

SHS Show Team

& SHS-IEA Team

Interested in Showing? We have the team....

Meet Coach Edie Postel

Edie has had a love and passion for horses from her first pony ride at age 4. Riding at a neighborhood farm triggered her life-long interest and pursuit of education and partnership with the horse.

Her background includes attending Cook College Rutgers University for Advanced Equine Health Care, along with continuing education workshops and seminars to remain consistent with the most recent equine advances.

Edie's equestrian experience includes horse ownership and competition which developed into working with and instructing junior and adult riders. With a love for teaching, she worked for many years at a Hunter/Jumper equestrian facility developing riders from the Beginner to the Intermediate and Advanced levels. This was the touchstone for owning and managing her own Full-Service Boarding facility for nearly ten years.

An accomplished competitor both in Equitation and Hunters, she has successfully shown to the "A" Level for Zone 2. Her broad embrace of "everything equine" includes Cross Country, Hunter Pacing, Capping, Lower Level Dressage Movements and trail pleasure rides.

Having recently accepted the position as IEA Coach with Seaton Hackney Stables, she is looking forward to working with the Middle and High School riders to formulate a successful group developing their team environment riding and horsemanship skills for show competition and equine education.

We've got the program!

Not everyone is interested in horse show competition and we understand that; but for those who are, Seaton Hackney has a dedicated IEA Team. This program provides opportunities to travel to Shows, make new friends, improve your riding skills and gauge your horsemanship progress. Ask us how you can become a member of a Team that holds team spirit, dedication, support for one another and a passion for everything equine as their core value system.

What is the IEA?

The Interscholastic Equestrian Association provides opportunities for Middle School, High School and – due to the high success of this program - Elementary school (just recently added) to participate in a team-oriented environment in local shows. This well-organized program does not require horse ownership as show competition horses are provided by the hosting venues. Due to their similarity, this program offers an ideal preparation for the College level IHSA.



How do I join?

- First, ask your Instructor if you are a good candidate for this year's team. You need not be an advanced rider as classes are offered at different levels. Riders from 4th grade and up are eligible, but space is limited.
- Then, talk to Coach Edie and hear what's involved. Of course, we want our SHS-IEA Team to shine, so there are some rigorous requirements to join and maintain membership in the Team. Make sure you understand these and only commit if you can fulfill them.
- Once accepted, you will ride three times/week at Seaton Hackney Stables with SHS Instructors and assigned different horses under the close tutelage of Coach Edie. You will participate in at least 5 Shows throughout the IEA season that runs from September through March. The season extends if you qualify for further competition at the Zone and National levels. All this at a very reasonable monthly rate.
- Team events and activities are all part of the deal, including participation with Team fundraisers for an all-inclusive program.

