



Camaraderie, sportsmanship & teamwork are focus of top hunter/jumper program.

Maverick Farms is a full service riding academy and training barn that provides programs for riders of all ages and skill levels—from as young as 3 through a pony camp program all the way to the Maverick Farms Advanced Show Team which competes on the A hunter/circuit. With a stable of safe and show ready school horses as well as a proven full-service training program, Maverick Farms can accommodate riders and horses of all level and coach them to their desired level.

Show Ring Success

Linda Cooper, Maverick Farms head trainer, has had a long and successful career with training and showing horses. Beginning her career at age 4, Cooper has won many championships, including medal finals for the Onondarka and Rosewood Junior Medals and the OCHSA Adult Medals. Knowing she wanted a career in the equestrian business, Linda completed a bachelor's degree in education and learned various facets of the equestrian business by working with many prominent riding professionals, including Julie Smith, Rob Gage and Jim Hagman. Combining her passion for horses with her knowledge of teaching, Linda founded Maverick Farms Riding Academy in 1998. Since that time, Maverick Farms has grown into a substantial training facility—coaching riders who consistently place at the top of their divisions. Recent student achievements include medal final champions in the Rosewood, CPHA and LAHJA medal finals.



Strong Supporter of the Riding Community

Cooper has also received many accolades as a trainer. Most recent awards include; high point trainer award for highest scoring equitation rider in the LAHJA Medal Finals (2015), overall high point trainer for Gold Coast Outreach Division (2017) and the Trainer Sportsmanship Award at the 2018 Portuguese Bend National Horse Show. She is a strong supporter of multiple horse show circuits—helping to ensure all levels of riders have a place to compete. Cooper strongly supports the local schooling shows sponsored by Peninsula Equestrian Circuit, serves on the board of directors for the LAHJA and is a contributor to the Portuguese Bend National Horse Show supporting the Children’s Hospital of Los Angeles.



Maximizing the Potential of Each Horse and Rider Team

Cooper and her team focus on more than just riding skills—working on developing all facets of the horse and rider as a team. This includes not only skill work but also the mental elements needed to maximize each horse and rider’s athletic potential achieved through individualized training programs that inspire, challenge and empower the team. Stressing safety, discipline, responsibility, and classic horsemanship Maverick Farms also encourages camaraderie and good sportsmanship as well as nurturing the bond between horse and rider. Adhering to the highest standards of excellence is what makes Maverick Farms riders stand out from the crowd.

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Lessons Learned Transcend the Ring

Cooper believes that skills learned as an equestrian transcend beyond the show ring and incorporates life lessons into her coaching. “Equestrians in our program learn responsibility, respect, manners and discipline. This is also a valuable life lesson. I encourage my seasoned riders to help with the younger riders and the pony campers and teach them how to be good role models. This helps them hone their horsemanship skills while learning patience and building life skills. I also coach my students on how to handle success and mistakes. It’s easy when all goes well, but what separates the successful riders (or anyone for that matter), is how they handle mistakes.” In riding, you are dealing with a 1,000 plus pound animal that does not speak English so mistakes happen. Coaching my riders through this makes them not only successful riders but successful people” says Cooper.

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