



Mickelsen Family Farms Riding Progression Skills

Advanced: Mastery Checklist		(must be initialed by instructor)					
Skills:	(all in outdoor arena/field)	Pass 1	Pass 2	Pass 3	Pass 4	Pass 5	Mastery
GROUND WORK SKILL: Beginner/Intermediate +							
Lunging horse over jumps and obstacles							
Lunging team/ with surcingle/learning driving skills							
Groundwork skills-leading in field, training skills							
RIDING SKILLS: Beginner/Intermediate +							
Walking/Trotting/Galloping horse without assistance (loose rein with hands down and relaxed, proper balance and posture with heels down and straight back) in field							
Bareback walking/trotting without assistance (loose rein with hands down and relaxed, proper balance and posture with heels down and straight back) in field							
Bareback cantering horse without assistance (loose rein with hands down and relaxed, proper balance and posture with heels down and straight back) in outdoor arena							
Galloping figure 8's with lead changes (loose rein with hands down and relaxed, proper balance and posture with heels down and straight back) in field							
Walking/Trotting-Posting and canter on English saddle without assistance (with hands down and relaxed, proper balance and posture with heels down and straight back) in field							
Obstacle course on a walk and trot/canter in field							
Side passing turning on haunches in outdoor arena							
Pole bending on a trot and canter in field							
Barrel racing skills in field							
Roll backs/ sliding stops/ spins in field							
All trail course obstacles on trail course in field							
Taking jumps on a canter both Western and English saddles in outdoor area/field when mastered							
Riding without hands or tack rein							
Prepare pony cart/ riding in field w/passenger (2x)		X	X	X	X		
Mastery Test Date:							

