



## 2024 Equestrian Center Program Catalog



**Riding Lessons \* Birthday Parties  
Summer Camps \* Scout Outings  
Private\* Semi-Private \* Lead Line Lessons  
Group Tours**

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# About the Ellis Equestrian Center..



Ellis House and Equestrian Center facilities include the Ellis House 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 12 stall horse stable, and multi-purpose hiking and riding trail loops through the preserve's scenic areas.

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 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 both English and western riding lessons.

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.

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 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 session blocks, with prorated package pricing available.

## **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 horse head cut-put craft activity or a actual horse shoe to decorate (additional charge). Ellis Equestrian Center also offers a variety of group outing packages, and summer camp programs for children.

## **Horse Adventure Tours**

Come and experience the wonderful world of horses! In this 1 hour class you will learn about safety, breeds and colors. Then, enjoy the hands-on activities of grooming and leading a horse.

# Ellis Equestrian Center Lessons Programs 2024 Sessions Schedule and Pricing

Ellis House and Equestrian Center offers a wonderful 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 7 years of age and older, with lessons personalized for each student's individual needs and goals.

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

Lead Line Lessons, Private and Semi-Private Lessons are offered year-round. Riders are scheduled for 5-consecutive weekly riding lessons per session. Ellis Houses allocates 6 weeks for each 5 week session. If a rider misses a lesson during the session and calls to cancel, the 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 call / 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 lessons start for each session.**

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

## Lead Line Lessons - Ages 4 through 6

	Kendall County Resident Fees	Non-Resident Fees
5-Lead Line Lesson Package	\$ 140.00	\$160.00
Individual Lessons	\$ 33.00	\$ 37.00

## Private Lesson Packages - Ages 7 through Adult

	Kendall County Resident Fees	Non-Resident Fees
5-Private Lessons Package	\$230.00	\$265.00
Individual Private Lessons	\$ 58.00	\$ 67.00

## Semi-Private Lessons - Ages 7 through Adult

	Kendall County Resident Fees	Non-Resident Fees
Package	\$180.00	\$215.00
Individual Lessons	\$ 46.00	\$ 53.00

Please note that the Ellis Equestrian Center will prorate lesson package fees for mid-session enrollments.

## **2024 SESSION SCHEDULE**

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| 1. Jan 7- Feb 10<br>Make-up Week Feb 11-17                              | 5. June 23-July 27 <b>No Class July 3-4</b><br>Make-up Week July 28-Aug 3 |
| 2. Feb 18-Mar 23 <b>No Class Mar 29-30</b><br>Make-up Week Mar 24-Apr 1 | 6. Aug 4 –Sept 7 <b>No Class Sept 2</b><br>Make-up Week Sept. 8-14        |
| 3. Mar 31- May 4 <b>No Class Mar 31</b><br>Make-up Week May 5-11        | 7. Sept. 15 - Oct. 19<br>Make-up Week Oct 20-26                           |
| 4. May 12– June 15 <b>No Class May 27</b><br>Make-up Week June 16-22    | 8. Oct. 27-Nov 30 <b>No Class Nov 28-29</b><br>Make-up Dec 1-7            |
|   | 9. Dec 8-21 2 week mini 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!

## Pony Birthday Party Pricing (up to 10 kids):

Kendall County Residents	\$250.00
Each additional child.	\$25.00
Out of County Residents	\$260.00
Each additional child.	\$26.00



Parties can accommodate 5 to 25 children. Please provide one adult chaperone for every 6 children attending.

The horse craft and horse activities are provided by Ellis Equestrian Center staff. Additional options and activities such as a tractor-drawn hayride and/or upgrade horseshoe craft for \$4.00 /person and/or face painting for \$3.00/person can be added on to your party package. All activities are age appropriate and keep the safety of the participants in mind!



# Scout Outings and Group Adventure Tours

## Scout Outing

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

### **Scout Outing Pricing:**

Kendall County Residents	\$250.00
Out-of-County Residents	\$260.00

*Pricing includes an outing for up to 10 children.*

Additional children:

Kendall County Residents	\$25.00 for each additional child.
Out-of-County Residents	\$26.00 for each additional child.



Additional options and activities such as a tractor-drawn hayride, upgrade horseshoe craft for \$4.00 /person and/or face painting for \$3.00/person can be added on to your party package

## Family Horse Adventure

This program is designed for a family of 6 or less to enjoy a one hour informative horse adventure. This experience includes: learning basic horse information; tour of the barn; and hands-on interaction with a horse.

### **Family Horse Adventure Pricing:**

\$85.00 for up to 6 people  
\$14.00 for each additional participant  
\$10.00 per person for riding option

## 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, and learn the basics of horse care through fun, hands on activities!

