



From the Barn



4-H Therapeutic Riding Program of Carroll County

Sept 2008

News of Note



Happy Belated Birthday to Hannah Gray, Heather Hoenig, Sarah Murphy, Kris Peters, Shannon Scott, Rob Simmons, Emma Baugher, Meghan Lindner, Gavin Richardson.



Happy September Birthday to Nicki Jones, Ralph Gemmill, Kelly Moore, Kristen Sanders.

Welcome Back!

Everyone is looking forward to a terrific fall session. This will be the last session of our 30th year, and it's been a great birthday year!



The same excellent horses are expected back from their summer vacation. Handsom, Rascal, Baby, Hobbs, Achilles, Jackie, and Smokey have all reportedly had good summer breaks. Thank you to ALL their care givers and riders for taking such good care of them.

The horses will be fed and cared for by our terrific Horse Managers. Wendy, returning for her second year, and Amanda, with us for the first time, will be keeping us up to date on how all are doing. Thanks, ladies!

40 riders will participate this session, taught by 3 instructors,

assisted by at least 40 community volunteers and their families.

Summer Happenings



Congratulations to all the riders who participated in Special Olympics Maryland Equestrian Event and Maryland Challenged Equestrian Event. Special thanks to Miss Mary for organizing 2 excellent shows.

Volunteers were outstanding, as were the horses. More hands were needed but all present filled in the blanks! Thank you!!

Pictures from either show would be welcome. If you have any you'd like to contribute, please see Peggie.

Volunteers NEEDED



Thank you to all the folks who have signed up to volunteer during lessons!! Your participation is what makes it possible for TRP to continue to operate.

As you can imagine, it is getting harder and harder to recruit and retain volunteers for lessons. Gas costs, parents' availability, school and after-school activities all make it difficult for students to participate.

Our volunteer corps is dwindling - currently 35 volunteers have registered. (Last spring we had 65.) Volunteer registrations are due this week and several more returning volunteers are certain to pop up but many have already let us know they can't return.

Every night of lessons has openings for volunteers ... without enough hands, riders cannot rider. ALL families are asked to anticipate their help will be needed in the ring. Toss an old pair of closed-toe shoes in the car! If you know of anyone, student or adult, who may be interested in lending a hand at lessons, please pass on the TRP contact information.

The last week of lessons will be a favorite - Halloween Dress-up. PLEASE check your calendar so you can come to the barn a little earlier to help get the horses ready.

Board of Directors



The Board of Directors is the group of folks who donate their time to oversee and direct TRP. The Board currently includes instructors, community volunteers, physician, and educator. These volunteers meet 3 or 4 times a year to review the program, suggest changes, make decisions regarding policy, and provide input on improving the program.

There are currently several openings on the Board. Parents, riders, lesson volunteers, supporters are all encouraged to consider joining the Board. Please contact Karen Scott, trp4h@comcast.net .

Email Reminder



As spam filters and firewalls have improved, it is sometimes difficult to get notices and forms to everyone via email. Please be sure to add our email address to your address book so you don't miss registration notices and program information.

If you change your email address, want to add an email, or revise your emails, please notify Peggie.

TRP Basics

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