 to 13

Session 1: June 25—27 (Tues. – Thurs.)

Session 2: July 30—Aug 1 (Tues.—Thurs.)

All Three Day Camps run from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

REGISTER TODAY!

Summer camp enrollments are limited and fill fast!

Contact the Ellis Equestrian Center at **(815) 475-4035** to get details on registration or visit us at www.ellishec.com.



Sunrise Center North Therapeutic Riding Program



Sunrise Center North is a not-for-profit therapeutic riding program specializing in services that enhance the quality of life for children and adults with special needs by using equine oriented activities for cognitive, physical, emotional and social well being.

Programs include, but are not limited to the following:

Special Needs Therapeutic Horseback Riding Program

This program offers the opportunity to benefit from the movement of a horse in a controlled and safe environment. Therapeutic riding is a wonderful, emotional, physical and social activity for the disabled person. Many individuals with physical disabilities have seen vast improvement in core strength, flexibility and balance from our program. Often riders with mental disabilities improve his/her cognitive comprehension. Although the movement of the horse has proven benefits to the body and mind, the bond between the horse and rider cannot be put into tangible terms. We look forward to working with each rider and his/her individual goals.

Horses for Heroes

This unique program provides equine therapy for wellness and rehabilitation to disabled veterans. Horses for Heroes programs are endorsed by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.), formerly the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA).

Autistic Musical Class on Horseback

The songs will be interactive with the riders while the movement of the horse along with the repetition of the songs can be soothing to an autistic individual.

Seniors in Saddles

The classes will be structured to help the senior with the following areas by grooming and riding the horse: increased blood circulation, increase liver function and digestion as well as stimulation of the internal organs, help bone-density and muscle mass, and keep the mind sharp.

Sunrise Center North therapeutic riding instruction is offered year-round following the Ellis Equestrian Center's lesson session schedule. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.sunrisenorth.org>.

To schedule an appointment and tour of the Ellis Equestrian Center, or to discuss your specific program needs, please contact:

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Ellis Equestrian Center - Contact Information

Ellis Equestrian Center is dedicated to connecting environmental stewardship with equestrian, educational, and recreational opportunities for the residents of Kendall County.

Baker Woods Forest Preserve and Ellis House and Equestrian Center's trails are open year round from 8:00 am to sunset. **All Ellis Equestrian Center facility rentals and programs require advanced reservations.**

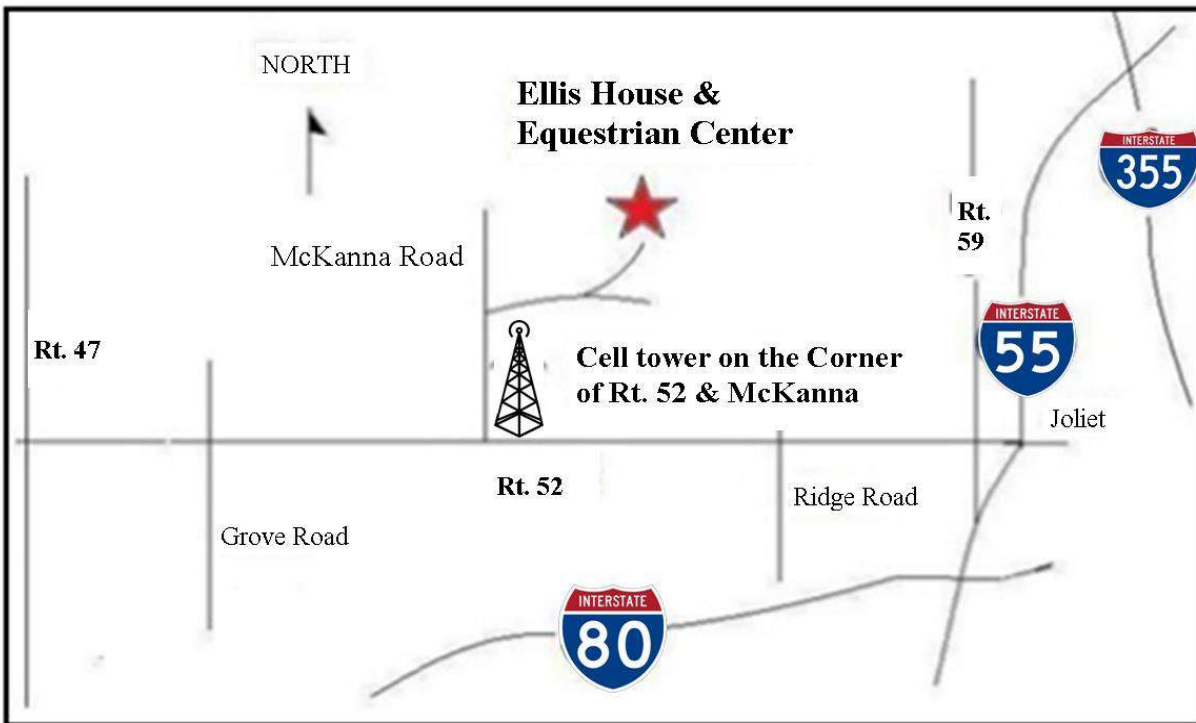
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