

Casey & Son Horseshoeing School & Clinic



Established in 1989: Celebrating Over 30 Years of Excellence!



Casey & Son Horseshoeing School is now under new ownership.

Together, this husband-and-wife team would like to welcome you to Casey & Son Horseshoeing School. It is our mission to continue to provide affordable and flexible training to help individuals become successful, self-employed farriers.

Jarvis & Leslie Bowen will reside on the property and will be available for contact in person, by phone, and through email.



As always, you are welcome to visit the school. We will be happy to help you in any way possible. We look forward to continuing to work for established horse clients as well as meeting new horse owners and providing them with sound and therapeutic shoeing. If you are a prospective student, stop by for a visit of the facility. We will strive to provide an exceptional schooling experience for all new and returning students.

Our Staff

Our instructors have a working knowledge of the specialized topics they teach. They share insights gained through many years of professional experience in the farrier industry.



Jarvis Bowen: School Owner & Head Instructor, Certified Farrier Specialist & Tester

He has a love of horses in general as well as a passion for teaching others what he knows about horseshoeing and how to create a successful business partnership between horse owner, farrier, and veterinarian.



Daniel Burns: Assistant Instructor

I am from White Bluff, TN. I live there with my wife and our 3 kids. I have been through Casey & Son Horseshoeing School and am excited and looking forward to what the future has to hold. I enjoy helping others learn about the farrier trade.

Guest Visitors



Dan Marcum: Certified Farrier Specialist & Tester, Equine Adjuster, Professional Horseman, and Showman

Dan visits our school four times a year, for 3-day clinics to share his personal and professional business aspects and techniques with our farrier students. Dan has over 36 years of farrier experience and expertise. His expertise is in the anatomy of the “whole horse,” muscles, tendons, how they flex and affect the soundness of the horse in motion. Our 12 week and 6-week advanced students will have the opportunity to meet him.

Stay With Us & Feel Like Home...

Nestled in the Chattahoochee National Forest of North Georgia. The Casey and Son Horseshoeing School & Clinic is located in the friendly community of Villanow. Fishing lakes, trout streams & national parks with scenic mountain views are all within a 10-mile radius of the school. Dalton and Calhoun, Georgia are located just 12 and 15 miles away, offering restaurants and shopping centers. The school is located 65 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia and 35 miles south of Chattanooga, Tennessee with easy access to I-75.



Our Goal: The blacksmith and farrier craft is one of civilizations oldest professions still in demand today. The farrier craft requires a high degree of knowledge and skill. The highest demand and income potential is for the farrier who is well educated and properly trained and has professional credentials. It is also necessary to keep abreast of new technology and techniques. This school was started with these goals in mind. We offer a well-designed educational program using the most current equipment to meet this demand.

Our Objectives: The school's primary objective is to teach the importance of hoof care from trimming to shoeing and then offering the best farrier training available for anyone desiring to become a professional farrier.

Farrier Certification: You will be offered the opportunity to take a certification test provided by the United Farriers Association. Upon successfully completing a course and passing the certification test associated with that particular course, you will receive certification through the UFA.

Your annual dues are paid directly to the UFA and not to the school. Your certification fee is not part of your tuition. The school does not charge any additional fees for taking a test at the end of a course. We highly recommend that all six- and 12-week students apply for farrier certification to begin their professional farrier career.

Job Assistance: Our office along with the UFA will help you locate another UFA farrier in our area to apprentice with if you choose. This may help you gain more experiences and customers as a new farrier. Attending clinics to further your education and meet new farriers is highly suggested.

Housing & Meals

Our Tuition Fee is All-Inclusive:

- **Clean housing is available at no extra charge!**
We have separate facilities for men and women.
- We ask that you bring your own twin sized bed linens, blanket, pillows or sleeping bag, etc. and personal toiletries during your stay.
- We do have an on-site washer and dryer.
- No pets are allowed.
- No smoking allowed in any of the inside areas.
- We have a Diner on the property serving hot meals for breakfast and lunch on class days.
- Students will need to furnish their own meals for evenings and on Sundays and Mondays. Students have access to the refrigerator, microwave, toaster oven, toaster, coffee pot, and outdoor grill at all times

Getting Started

Registration: IS EASY!!

