

**Whispering Hooves, LLC®**  
**Katherine Barbarite**  
**Gentle Solutions Partnership and Confidence Building of**  
**Natural Horsemanship**

Thank you for your interest in Katherine Barbarite of Whispering Hooves, LLC®. Katherine has spent the better part of the last two decades living and studying the horse. She has sought out the most difficult horses, the ones who have lost their way, the ones others have given up on. In almost all cases she has been able to bring them back by using this remarkably effective System. This logical set of straight forward exercises immediately puts the horse and rider on a higher ground of safe, gentle communication. Instead of riding and handling in fear, suddenly both parties are building a secure structure and a new-found confidence, followed by dramatically heightened safety. Safety is everything! Most importantly YOU can do this. Literally thousands of horsemen and women are truly Discovering Horses They Never Knew. If you are taken with the simplicity and logic of these exercises, then consider doing you and your horse a great justice and join our expanding rank of evolved horse people. Below you'll find registration information, an overview of our program and info on fees. Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

**Benefits of the Horsemanship Apprenticeship Program**

- Begin to succeed with a Gentle Partnership and Confidence, first on the ground, then in the saddle.
- Improve your relationship, thereby creating deeper trust and heightened confidence while establishing you as the respected director.
- Learn solutions for common problems such as trailer loading, head issues, foot handling, lunging, pull-back, bucking, rearing, biting, balking, problem biting, washing, fly spray, spooking/shying, standing when mounting, and much more.
- Develop advanced communication and a better understanding of horse psychology as you develop improved timing, finesse, balance and feel.
- Flexion, softness and balanced movement.
- Understanding positions of the seat and open and close doors, opposite diagonals
- Black and White
- 4x4 Theory
- Psychological Mind Ride
- Athletic movement theory
- Flexible time frame, as your schedule allows.
- The ability of teaching your clients all different levels with confidence.

### **Additional Benefits for Participants**

- Business skills with utmost professionalism.
- Leadership skills
- Respect and Trust
- Introduction
- Positive Educated Decision (P.E.D)
- The ability to analyze the information about the horse shared by the client.
- A start up plan to promote and market your business.
- Important insurance info.
- Help you organize your work, client-trainer communications, and more!
- Learn how to talk and teach to an audience.
- You'll become part of expanded and evolved ranks of supportive colleagues who bond deeply as they share the experience of all the hard work.

### **2009 Horsemanship Apprenticeship Program**

Katherine founder of Whispering Hooves, LLC®, will offer an intensive multi session program at Katherine's facility in Miller Place, New York as well as her Northeast Learning Center. The complete program consists of instructional sessions five days a week (Monday-Friday) existing on or about 8 weeks (depends on individual), with sufficient duration between for breaks, in order to ensure adequate time to hone your skills. With intensive practice, coaching, support, and stringent assessments by Katherine, you will earn a certificate of completion by attending her Apprenticeship program. Mandatory participation with week long intensive clinics as well as two day clinics (travel expenses, cost of participation in clinics are extra and not included in pricing of program). Those who meet these requirements (including a written and performance-based test) will receive a diploma of completion, as well as free marketing on her website. Get the skills, support and exposure, to be the very best trainer you can be. Whether you wish to train horses professionally or simply enrich your personal knowledge, this program offers an exciting challenge. Katherine will work personally with every participant from start to finish!

#### **Apprenticeship Program**

#### **Horse Trainer & Riding Instructor Apprenticeship Program**

**Whispering Hooves, LLC® 95 Hunter Avenue Miller Place, NY 11764**

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#### **Introduction to Groundwork**

#### **Gentle Solutions Partnership and Confidence Building**

Katherine helps you on your journey while taking the mystery out of the sometimes cryptic natural horsemanship movement. She will help you on your path to better communication with these wonderful creatures. This logical set of straightforward exercises immediately puts the horse and rider on higher ground of safe, gentle communication. A solid foundation sets the stage for success. You'll then be ready for the plethora of issues you'll likely encounter as your journey unfolds. Our goal is to help

you attain heightened levels of safety and achieve superior communication and trust, feel technique using a gentle, safe approach

**Working through problems with Technique to solve:**

- **Horse and Human Communication through Feel Technique**
- **Difficult to Saddle and Proper Saddle Fitting**
- **Understanding about equipment**
- **Balance Horse and Rider w/Core Influence**
- **Spooking and Shying**
- **Aggressiveness and Nervousness**
- **Jigging and Prancing**
- **Mounting problems**
- **Pullback**
- **Hard to Accept Bit**
- **Proper Foot Handling**
- **Ears / Head Shy / Clippers / Spraying / Bathing**
- **Proper leading and Driving**
- **Trailer Loading**
- **Locating and Treating Pain**
- **Mustang Gentling**
- **Nutrition, Dentistry, Imprinting, Message, Bits, Natural Hoof trimming**
- **Flexion, Softness and balanced movement**
- **Understanding positions of the seat**
- **Open & Close Doors/Opposite Diagonals**
- **Turn on Forehand Turn on Haunches**
- **Black & White**
- **Master One Rein Stop**
- **4x4 Theory**
- **Psychological Mind Ride**

Ask...Wait for Answers... then Give for Results

--Katherine Barbarite

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### **Horsemanship 1 (Basic under saddle)**

#### **Gentle Solutions Partnership and Confidence Building**

Learn to teach the safety of riding your horse with confidence, how to develop balance, control and suppleness at the walk, trot, canter, stop, circle and reverse.

- Basic seat and hand positions.
- Proper leading and driving.

