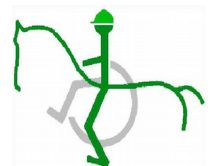




FREDERICK COUNTY 4H THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM

Horse Discovery Center



"All we need is a helping hand..."

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FAMILY NEWSLETTER

August 2022

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer. I like the heat, so this weather has been good for me.

Summer here at the farm has been busy. Other than the normal summer chores of weeding, mowing, spraying, baling hay, and fixing fences, we have been working on our "not so perfect" horses.

All of the horses and ponies have been out for a walk in the field a few times—a nice break from working in the ring.

We have one new horse, Bean, and two retired horses coming back to action, Cricket and Littles. (Not all horses enjoy retirement.)

The fall session is upon us, and I look forward to having everyone back at the farm and riding their favorite horses.

Debbie



PLEASE COME BACK TO VOLUNTEER

Our fall session will begin in just a few weeks. TRP's family of volunteers are the absolute BEST! I wish that I could clone you all so you don't have to work so hard, but that's not gonna happen. So, share your volunteer experiences with your family, friends, and co-workers. Tell them how you help make positive things happen for our riders, horses, and each other.

Please bring someone to volunteer training Saturday, August 27, from 9 a.m. to noon, if possible.

And please text me at 301-639-0999, or email me vickidfried@gmail.com between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to let me know what day/time you are available to volunteer.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Vicki



Volunteer Abby with Hilde

FUN TIMES WITH PONIES

On Thursday morning, July 28, about 32 children ages 2 to 10 along with their parents/guardians descended on Silverado Stables for *Fun Times with Ponies* to learn about Frederick County 4H Therapeutic Riding Program and to have fun.

Our volunteers Vicki, Kim, Missy, Debbie, Holly, Rose, Bev, Judy, Abby, Nanette, Jessica, Joy, Carla, Kathy, and Patti lead our many young guests and adults on tours where they shared information on our special-needs program for Frederick County residents.

Our ponies did their part too. Ponies Hilde and Crispy patiently waited near a table filled with paints, cookie cutters and paint brushes. Many children used their hands

Instead of brushes to colorfully paint the ponies' hooves and manes as the duo quietly munched on their hay. Ponies Crispy and Phil Mar stood in front of the barn waiting to be groomed by the many children in line. In the spirit of cooperation, ponies Phil Mar, Rio, Cupcake and Hilde traded jobs throughout the morning and were perfect hosts.

Mary Grace Keller of the *Frederick News-Post* joined us, and a complimentary article was on the front page the next day with pictures of the day's events.

All the volunteers, parents, and children at *Fun Times with Ponies* had an awesome time and can't wait until we do it again.

PASTA DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION

Mark your calendars to join us on Saturday, October 22, for our 20th annual Pasta Dinner and Silent/Live Auction fundraiser at the Lewistown Fire Hall, Lewistown, Maryland in memory of Carol Devilbiss, a wonderful, long-time volunteer and supporter of our program.

Volunteers and Parents: Please be thinking of wonderful items to donate for the auctions. A few suggestions: antique furniture, holiday décor, collectibles, gift cards, or lightly used appliances.

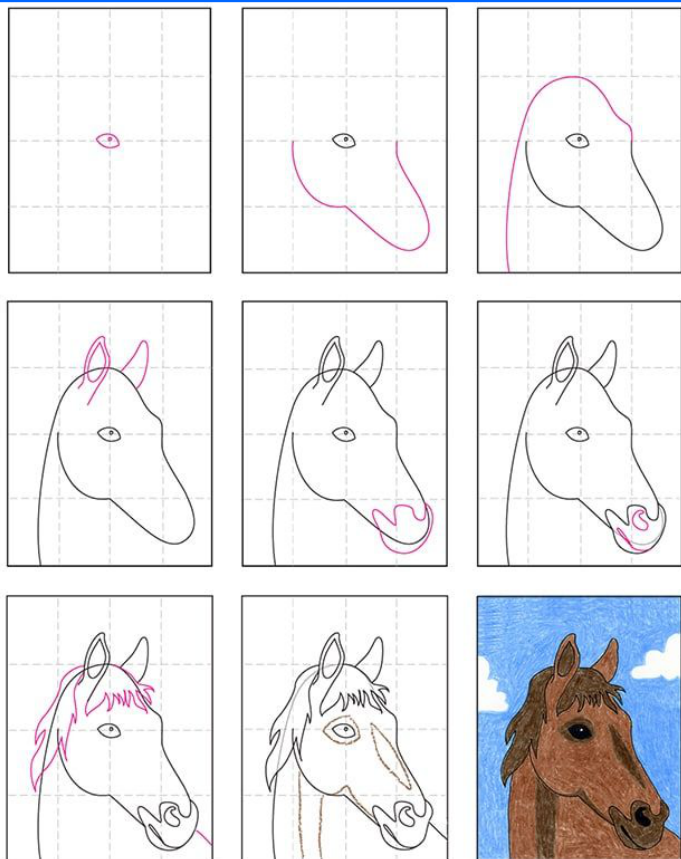
Dinner will be served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. , and the live auction will begin at 7:30 p.m.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Debbie at 301-898-3587, or ask any board member, volunteer or student. We may also be contacted at fc4htpr@aol.com.

All proceeds will benefit the Frederick County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program. More information will be included in future newsletters.



JUST FOR FUN HOW TO DRAW A HORSE



FALL 2022 DATES

- ◆ **FALL REGISTRATION:** August 15.
- ◆ **FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING:** August 29
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- ◆ **FALL SATURDAY CLASSES:** 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m.: September 3, 10, 17, and 24; October 1, 8, and 15.
- ◆ **FALL TUESDAY CLASSES:** 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m.: September 6, 13, 20, and 27; October 4, 11, and 18.
- ◆ **FALL THURSDAY CLASSES:** 5 p.m., 6 p.m., and 7 p.m.: September 8, 15, 22, and 29; October 6, 13, and 20.
- ◆ **SILENT AUCTION/SPAGHETTI DINNER:** October 22.
- ◆ **MAKEUP DAYS:** October 25, 27, and 29.

PREDETERMINED MAKEUP DAYS

Students must sign up for the *Predetermined Makeup Day*. Lesson times and riding slots will be filled on a first come basis. Your class time may be changed due to participation.

WEATHER RELATED CLASS CANCELLATION:

The *Predetermined Makeup Day* will be used if more than one class is canceled due to the weather and/or arena flooding.

MINOR ILLNESS OR OTHER EVENT CANCELLATION:

If the rider calls by 8 a.m. on Saturdays and/or 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays, they are allowed a lesson on the *Predetermined Makeup Day*.

Only one make up day is permitted per rider.

If a rider fails to call or cancel a class or horse show, he/she will not be eligible for a *Predetermined Makeup Day*.

COVID GUIDELINES

PLEASE DO NOT COME:

- ◆ if you have been out of the country.
- ◆ if you have COVID symptoms.
- ◆ if you have been in close proximity to someone with COVID symptoms.

If any of the above conditions relate to you, you will need to quarantine for seven days before returning to Therapeutic Riding.

You have the option to wear a facial mask, if you choose. As always, we have hand sanitizer and a hand-washing station available for you on site.

