



# In the News

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## **SC Future Plans.....Alliances made at Auburn, U of Georgia, MS State**

In a previous "In the News" email, we made the closing statement...'we have plans for the future'...

Review of our progress at Silver Creek made in the short first year and a half of operations, and, planning for the upcoming year's events has made us acutely aware of the fact that we are well on our way...and in the right direction!! Several 'markers' have allowed us to become clearly ***focused in our mission to offer more premier educational opportunities in the "equestrian" genres.***

Most recently, because we have several students 'college bound', including Mary Jane's own daughter, Laura Leigh, we have made contact with three of the major colleges offering Equestrian studies. ***On an invitation from Auburn University***, the two were included in Auburn's trip to the University of Georgia for a competition of their Equestrian Teams, competing in what is now a ***Varsity level sport in the SEC***...be sure and ask them for the details of their trip. Returning thrilled by having seen a tremendous interest from these colleges in young equestrians, the two are now in the process of making a selection...it is a shame that our own Mississippi State, while offering Animal Science degrees, ***has not joined in the SEC team competitions***...not to worry, as we have instigated some inquiries targeting '***why not?***' and with the right support, may just see it in the future...we would certainly like to keep our kids closer to home...and, parents, can you say '***out of state tuition***' ?

Secondly, we have seen, firsthand, a strong renewed interest coming from the younger generations...with every educational clinic we offer, the participation increases. We have added additional instructors and are expanding to 'outside' clinicians to maintain diversity in our educational program.

Combined, these two markers have, not only strengthened our resolve to continue our educational programs, but also given us a true ***sense of direction to follow...culturing our students in the equestrian events selected by these colleges for their degree and competition programs.*** Our lesson and clinic

schedule will continue to introduce and target these events, what I call the 'finer arts of equitation', English Hunt Seat Equitation on the Flat, including Dressage, Hunt Seat Equitation over Fences, Western Equitation/Horsemanship and Western Reining...and, since we are now 'known' to three of these schools, we expect to have our students scouted by these major colleges as we continue to produce.

Our efforts to offer diversity will not be limited to the above events, you will see additional events offered, and we certainly will continue to stress our 'beginner' lessons (my favorite). Plus any instruction is not just for the youth...adults are always encouraged and welcome in any event, we will divide into age divisions when applicable. The clinic schedule below has a purpose in mind...to offer skill building 'in an order', so to speak...while any clinic event can be taken individually, the series, in order, is designed to build skill levels that lead to the next...i.e....in that one would surely need to make sure that 'canter departures and lead changes' be accomplished prior to any of the specialized events. We will always offer make up clinics and private lessons to either review, refresh or catch up. It is a busy schedule, however, any members needing time in the arena 'not' for these instructions or events, simply allow us to know your schedule and we will make sure your needs are met...and any requests for additional genres are welcome...

Thank you all for your continued support and participation...

## **December 2005 Schedule:**

December 3	Lessons/Make-up/Review, Canter Departures and Lead Changes
	with Missy Theobald
December 10	Western/Stock Seat/Equitation/Horsemanship with Missy Theobald
December 17	Introduction to Hunt Seat Equitation/Flat/over Fences with Sharon Lampley
December 19/20	Dressage with Peggy Gabroury by appointment
December 22-1/6	Holiday Day Camps with Missy Theobald
December 26-30	Hunt Seat Camp with Sharon Lampley
December 31	Introduction to Dressage with Sharon Lampley

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