

Spring Season Varsity Schedule

Practice dates:

- 1/23/24, 1/30/24, 2/6/24, 2/13/24, 2/20/24, 2/27/24, 3/5/24, 3/12/24, 3/26/24, 4/2/24, 4/9/24, 4/16/24, 4/23/24, 4/30/24

Performance Dates:

- 4/19/24-4/21/24 - Tiger, GA - Rabun Arena (State Competition)
- 5/4/24 - Spring Spectacular - Dabney Riding Academy

Other Important dates:

- 3/16/24 - Dabney Spring Fun Show (participation optional, personal horses only, no renting school horses)
- 3/18/24 - 3/22/24 - Mid-season break. This week will be used for any makeup practices or extra practices needed. If no makeup practices or extra practices are needed, then no practice will take place.

Tuition / Fees

January payment: \$200 **Due 1/23/24**

February payment: \$250 **Due 2/6/24**

March payment: \$250 **Due 3/5/24**

Or you may make a 1 time payment of \$700 for the full semester.

Competition fees **Due 4/2/23**

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Can range from \$130 - \$160. Exact fees will be calculated once the season has begun.

Costume fees

Are based upon specific costumes chosen by the instructor for each team (\$35 - \$65).

Dabney School Horse Rental

Is for the rental of a Dabney School Horse only for use of Drill Team practices and performances. We do not offer horse rentals outside of drill team use. Any rider who regularly brings her own horse, but may need to rent a horse for a practice or performance, will incur a one-time rental fee of \$50.

January payment: \$160 Due 1/23/24

February payment: \$200 Due 2/6/24

March payment: \$200 Due 3/5/24

Or you may make a 1 time payment of \$560 for the full semester.

Dress Code

Please come to practice and performances wearing appropriate clothing and undergarments.

In colder weather, please dress in layers and bring gloves, scarf, hat etc in order to be able to comfortably ride in the elements during practice. In warmer weather, please dress accordingly with no bra strap, cleavage or midriff showing at any time.

Performance Items needed

- Black Bling Belt
- White Bling Belt (Elite Team only)
- Black Suede Chaps with full seat fringe and 4" drop (link can be provided for ordering)
- Helmet (competition teams)
- Grooming supplies (preferred but not required)
- Blue Team T-Shirt
- Black Felt cowboy hat

Mission Statement

Diamond D Cowgirls mission is to enrich the lives of young girls by building confidence, encouraging positive teamwork and developing character through sharing a love for horses. We accept the responsibility of teaching life lessons to our riders to further their growth inside the riding arena and out. We are committed to making the sport of drill team a pleasant, safe and rewarding experience for everyone involved through quality coaching, sound leadership and genuine sincerity. Our atmosphere is one that will always strive to glorify God. Each practice will include a prayer time for riders to share praises and prayer requests.

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

Guidelines

1. Diamond D Drill Teams operate on two 14-week semesters: Spring Season runs from January through May and the Fall season runs from August through November.
2. Tuition can be paid either in full by the first practice or in 3 monthly payments at the first practice of the new month.
3. A \$10 late fee is added if tuition is not paid by the appropriate date.
4. We accept personal checks, cash, or debit/credit cards. Payments can be made to Dabney Riding Academy (DRA) or by using the link below:
<https://dabney-riding-academy.square.site>.
5. Tuition fees cannot be altered if the rider is unable to attend a certain practice day.
6. Repeated absences may result in removal of rider from performances at the discretion of the instructor. Please notify the coach promptly if a child will be unable to participate in any practices/performances so appropriate arrangements can be made. Dates and times for the show will be announced at the beginning of each semester.
7. There is ZERO tolerance for disrespectful attitudes, drama or bullying from riders, parents and guardians. There will be consequences for negative and unacceptable behavior. If there is an issue, you should address your coach immediately.
8. There is no cursing, drinking, or smoking while at practice or while wearing any Diamond D apparel or costume.

9. As all people are image-bearers of God, each student should treat their fellow teammates, the coaches, and parents of all students with respect.
10. In case a class must be canceled due to weather-related issues, a makeup class will be offered on another day in order to complete the 14 practices for that semester.

Expectations

Expectations of the Riders:

- Be on time to practices and performances.
- Be willing to work hard during practices without complaining or being disruptive.
- Be respectful of the coach, assistant coach, teammates and other adults.
- Follow all team guidelines and rules.
- Follow the coaches instructions in the barn and arena.
- Be a positive influence to your teammates by providing encouragement and camaraderie.
- Do not be a distraction to the rest of the team.

Expectations of the parent:

- Be sure the rider is willing to make the commitment necessary before accepting the invitation to join the team.
- Have the rider arrive at practices and performances on-time. Communicate with the coach if an issue comes up that will cause a delay.
- Understand that the coach must make decisions that are best for the team as a whole.
- Communicate with your rider's coach if any issues or concerns arise during the season. The sooner something can be brought to our attention, the quicker it can be resolved.
- When traveling in and out the driveway of the barn, please drive slowly and be aware of children and animals.
- Encourage your rider to check in with their coach before leaving practices and shows to make certain all tasks and responsibilities are completed.