

# Riverwood Rider

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## We'd like to introduce....

Our series on long term Riverwood students will conclude this month with the introduction of Adrienne Davis. Adrienne is a 17 year old senior at Forbush High School who has been riding at Riverwood for 12 years.

She started her riding career on the back of one of Riverwood's small ponies while working on motor planning, coordination, balance and grasping objects in her hands. She had to have a leader and 2 sidewalkers to help her stay on the horse for an extended amount of time.

Currently, Adrienne is a talented member of our advanced riding class and is completely independent 100% of the time. She has worked hard on advancing her skills in her years here and is able to walk, trot, canter and trail ride with ease. She has become a great competitor in local and regional horse shows and has loads of ribbons and trophies to show for all her diligence!



the years. Adrienne is one of the people that Ibby is always happy to see! The bond between the two of them is one thing that Adrienne finds especially rewarding about

her time on the farm. She also says that she finds great comfort in going to the barn on a day when she is not feeling good or is in a bad mood.

She states, "Getting on my horse, Ibby can change my mood from sad to a big smile in just seconds."

When asked about any challenges that she faces as a rider, Adrienne says, "Mounting a horse can sometimes be a challenge because I laugh trying to get on!" Needless to say, her confidence and her attitude are great!

Not only has Adrienne developed into an exceptional rider, she is also a devoted volunteer who helps other Riverwood riders who are just learning. Additionally, she has developed deep friendships with the other riders in her class as well as many of our staff and volunteers.

As an upcoming graduate, Adrienne's future is bright. She is planning on pursuing a career in pediatric occupational therapy and is completing a shadowing and internship program with CompRehab Pediatric Occupational Therapy group.

Adrienne hopes to continue riding for the rest of her life. She will remain at Riverwood as long as her career allows. For now, we are all excited to see where this world will take such a bright and talented girl and we hope it will always include a horse by her side!

**"Getting on my horse, Ibby can change my mood from sad to a big smile in just seconds."**

Her partner under saddle is Ibby and the two of them have developed a great love and understanding of each other through

## Calendar of Events:

March 30-April 4: Spring Break  
May 17: Riverwood Spring Horse Show  
May 30: Last day of regular session  
June 9: Summer Session Begins  
June 30-July 4: Summer Break  
August 1: Last day of Summer Session  
September 1: Fall session begins  
September 12: Riverwood's Ponies, Pigs & Pickin' Dinner and Fundraiser  
October 11 & 12: TRAV Horse Show

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## Spring Horse Show

The annual spring horse show will be at Riverwood on May 17, 2008. Last year's horse show had a record attendance of both riders and spectators, and we expect the same and even more this year! Please come and support our riders and their accomplishments!

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## Souper Bowl 2008, A "Souper" Success!

Thank you to Anne and Jack Geis and Salem Kitchen for another successful Souper Bowl event! This year we again raised over \$4,000 with chili sales! What a delicious way to support Riverwood!

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## Ponies, Pigs & Pickin' Dinner and Fundraiser

Same event, new name! Join in on the fun at 6pm on Friday, September 12 at Riverwood for, you guessed it, Ponies, Pigs and Pickin' (formerly Bluegrass Bash). A great family event, this year's barbecue dinner will include unique silent auction items, special guests, and heel kicking dancing with a caller! Save the date - you won't want to miss this one!



## 2008 Summer Session

It's that time already! The popular Riverwood Summer Riding program is already filling up quickly! This year we are offering a 7 week riding lesson program, as well as a working student program for teens. The summer program is open to anyone in the community with or without special needs. For those of you who are adults who would like to get back in the saddle, we also have a typical adult class that will be meeting on Thursday evenings. Our summer information is posted on the website. Please check it out at [www.riverwoodtrc.org](http://www.riverwoodtrc.org) or call the office at 336-922-6426 for more information. Many classes are already full, so you will need to register soon!



## Looking for a way to help?

This year, Riverwood will be participating in the Equestrian Exchange, a large consignment sale that takes place in NC twice a year. The sale will take place in Greensboro in April.

We will be selling some of our older tack, riding clothes and horse items that we no longer use or no longer fit our horses and riders. This is a great way for Riverwood to make a little extra money and clear out some storage space as well!

As at any consignment sale, some things may sell for a nickel and others for \$100, but every little bit adds up when it comes to taking care of our barn and horses! We'd like to invite those of you who have extra tack, clothing, horse blankets or any type of barn equipment lying around, unused, to bring it to Riverwood! If we can use it in the program now, we will. If not, we'll clean it up and take it to the sale.