The application for enrollment with cost, start dates, and more information is available on the website. Once you have decided to attend, call our office to secure your start date. A small deposit is required to reserve your start date. This deposit is waived for veterans.

Payments: The balance will be due on the 1st day of class unless other arrangements have been discussed.

*Preferred Payment Methods: personal or business check, cash, money order, bank/cashier's check

*We also take debit & credit cards: Visa & Mastercard.

Entrance and Age Requirements:

*Persons must be physically able to perform these endeavors and have mature attitudes and attentiveness. Safety is our top priority!

*We accept students (male or female), 18 and over. It is suggested the students 18-21 visit our facility and meet our staff before enrolling. We do have the right to accept anyone on a 2-week trial basis.

Financial Aid Options:

*Veterans: G.I. Bill, Voc. Rehab, Post 9/11

*Financial Assistance: We can accept your outside sources like schools, clubs, etc.

*Personal: You can "pay as you go" with us!

Certification of Authorization:

We are a privately owned trade school recognize by the State of Georgia Nonpublic Post-Secondary Education Commission (GNPEC). You will receive a certificate of completion (not to be confused with farrier certification) after completing one of our courses

Our Course Descriptions

Horseshoeing I: 2-Week Course: These are the first 2 weeks of all our courses. We begin with safety first, handling and being underneath horses. Whether you are a horse owner with a few horses, barn manager with a herd, or maybe considering making this a career, these first two weeks are crucial in understanding the REASON and PURPOSE of trimming, shoeing, overall hoof care, and safety! We training *by shoeing live horses*, and learning the necessary shoe shaping and forging techniques. (This course is NOT intended for you to go out and shoe for the public and not VA approved.)

A 2-week course is like getting your learner's license!

You're on the road, but not ready to drive solo!

Horseshoeing II: 6-Week Course (30 days): You will receive the equivalent of an eight-week course in a six-week period, allowing you to spend a shorter time away from home. You will learn how to change the horse's mode of travel caused by poor leg and hoof conformation or previous improper shoeing, how to recognize, prevent and correct lameness, in depth study of the anatomy related to proper balance and shoeing of all breeds and types of horses. You will learn to handle spoiled horses, learn basic horse psychology, how to set up your own business and shoeing rig, receive BUSINESS STRATEGY LECTURES, classroom time and **extensive live shoeing and forging.**

Horseshoeing III: 12-Week Course (60 days): This course prepares the student further to be a professional farrier. After the six-week course you will concentrate your time on perfecting your techniques. You will work with professional farriers in the **UFA**. You will learn to use the arc welder in making more professional corrective shoes. You will learn advanced shoeing techniques for lameness of the leg, hoof repair along with continuous live shoeing, classroom, and forging each day. This course includes the Equine Flexion Therapy 3-day class. We also provide two tool packages for you to choose from.

Horseshoeing IV: Advanced 6-Week (30 days): You may take this course after completing the 12-week course. This course offers you the opportunity to now specialize and apprentice to continue your education even farther.

Trim Class: This is a two-day course offered for horse owners to learn to trim their personal horses. These are scheduled throughout the year and posted on our website. You can also call the office to ask about availability.

Course Curriculum

CLASSROOM: 10%

Anatomy of the Hoof
Hoof Structures
Angle of the Hoof
Lameness of the Hoof
Bones of the Front and Hind Limb
Ligaments and Tendons
Traveling Problems and Correction
Aging the Horse
Shoe and Nail Sizes
Serious Hoof Problems
Horse Psychology
Problem Solving
Manual Provided
Business Strategy Program

SHOP: Forge work & Blacksmithing: (Hands-on) 15%

Cold Shoe Shaping on anvils
Hot Shoe Shaping and Forging skills using propane gas forges from day one for all students
Modifying Corrective Shoes from Factory Made Shoes Hand Made Corrective Shoes from Bar Stock, Arc Welding, also work in the Coal Forge and much more that you will understand once here.

