

Riverwood Rider

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We'd like to introduce....

Continuing with our series on Riverwood's "Originals", we would like to introduce Kirby Moore. Kirby has been riding at Riverwood for over 11 years and started when he was 3 years old.

When he started riding, he could not tolerate having a helmet on his head and had trouble even having the helmet anywhere near him. However, he loved the motion he experienced while riding his horse, and that made him happy enough that his instructors were able to convince him to wear the helmet for longer and longer periods of time. Now, he arrives at horseback riding and immediately waits to put on his helmet while anxiously looking out the window for his horse.

Over the years, Kirby has inspired all of us at the farm to learn more and more about different ways that children learn and develop. He has taught all of us so much about setting up plans for lessons and using alternate means of communication.

When he first began, he was just learning how to use a communication board, pointing at pictures of what he wanted. As he continued to ride, his parents' and therapists' goals for him were centered in language development. As a result,

Kirby said his first words on the back of a horse; he also said his first full sentence, "I want to walk on."

For many years, Cotton was the horse that Kirby rode and the faster Cotton went, the more Kirby would

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but he loves the people even more."***

scream with laughter. Even today, when he is trotting in the arena, one can't help but smile at the infectious laugh that bubbles out of him as he bounces along. He greets everyone with enthusiasm and brightens up the room when he decides to sing a song or impersonate someone he has heard on TV or the radio.

As Kirby has developed and grown, so has his riding. Earlier, he needed side walkers and a leader to keep him safe and focused while he was riding. Now, he is able to steer his horse through simple obstacle courses with only one person helping him. He is able to groom and touch his horse with little help from his instructor or volunteer.

At 14 years old, Kirby has developed into a dynamic young man who never fails to make us smile. His long time 10-year-volunteer, TJ Kennedy,

says that he looks forward to seeing Kirby all week long.

Kirby's mother, Bev Moore, speaks volumes about Kirby's riding activities over the years. She says that riding has, "given Kirby the opportunity to have fun 'off' his feet and that trotting especially brings him great joy." She contributes much of Kirby's language and social development to the interactions he has had at the farm. She is appreciative of the staff and volunteers' patience and dedication to Kirby over the years. Bev says, "He loves the horses, but he loves the people even more."



Kirby Moore, TJ Kennedy and King

Calendar of Events:

November 20-23: No Classes Tuesday-Friday. Thanksgiving Break

December 1: King Christmas Parade

December 14: Volunteer Holiday Party 10-12 Noon

December 24-January 2: No Classes, Christmas Break

January 4, 2008: FROSTBITE SERIES begins

February 2, 2008: 'Souper' Bowl Chili Fundraiser, Salem Kitchen

Come Ride With Us!!

This is your chance! The 2008 Riverwood Frostbite Riding Series is here again! The weather won't bother us in the indoor arena and cozy classroom setting!! Students will explore centered riding basics as well as horse behavior, barn management, different training methods and ideology, horse health and many other topics. They will have the opportunity to ride in our indoor arena as well as our beautiful trails and fields.

The Tuesday classes will be offered for beginner students, those who have never been around horses, or those who just want to take things a little slower.

The Friday classes will be offered to students who have participated in the Frostbite Series in the past, who have ridden in the last few years, or who have good horse experience.

Participants can sign up for just one 5 week session or back-to-back sessions to equal 10 weeks. Please hurry, as spaces will fill quickly and there is only room for 6 riders in each session. The cost per 5 week session is \$150 for Riverwood volunteers or parents of students, and \$175 for non Riverwood volunteers. For back-to-back sessions (10 weeks) the cost will be \$275 for Riverwood volunteers or parents of students and \$300 for non Riverwood volunteers. The sessions will take place on the following dates:

SESSION I

Tuesdays 11:30-1:00 PM

January 8, January 15, January 22, January 29, February 5

Fridays 11:30-1:00 PM

January 4, January 11, January 18, January 25, February 1

SESSION II

Tuesdays 11:30-1:00 PM

February 5, February 12, February 19, February 26, March 4

Fridays 11:30-1:00 PM

February 8, February 15, February 22, February 29, March 7

For more information please contact Riverwood
at 336-922-6426 or rtrc@windstream.net

Grassy Creek

September 16, 2007 turned out to be a beautiful day for a ride in the country. Riverwood volunteer Jane Marvin, my son Daniel and I went over the river and through the woods to Grassy Creek United Methodist Church for their annual "Leg Up" fund raiser.

There were a lot of "firsts" for me that day. It was the first time I had ever seen a Preacher dressed like a cowgirl. She looked like all the attendees at the "standing room only" worship service. I've never come out of church to see horses tied up to the hitching post. I was surprised to see a dog sleeping on a horse's back and a donkey providing background noise!

The service was inspiring and the food was plentiful. It was humbling to be surrounded by hundreds of people who made the journey to raise support for Riverwood and another area riding center. The attendees were moved by the stories presented of miracles witnessed at Riverwood.

The day ended with a relaxing hay ride under a bright blue sky. It was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!