### **Field Trip Program Pricing:**

\$12.00 per student  
\$10.00 / person for riding option



# 2024 Summer Horse 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 at Ellis are designed to accommodate the needs of our children and are divided into three different age groups.

## Children's Summer Day Camp Options and Pricing

### PARENT AND TOT DAY CAMPS

Explore the wonderful world of horses with your tot!  
This is a two hour, 1-day camp offered for our younger horse lovers and the parent!

#### **Ages 3 to 5**

**Session 1:** Mon. June 10th

**Session 2:** Mon. July 8h

**Session 3:** Mon. August 5th

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

#### **PRICES:**

**\$66** (Kendall County residents)

**\$72** (Out-of-County)

### THREE DAY CAMPS

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 16-18 (Tues. – Thurs.)

#### **Ages 9 to 13**

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

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

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

#### **PRICES:**

**\$260** (Kendall County residents)

**\$270** (Out-of-County)

### 2 NIGHTS & 3 DAYS OVERNIGHT CAMP

This exciting new camp will teach every aspect of what it is like to own a horse. It will include classroom lessons on basic horse knowledge; daily horse care, different disciplines of riding, horse crafts, movie nights & much more!

#### **Ages 8-14**

**Session:** July 28-30 (Sun-Tues.)

#### **PRICES:**

**\$475**(Kendall County resident)

**\$525**(Out-of-County)

**Overnight Camp Times: Sunday, 3:00 pm drop off –Tuesday, Noon pick up**

### **REGISTER TODAY!**

Summer camp enrollments are limited and fill fast!

Contact the Ellis Equestrian Center at (815) 475-4035 to get details on registration.

Registration forms can be found online at [www.kendallforest.com](http://www.kendallforest.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)

## 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, contact:

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or visit our website at:  
<http://www.sunrisenorth.com>

# 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.**

## 2022 Ellis Equestrian Center Staff Directory

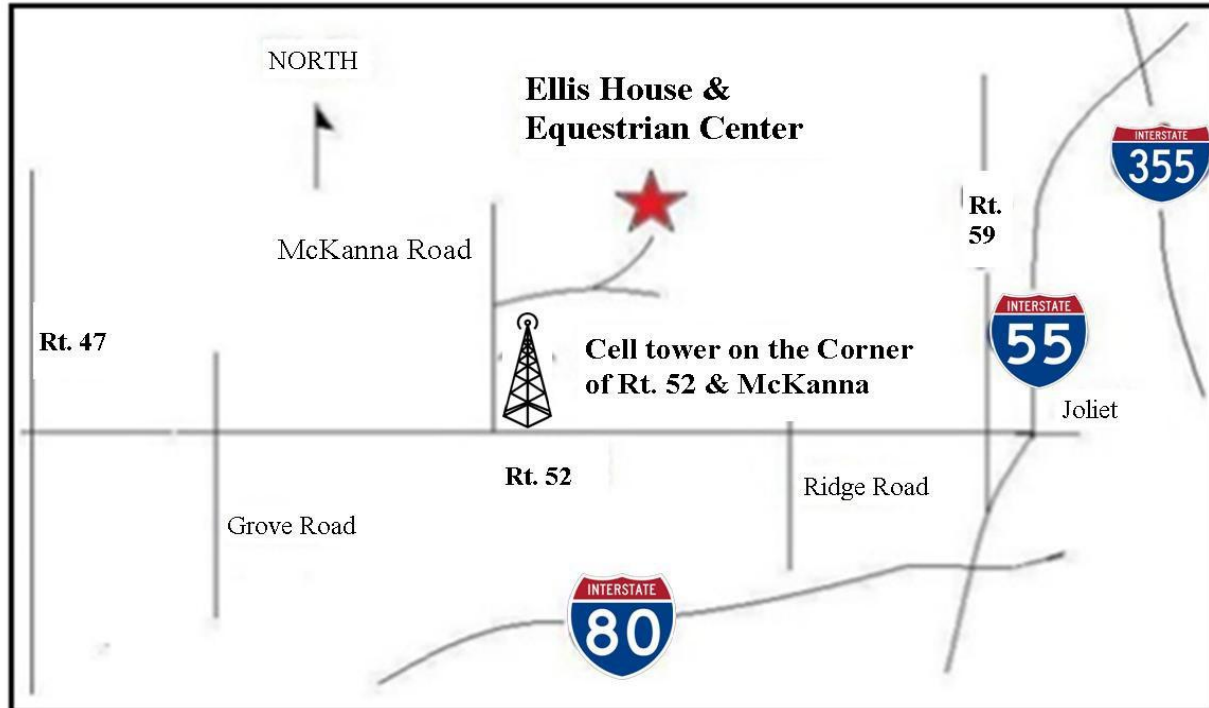
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