The Dreamcatchers 4-H Club is offering a variety of courses to introduce riders to the basic techniques and theory involved in caring for, training and riding horses. Students will be taught basic safety in both working on the ground with their horse and when mounted. They will be introduced to equine theory which will cover horse anatomy, parts of tack and basic management practices. Students will also learn exercises which will prepare them to ride with a balanced seat.

Sessions are limited to students age eight and over. Participants are divided into groups based on their knowledge and capability so that each student gets a maximum amount of personalized instruction. These groups rotate through ground stations, theory stations and riding stations at each meeting. Upon completion of the Beginning course, students should be able to safely lead, groom, mount, dismount, and control their horse while riding in an arena. They will also be familiar with the parts of the horse, saddle, and bridle, and have a basic understanding of the management practices involved in owning and caring for a horse.

Students who participate in the Intermediate courses will continue on from the foundation established in the Beginner Clinics, and work on improving their seat and control, while learning more advanced forms of ground training.

Students who have horses of their own, or who have participated in our Beginner Clinics, may enroll in our new Intermediate Clinics. Intermediate students may even bring their own horses.

All students will be enrolled in the Missouri 4-H program as a part of participating in the course. This will enable them to access any of the 4-H materials needed to continue their study in horsemanship. (If they choose to join a local 4-H group after participating in the clinic, an additional fee to cover their local club's dues will be required.)

Our farm is located off Highway 30 near Cedar Hill, Missouri: about 30 minutes from Eureka, St. Clair, DeSoto, and Hwy. 270 and Gravois Rd.

Cost: $100.00 (20% discount for siblings OR children already enrolled in 4-H)

For more information, please e-mail Wendy Miller at JessexCrew@aol.com, or call 314-341-5300.

You can go to the Dreamcatchers Facebook page to see pictures from last year's clinics.

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