Dear Interested Student,

Thank you for expressing interest in the Thiel College Equestrian Club (TCEC). The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some information to see if you would like additional information.

What is TCEC

During the spring of 2012, Thiel College launched the Thiel College Equestrian Club, a student organization that introduces or extends equestrian skills and knowledge in lessons.

TCEC Lessons

TCEC accepts beginner, intermediate and advanced students interested in riding horses. Participants can ride Western, English or both riding disciplines during lessons. Each semester different lesson options are available for students to choose from. At each lesson the students are responsible for grooming and saddling their own horse when they arrive at the barn. Following tacking up the horse, students ride in a 45 minute lesson with five or fewer riders. The lesson is preceded by cooling down, unsaddling and a final grooming of the horse.

TCEC Barn

Lessons are held at a barn in Greenville, PA located 10 minutes from Thiel College. The barn is outfitted with saddles, bridles, grooming equipment, helmets and horses for students to use.

Competing for Thiel College

TCEC members have the opportunity to compete through the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). The association provides collegiate riders of all skill levels the opportunity to compete as a team and individually in equestrian competition. IHSA competitions provide saddled horses for riders; cutting down on the financial burden of showing. IHSA shows are judged on ability of a rider and not the performance of the horse.

Still Interested in TCEC?

If you would like more information about TCEC we have more to provide. Please, e-mail jmalnar@thiel.edu with questions or ask for a TCEC Detailed Information Guide or a Frequently Asked Question Guide.

Thank you for your interest in TCEC,

Jenna Malnar
Equestrian Instructors
Thiel College

TCEC Western rider.
TCEC English rider.
Detailed Information Guide

TCEC Lessons
The Thiel College Equestrian Club (TCEC) instructors will provide both ground and mounted instruction dependant on the ability level of the rider. Ground instruction teaches proper and safe horse handling and horse care skills. Mounted instruction teaches a balanced riding position and proper use of aids to effectively and efficiently communicate with the horse.

TCEC Lesson Costs
Participants can ride Western, English or both riding disciplines for lessons. Lesson options are available ranging from a maximum of 15 lessons and a minimum of 5 lessons during a semester. See the chart below for the break down of cost and options for riding both disciplines.

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What is needed for TCEC Lessons?
The barn where TCEC lessons take place is outfitted with saddles, bridles, grooming equipment, helmets and horses for students to use. Students are expected to wear safe riding boots and appropriate attire for the riding discipline, which is not provided by TCEC or the barns. Appropriate attire means dressing for the weather and wearing a boot with a smooth sole and at least a one inch heel. In addition, students need to wear jeans or breeches/jodhpurs while riding.

Competing for Thiel College
Some of the TCEC students compete in the Inter Collegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA). Students can compete as a Western or English rider and have the opportunity to compete in both disciplines. Students interested in competing are responsible for all expenses. IHSA’s yearly membership is $35.00 for one discipline and $40.00 for two disciplines. Most students will only show in one class at an IHSA competition. However, depending on the experience of the riders, they may ride in two classes. Each IHSA class costs $25.00. In addition, students competing are responsible for covering the cost of food and hotel expenses. Thiel College does provide transportation to IHSA competition.

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Thank you for your interest in TEC,

Jenna Malnar
Equine Instructor
Thiel College
Frequently Asked Questions Guide for the Thiel College Equestrian Club (TCEC)

**Do I have to have riding experience before joining TCEC?**
You do not need to have any riding or horse experience to participate in TCEC lessons.

**What level of riding does a person need to join TCEC?**
The instructors for TCEC can work with students of any level of riding from beginner to advanced.

**Can a student bring their own horse?**
At the present time we can not provide this opportunity for students. However, do ask about bringing your horse since the opportunity may arise in the near future.

**What kind of attire will I need to ride?**
Students must wear a safe riding boot. This means a boot with a smooth sole and at least a one inch heel. In addition, students need to wear jeans while riding. However, if riding English, students may wear breeches/jodhpurs if you have them, but are not mandatory.

**What is needed for TCEC Lesson?**
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**Is transportation provided if I do not have a vehicle?**
Lessons are in groups of students based on the ability level of the riders. The groups of students usually car pool to the barn for the lessons to save money.

**How much does it cost to ride in TCEC lessons?**

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Do I have to compete?
Students only compete at IHSA competitions if they want to; it is not mandatory.

**What does it cost to compete for Thiel College?**
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