- Trails and trail obstacles.
- Mounting & Dismounting
- Feel technique
- Understand and master the four quarters

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## Horsemanship 2

### Gentle Solutions Partnership and Confidence Building

Perform and teach greater advanced skills with your horse. "Trail safe" horse begins the transformation to "performance level horse".

- You shall learn techniques to teach enhanced balanced walking trotting, cantering.
- Equipment knowledge
- Leg and Seat cues
- Collection
- Direct, Indirect & Neck reining
- Side passing, correct backing, advanced stops, turns on forehand, turns on the haunches, circles, leads, obstacles and lateral work.
- Hip control
- Speed control
- Understanding the four quarters x 4
- Flexion, softness and balanced movement
- Understanding positions of open and closed doors, opposite diagonals
- Develop advanced communication and a better understanding of horse psychology as you develop improved timing, finesse, balance and feel.
- Psychology mental riding

The program is easily adaptable to either English or Western Riding.  
Upon completion of all three sessions you will be a graduate of our program.

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The cost of the program is \$1,250 per week, and you can either bring your own horse or use ours. Programs usually go for on or about 6-8 weeks (depending on the individual and ability) and are split up in two week increments so the information has time to absorb and practice can be done in between. If in the case you choose to bring your own, these requirements are mandatory:

**\*\* A negative Coggins (within the 6 months prior to the sessions being).**

**\*\*Proof of well vet care recent updated shots, especially rabies.**

**\*\*Floated teeth, cleaned sheaths and/or utters.**

**\*\*Hooves trimmed.**

For your convenience, local vets, farrier, equine massage therapist, equine dentists are available. In signing this contract, you agree that medical care, feeding regiment, supplies, and costs are your responsibility.

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Hello Fellow Horseperson,

Let us take the opportunity to congratulate you on your decision to attend my **Apprenticeship program the Gentle Solutions Partnership and Confidence Building of Natural Horsemanship**. I realize this is a significant investment of time and money on your part. Please know that I shall do my very best to ensure that you understand the lessons and get the results you desire. You can either bring one horse of your own or you can use one of ours, which you shall train. You will also be able to work with other horses if you so desire in order to get a feel for the various reactions of different horses during the course of your studies. This is highly recommend for my students, for the more horses you get your Hands on, the better equipped handler you will be. I also get you involved with "field work" that gets you the experience in the why and how's of training and teaching clients. You will need a 12' nylon halter lead rope (available at Whispering Hooves, LLC ®), if bringing your own horse: saddle blanket, saddle, bridle, bit, halter, extended pole or 4' dressage whip is your responsibility. For your convenience, some items are available for purchase with Whispering Hooves, LLC. Be sure he/she is physically ready to work.

We will need a **\$1000 non-refundable deposit** sent at least 30 days prior, in order to secure your spot, along with the completed waiver and registration forms. The program fee does not include your food, lodging (availability of housing inquire within) transportation, clinics, travel expenses and some equipment that you may have to purchase. The full balance shall be due on the first session, and then payments are due at the beginning of each week thereafter. Please note that all deposits reserve your spot, and as such, are non-refundable. Registration is reviewed and subject to my approval.

Training facility: **Whispering Hooves, LLC® Ranch (WHR)**

**95 Hunter Avenue**

**Miller Place, NY 11764**

**Or**

**Northeast Learning Center**

**TBD**

PLEASE NOTE: You do not need to take all sessions in the same year. You do, however, need to take them in the order they are listed such as Introduction to Groundwork & Horsemanship 1 (Basic under saddle) sessions before taking the Horsemanship 2 sessions.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact by email or call me and I will be happy to help you. I may be reached at (631)764-7515.

Cheers

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**GENTLE SOLUTIONS PARTNERSHIP AND CONFIDENCE BUILDING OF**  
**NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP APPENTICESHIP PROGRAM**

**Registration sheet**

Name:

Age:

(No one under the age of 18)

Address: City/State/Zip:

E-Mail Address:

What are your goals?

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How did you hear about this program and  
Whispering Hooves, LLC®?

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When are you looking to start?

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Past History ?(brief description of previous  
experience)

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Phone#

Cell#

RIDING LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ SEAT/STYLE OF RIDING: \_\_\_\_\_  
(A) Basic- (B) Novice (walk/trot, some canter)- (C)Intermediate - (D)Advanced

Weight#

Training facilities:

Whispering Hooves, LLC® Ranch 95 Hunter Avenue Miller Place, NY 11764 (631)764-7515  
Northeast Learning Center THR 3390 Eager Road Jamesville, NY 13078 (631)764-7515

**Participant fee is \$1250 per week. This program can be set up as a package of weekly or Monthly sessions. Payment is due the beginning of every week in full. Each program is set on an individual basis in order to suit the needs of that person. Space is limited!!**

If bringing your own horse: Yes or No (circle one)

Horse's name and breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's age: \_\_\_\_\_

Mare/Gelding (circle one)

(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE FACILITIES FOR STALLIONS)

PLEASE NOTE: This is an intensive training and riding program and you must be in adequate physical shape in order to participate. In the event of a medical emergency we require the following information:

EMERGENCY CONTACT: PHONE #

What medications are you currently taking?

Medical Insurance Co.: Policy No.:

Are you allergic to any medication? Yes (explain) \_

Do you have any physical, mental limitations? (Explain)

Please send in your completed registration form along with a **non-refundable** deposit of **\$1000.00** so that we may hold your reserved place, by at least 30 days prior to the start of the session(s). Please make checks payable to

**Whispering Hooves, LLC®** and send your completed waivers and registration form with payment to:

**Whispering Hooves, LLC®**  
**95 Hunter Avenue**  
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Balance is due by the first day of the session; payments are due the beginning of each week thereafter and are non-refundable.

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