

Stonehaven Equestrian



Stonehaven Equestrian is a 40 acre horse boarding and training facility conveniently located between The Woodlands and Conroe off of I-45 approximately 30 minutes from Kingwood. Nestled among tall pines and oaks galore this equine paradise offers an educational experience for horse enthusiasts from age six

Stonehaven is the brainchild of owner Connie Benton Rice, long time equestrian enthusiast herself. Connie set out to provide a high level of care for both horse and rider in an atmosphere that would encourage young men and women to excel in an environment geared towards competition or the likes of the pleasure rider. "Being safe, fun and fun is the key to enjoying the horse experience. Horses have instincts and will try to please their partner riders. Both rider and horse must develop trust and a high level of training if they are to excel in their desired sport," says Rice. "We want happy horses, which creates happy clients. We want to see smiles coming through the gate leading forward to that next visit."

Stonehaven facility houses 2 barns with 22 stalls designed for the comfort and convenience of the riders and their mounts. 150 feet of porch overlooking the 20,000 sq. ft. covered arena helps spectators stay cool and dry and offers horses a view from their stalls with cover in inclement weather.

Other amenities include 25 acres of groomed trails, a small cross country course, a 100 x 210 sand jumping arena, 60 x 60 lead pen, galloping lane and a dozen paddocks for turn out. The 1800 sq. ft. house just inside the iron gate was recently renovated to accommodate guests with a library, lounge, full kitchen, ice and tack shop.

Stonehaven has been the backdrop to movie productions and hosted inter-collegiate students from Switzerland, Mexico and France. "Horses bridge the gap between languages, they know it and so do the children with special needs also and with Connie's horses.

immense amount of growth. Connie built Stonehaven from the ground up, clearing land and laying stone with a team of horses guiding each step. This past summer marked Stonehaven's second summer camp program. "We added two and three qualified instructors to the menu." Stonehaven hosted its first public show sanctioned by the (HDS) Horse Show Society on August 17, one of many to come from this newly built facility. "We are a multi dimensional business serving a variety of needs from Dressage, Hunter/Jumper to Eventing. The challenges in the arena of training a horse are complimented by the encounters outside the arena of jumping over obstacles."

Arena work is extremely important, but if that's not the place you can feel comfortable riding, it cuts out most of the real reason people and horses come together.

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