

Korah's Bio

I am a new member to the Venturing Hills Team of staff. I started riding when I was 9 at Oakhurst Farm where I fell in love with horses. I participated in pony club there at a young age where I achieved my C level in pony club. I also participated in Prince Phillip Games and quizzes. I have grown up in the Eventing world and was hooked at a young age. I started competing at age 11 when I started to lease my first horse. When I was 15 my parents bought my first horse Magic. He was bought right off Fort Erie Race Track. This gave me my first tastes of starting young horses. In 6 months he began his first show season, and with a lot of hard work in 3 years went prelim. Magic and I had many successes. During this time I began my first job of working at Oakhurst as a weekend mucker, then full time there when school ended during summer. Over the years I learned just how much hard work goes into keeping a farm, and taking care of competitive horses. In my time there I have had the opportunity to ride and assist with the training of young horses, and I also exercise rode the race horses that came in for winter training. I also had the opportunity to Groom at shows for the resident rider at Oakhurst, Mark Nelson who is a Canadian long listed rider. This gave me tons of show experience and the knowledge to know how to take care of high performance horses.

When I was 18 years old I went to Middleburg Virginia as a working student. I worked and lived with Sonya Crampton. Sonya has competed at the Rolex 4* in Kentucky 4 times, an Olympic level event. Going to work for her furthered my riding and knowledge of horse care even further. In my time training with her I gained skills and life experiences that I will carry with me forever. She encouraged me to go after my goals as a professional in the equine industry. Going to school was the next step.

I chose the University of Guelph Kemptville Campus. I graduated in 2009 from the Equine Management Certificate Programme. This course has trained me in subjects such as: Anatomy and physiology, conformation and lameness, Feeds and Feeding, Coaching Techniques, Horse Health, Complementary therapies, Equine conditioning, Facility Management, Stable management and much more. These courses have given me the opportunity to have hands on experience in developing feed programs, conditioning programs, locating lameness, shoeing concepts, fire safety and barn evacuation, hands on experience with alternative treatments such as magnetic treatments, shockwave therapy and different massage techniques and much more. These courses have given me the qualifications and the confidence to manage a boarding and lesson stable. I have achieved my rider level 8 on April the 18th and Equine Canada Coach level 1 in May. Since my start at Venturing Hills in June 2009 I feel that I have been welcomed into a great team of professionals, and look forward to the road ahead.