LIVE SHOEING daily: (Hands-On) 75%

Determining Angle of Hoof
Properly Balancing the Hoof
Lameness, Evaluating
Safety in Handling the Horse
Correctly Driving Nails
Clinching Nails
Finishing
Treat arising problems: Cracks, Splits, Hoof Loss,
Flattening, Mounting and Centering the Shoe Properly
New Product Trials
Infrared Thermal Imaging

TESTING:

Testing is one on one.
Written and/or Oral Testing
Live Shoeing
Forging Skills
No need to panic about your test, you will be prepared if you have applied yourself!

Farrier Tools You Will Need

| <u>Trim Course</u> | <u>2-Week Course</u> | <u>6-Week Course</u> | <u>12-Week</u> |
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| <p>We asked you to either bring with you or purchase these tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Hoof Nippers *Rasp with handle *Hoof Knife *Wire Brush <p>You may use our loaner tools for anything else that may be needed such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Apron *Hoof Gauge *Shoeing Box *Etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 oz Driving Hammer 36 oz Rounding Hammer 14" Hoof Nippers <i>required new by all</i> Saddle Horse Clinchers Clinch Cutter Crease Nail Pullers Shoe Pullers 12" Clinch Block 1 Rasps with handle <i>Variety required new by all</i> Hoof Knife (right or left-handed) Knife Sharpener Center Punch Handled Wire Brush <i>Variety required new by all</i> Shoeing Apron (if extra-long or wide + \$20.00) Aluminum Shoeing Box School Manual | <p>*All tools in 2-Week Course PLUS:</p> <p>This package is considered Option 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional Rasp and handle variety 1.5 Calvary Rounding Hammer Fire Tongs, size 5/16 Pritchel (5 city head) Fore Punch (5 city head) Creaser Hoof Gauge and Divider Horseshoers Ruler (Steel) Butcher Block with handle Hoof Pick variety | <p>You have a choice of either Option 1 Tool Package or Option 2 Tool Package.</p> <p>Option 2: Same as Option 1 plus anvil, stand, and EFT tools.</p> <p><u>6-Week Advanced Course Tools:</u> Forge and Forge Tools</p> |



Equine Flexion Therapy (EFT)

EFT is a patented technique by Dan Marcum of Texas. This technique helps students understand the anatomy of the “whole horse”: muscles, tendons, and how they flex and affect the soundness of the horse in motion. This course is included in the 12-week course. It is offered for 6-week students for an additional fee. Anyone interested in the course, can take it. You would need to contact our office for more information.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I work during the week and only have weekends off. Can I attend your school on Saturdays only?

A: Yes, you may attend any course on the weekends until you complete the designated number of days for that particular course. After you make your initial deposit, you may pay by the day.

Q: I can only get two weeks off now, but can get more time off later. Can I split up my time in school?

A: Yes, if you have only time or finances for a two-week course now, you may return at a later date and complete another four weeks for a total of six weeks and just pay the difference between the tuitions. The same goes for the six- and 12-week courses. You will not be starting over again, just continuing your education.

Q: Will I be shoeing live horses?

A: Yes, we have a clientele of roughly 300 horses that we shoe on a six- and eight-week schedule. There is always plenty of horses for hands-on experience.

Q: Are meals and housing included in tuition?

A: Yes, our tuition is all inclusive and includes two meals per day on school days and housing.

Q: What kind of food will I be eating?

A: We serve good old fashion food here. Some of the following foods are typically served for breakfast: toast, biscuits & gravy, eggs, some kind of meat, breakfast casseroles and pancakes. Some of the following foods are typically served for lunch: chicken casserole, baked chicken, Salisbury steak, hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken & dumplings, tacos, mashed potatoes, mac & cheese, green beans, pinto beans & cornbread, pasta salad, & more.

Q: Is there always an instructor on duty?

A: Yes! There is always an instructor there to watch you each step of the way.

Q: If I live close enough, can I go home on the weekends?

A: Yes! You do not have to stay on the property on your days off. Class is Tuesday-Saturday.

Our Students Say It Best!