Ribbons and Smiles: TRAV 2007

The weekend of October 13 & 14 2007, five Riverwood students, three horses and eight staff and volunteers traveled to Lexington, VA. Our riders spent the weekend at the 15th annual Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia Horse Show. The show hosted over 125 riders along with their horses, coaches, volunteers and parents. Riverwood has attended this show for the past 6 years and each year we are amazed when we watch our students perform.

This year our students competed in 4 classes each, in 3 different divisions. Chris Hamilton and Jillian Rogers competed in the minimal trot division; Austin Holloway competed in the intermediate trot division; Liz Baldwin and Moriah Shore competed in the advanced trot division. All riders participated in trail, pole bending, equitation and dressage classes.

Our riders placed well in their classes and the results were as follows:

Minimal Trot Division:

Equitation: Jillian Rogers, 4th place; Chris Hamilton, 5th place
Dressage: Jillian Rogers and Chris Hamilton were awarded participation ribbons
Trail Class: Chris Hamilton, 1st place; Jillian Rogers, Participation
Pole Bending: Jillian Rogers, 6th place; Chris Hamilton, Participation

Intermediate Trot Division:

Equitation: Austin Holloway, 4th place
Dressage: Austin Holloway, 4th place
Trail Class: Austin Holloway, 1st place
Pole Bending: Austin Holloway 3rd place

Advanced Trot Division:

Equitation: Liz Baldwin 1st place; Moriah Shore, 3rd place
Dressage: Liz Baldwin 1st place; Moriah Shore, 4th place
Trail Class: Moriah Shore, 1st place; Liz Baldwin, 3rd place
Pole Bending: Liz Baldwin 2nd place; Moriah Shore, 4th place

Congratulations to our riders and good job on all your hard work!

We also would like to thank the staff and volunteers who attended and helped make this a special event. Thanks to Susan and Amelia Hubbard, Kyle and Marie Petty, Jane Marvin, Chris Herko, Cindy Martin and Laura Pallavicini. Special thanks, as well, to Steve and Sawyer Hubbard for taking care of the Riverwood barn and horses while we traveled to Virginia!



Clockwise from left: Chris Hamilton, Austin Holloway, Jillian Rogers, Moriah Shore, Liz Baldwin

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Souper Bowl 2008

On February 2 from 9-4, just in time for super bowl parties, Riverwood will have its annual chili sale pick-up.

Orders will be taken from January 2- January 25. This year Salem Kitchen will be making chili, with a choice of meat or vegetarian, and all the fixin's to go with it. Order forms will be available on the Riverwood web site January 2. All orders are take-out and will be pre-orders only. The only day to pick up chili will be February 2.

We are so grateful to Ann and Jack Geis at Salem Kitchen for this special gift to Riverwood. Funds raised from the "Souper Bowl" will support Riverwood's therapy programs.

Shopping with a Purpose

We would like to thank Macy's Department Store for sharing their "Shop for A Cause" day, October 13, with Riverwood.

Martha Key generously gave of her time to sell tickets to this event and helped to raise over \$300 for Riverwood.

Macy's invites local charities to sell coupons to their stores for a discount on a specific shopping day, with the money from the \$5 coupon sale going directly to the charity. This year, Mrs. Key sold tickets to many of our volunteers, parents and people in the community. Not only did she sell tickets, but she helped in recruiting several new volunteers to Riverwood.

Overall, it was a great success and we are thankful to everyone who participated in the event.

Bluegrass Bash 2007

The 5th annual Bluegrass Bash held at the barn was a great success, raising \$25,000 to support Riverwood's programs!

Thanks to all who purchased tickets and came out in the rain and to all of our generous sponsors and silent auction contributors.

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Special Offer to Donors



This season, when you make a gift of \$100.00 or more to Riverwood, you can opt to receive an 8"x10" giclée-print of "Buddy" as our special thank you. Created by local artist Laurie Russell, this limited edition piece of art will only be available to our donors. *Please contact Riverwood for more detailed information.*

We are delighted that Laurie agreed to join us. She enjoys a career of capturing pets' personalities around North Carolina, and now she has started a planned series picturing all our equine partners.

Laurie has a reputation for helping and is involved with many local charities including, Forsyth Humane Society, AARF, Crisis Control Ministries and Mad Hatter's Tea Party.



Laurie Russell

She can be contacted at Naked Dog Studio 625 North Trade Street in Winston Salem or at capablepoet@aol.com. You can view her portfolio at www.ruff-art.com

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Since August, 2007

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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.

Help Pave The Way For Riverwood Riders One Brick At A Time.....

Riverwood Therapeutic Riding Center is a magical place where miracles happen almost every day. We work with adults and children who have a variety of physical, emotional, mental and developmental disabilities. Through our riding programs, Riverwood TRC promotes confidence and improved self-esteem in addition to improved balance, muscle tone, cognitive, and behavioral skills. In other words, Riverwood TRC helps change lives. By purchasing a brick you will help to provide therapeutic riding activities in our community. The bricks will be laid on the floor of the annex in our indoor riding facility.

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