If you have no items to donate, but still want to help us prepare for the sale, please call the office. We need people to tag items, clean tack and organize everything to make transport easier. For more information on the sale, you can go to [www.equestrianexchange.com](http://www.equestrianexchange.com). If you have items that you would like to donate, please call 336-922-6426 or email us at [rtrc@windstream.net](mailto:rtrc@windstream.net) to set up a drop off time. Thank you for your continued support!

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### Welcome to our newest volunteers...

Kimberly Artis	Mariah Baxter	Meredith Boylan
Jennifer Brown	Lori and Olivia Church	Becky Forrest
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Katherine Martin	Andrea Mewhinney	Sara Beth Naylor
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Annette Timmons	Kelsey Warhover	Scott Warhover

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### Wish List

Paper Towels  
Toilet Paper  
Bright White Printer Paper  
Stall Forks/ Manure Forks  
LTD Farm and Garden Gift Certificates  
Contractor Quality 50-100' water hoses

### Special Request:

*Volunteers are needed for the  
Wednesday 10:00 and Thursday 5:30 classes!*

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### Board Members

Jennifer Barksdale - Rose Davis - Nancy Hancock - Deanna Hines  
Susan Hubbard - Hilary Kosloske - Elizabeth Lenn - Ceci McGuire  
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### In Loving Memory

Many of you may know that Riverwood got its start by partnering with The Children's Center of Winston Salem and we continue that partnership still today. We have the privilege to work with so many wonderful children from the school and watch them develop.

It is with deep sadness that we would like to remember three of those students who passed away this year. We would like to extend our condolences and love to their families. We will always remember their smiles and their beautiful faces. Thank you for sharing your children with us.

In Memory of Madeline Hanes

In Memory of Hailey Peterson

In Memory of Olivia Hawks

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### Our Newest Arrivals!

Riverwood is happy to extend a big welcome to our newest staff members: Broocks Foster, Kyle Petty and Troi Keith. Broocks will be helping in our office and with several fundraising events as well as assisting with our volunteer program. Kyle has been a long time volunteer at Riverwood and will now be helping with the maintenance and upkeep of our farm. Troi is part of our afternoon barn staff and is helping with the care and feeding of the horses. We are so excited that our team is expanding!

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### Riverwood's Going Green!

Please send your e-mail address to us at [rtrc@windstream.net](mailto:rtrc@windstream.net) so we can share up-to-date information with you! And check out our website: [www.riverwoodtrc.org](http://www.riverwoodtrc.org)

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Since November, 2007

Thank you all....We hope we haven't missed anyone. Your continued support is appreciated.

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In Honor of Alex Beroth on his Birthday  
*Alex chose to have donations make to Riverwood in lieu of birthday gifts for himself.*  
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– tack

And to Annah Eggers for having friends donate to Riverwood in honor of her birthday



And to Jordan Cartrette for his special Valentine's card to Riverwood in honor of Snapper

***Contributions are always appreciated.***  
***Please make your check to Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center***  
***or contact us at (336) 922-6426 for more details on our needs.***

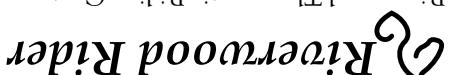
*H*orse hair is flying around (my children say that is the first sign of spring), the chickens are laying, and everything is coming to life around the farm. Our students from Bolton Elementary School found snails and tiny salamanders in the creek this week. The change of seasons always gets me excited about new ideas and all of the potential Riverwood has to serve the community in so many different ways.

Looking ahead, we are getting excited about the Riverwood horse show in May where our students will show off all that they have learned throughout the year. Our summer session is filling quickly and promises to be a great learning experience for all and an opportunity for some of the students on the waiting list to experience therapeutic riding for the first time. This summer, for the first time, we are offering a working student program for some of our more experienced riders. Our fall fundraiser, Ponies, Pigs and Pickin' promises to be the best ever with great music, food, silent auction and we plan to finish off the evening with Contra Dancing. Riverwood will be welcoming school groups to the farm this year for an experiential learning field trip and offering the same experience for Youth Opportunities summer program.

I want to thank all of the Riverwood community, friends, family, volunteers and students for all of the support you have given over the last year. Riverwood has more than 90 volunteers that support its programs which include nearly 200 students per year. We hope that you will continue to support Riverwoods therapeutic riding programs and we appreciate all of your gifts and service.

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