Casey and Son Horseshoeing is a great place to get a hands-on education in horseshoeing. Jarvis Bowen is an **excellent teacher** and it's evident that his passion is to pass on his knowledge to the students so that they can succeed in the trade. Jarvis and his wife will definitely make you **feel like family** while you are there. The **food** is also something to enjoy with nice **home cooked meals** while you are away from home. ~David Haviland

The **new owners, Jarvis and Leslie Bowen**, have taken this school to the **next level!** If you want to go to a school where you can go right to work after completion then you need to contact Jarvis and Leslie. They are **passionate** about this industry and have the knowledge and experience to make you a professional farrier. **YOU WILL** experience everything **from minis to drafts**, everyday there is **something new to learn** and experience; from class work to forge work, to lots of time under horses. **The food is amazing and lodging is very comfortable.** You can't go wrong selecting Jarvis and Leslie Bowen. They will get you to where you want to be in this industry. ~Kevin Griffin



If you are **serious** about becoming a farrier or want to learn how to trim your own horse then this is the place for you! **Jarvis Bowen** is an **outstanding**

instructor who will teach you everything you need to become **successful**. You will work on **quality horses** daily and Jarvis will constantly guide you to becoming better and more knowledgeable each day. On top of that he is one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. The beautiful ranch/school is run by Leslie Bowen and is top notch. **Leslie is also one of the nicest people you'll ever meet** and she will gladly answer any question for you and help you get set up with the school. The Bowens have created a **family atmosphere** with their school and I could not recommend it more!

~Robert Bourgeois



I attended here for 2 weeks and will definitely be back! **I learned more in the 2 weeks I spent with Jarvis than I did in a year of traveling with other farriers.** Great school full of great people and some of the best food you'll ever eat! **I highly recommend attending this school** weather you want to start a career or just trim your own! ~Brady Lane Weyers

Having seen first-hand how the school is run by Jarvis and Leslie Bowen on two occasions, I will write this review as a parent, grandparent, and owner of spoiled mules. If you are looking for a place for your child or grandchild to learn either the basics or a full-blown trade, this is the place. They will learn the trade from one of the best, no question, but they will also learn and see first-hand about caring for and respecting the animals, respect for the owners of those animals and their property, and while living, working, and dining with others at the school, about caring for and respecting each other. You can be assured that your son/daughter/grandson/granddaughter is in a safe and well-run place and a healthy family atmosphere.



A Review on Our 2-Day Trim Class from A Young Ladies Parents:

Exceptional instruction by an **experienced and respectful man.** This is a top-notch operation. Our daughter is looking forward to going back for the next level of learning.

I reckon there are other farrier schools, **I just don't know why anyone would go anywhere else.**

~ (Father) Matthew Miller

Jarvis is **extremely knowledgeable** and is a **great teacher.** He is **kind, humble,** and **patient.** He takes time to explain and gets the **students hands on right away.** It was a wonderful experience for our daughter who **can now handle her own equines' hooves.** She plans to come back to further her education and to get certification.

~(Mother) Amy Miller

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School Days: Tuesday – Saturday
Office Hours: M-F 9:30am-5:30pm, Saturday
9:30am-12:00pm



Directions To Our Location

From Atlanta, Georgia, travel I-75 North to **Exit #312**, Hwy 53, Calhoun (best exit) **(This is your last exit full of shopping, eating places, etc.)**

- At the exit ramp, begin counting traffic lights...turn left and go to the 10th light for 2 miles. At the light, Turn right only onto S. River Street. (go 35 mph speed limit !!)
- This turns into Hwy. 136 West, for 18 MORE miles (for a total of 20)
- You will go through the Chattahoochee National Forest and may lose phone service.
- The school and sign with American Flags flying will be on the right.

From Chattanooga, at the Tennessee /GA line, travel I-75 South about 20 miles, (please... ignore all LaFayette exits).

- **Take Exit #345**, Ringgold & Tunnel Hill, Hwy 41
- Turn right; go thru Tunnel Hill approximately 8 miles then
- You will approach a Traffic Light and a right turn only, Turn Right onto Hwy. 201.
- You will see a sign to Villanow, 11 miles. When you get to Villanow, the General Store will be in front of you at the intersection and stop sign and a gas station will be on your left.
- Turn left onto Hwy. 136 and drive 1 1/2 miles
- The sign with American Flags flying will be on the left.

