

Riverwood Rider

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There is little time for reflection on this active farm, for there are always new volunteers to orient, a waiting-list student to be called to fill a vacant spot, horses that need some training, a pasture to sow, trails to clear. But as winter closes, spring brings with it such hope. With each new bud and each new chick, this season beckons to be appreciated and provides a moment to consider where Riverwood has been with the anticipation of its promise.

There is much that is woven into Riverwood's flowering landscape:

Our dependable volunteers and their countless hours of endless compassion;
Our remarkable students and their families who entrust our horses and instructors to challenge their limits and embrace independence;
Our generous donors who, despite the economic climate, helped us exceed our Annual Campaign goal!

The commitment of countless individuals enables Riverwood to serve more students than could have been imagined; among them:

Vickie Newell, DVM, of Greystone Veterinary and a member of Riverwood's board. She has donated infinite hours keeping our herds healthy, trying to save one of our horses in a moment of despair, and quietly promoting Riverwood within the horse community. Supplies and medications appear without invoices or expectations of repayment.

Anne Geiss, owner of Salem Kitchen. As a former Riverwood board member and volunteer, Anne and her staff donate the proceeds from the annual Souper Bowl chili sales to Riverwood and provide the sides for the Bluegrass Bash. We are indebted to Anne's ongoing support of our program, her great business-perspective and her delicious food.

Horse sponsors and student sponsors at Riverwood, who donate \$1,000 annually, cannot go unrecognized. Horse sponsors' financial support provides feed and veterinary and farrier care to our therapy horses each year. Student sponsors help to offset the cost of scholarships, furthering our ability to offer riding to everyone regardless of financial limitations.

Each person and every herd member that touches Riverwood brings to it their personal experiences and talents. It's astonishing, frankly, to realize the impact that these individuals collectively have had and continue to have on our students. In the rush of our busy lives, take a moment in our Memory Garden to see the beauty of spring on this farm and to take in the miracle of Riverwood.



And the Winner Is....

A Riverwood rider has graced the pages of a national catalog that sells ribbons, sashes and awards for competitions! Ariel Frye is featured in the Hodges Badge Company's 2009 National Catalog.

Each year, Hodges holds a photo contest - any photo of a rider holding a Hodges Badge ribbon can be accepted for judging. The finalist photos appear in their magazine and receive cash prizes. Ariel's picture was taken by Benita VanWinkle, of Busy B Studio in Winston Salem, at our annual Riverwood Horse Show in May of 2008. Ariel was riding Fits and had just completed a class and received her ribbon when Benita snapped the photo.

Ariel and her mom, Annette, were excited that we chose to enter the photo but even more surprised to hear that Ariel's picture had placed in the contest. Benita VanWinkle generously donated the prize money of \$100 to Riverwood.

If you'd like to learn more about the photo contest or check out their catalog, you can go to www.hodgesbadge.com. To learn more about Benita's photography, visit her website at www.busybstudio.com. Congratulations Ariel and Benita!!



Calendar of Events:

Please go to www.riverwoodtrc.org to see our full calendar.

April 1, 2: Snow make-up classes for Wednesday and Thursday classes

Friday, April 3: Closed for Spring Break

Saturday April 18: Snow make-up classes for Tuesday PM classes

May 16: Riverwood Horse Show

June 5: Last Day of Classes

June 15: Summer Session Classes Begin

June 20 & 21: Centered Riding Clinic

July 31: End of Summer Session Classes

2009 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 June 15 through July 30. We are also offering our popular working student program for teens.

The summer program is open to anyone in the community with or without special needs as well as siblings of our current riders. For those of you who are adults who would like to get back in the saddle, we also have a typical adult class and classes that specifically focus on horsemanship on the ground.

Our summer information is posted on the website. Please check it out at 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!

2009 Annual Riverwood Horse Show

Everyone is invited!!! The 2009 Horse Show will be held at the farm on Saturday, May 16, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

There will be classes for every level of student in our lesson program: pole bending races, egg and spoon relays, obstacle classes, equitation, and un-mounted parent/sibling pin-the-tail-on-the-chicken. And we'll have a new spectator event you don't want to miss! Two of our horses will be placed in a paddock divided into grids. Spectators can "purchase" a piece of the grid for a minimal amount of money. If one of the horses "drops a plop" of manure in your grid, you win a prize!!!

After the show, a hot dog lunch will be provided and we would love to have homemade desserts, baked beans and chips provided by our Riverwood supporters. We'll have a list of items we will need by May 1.

If you are interested in assisting with the horse show or coming to watch, please drop us an email at rtrc@windstream.net or call the office at 336-922-6426.



Save the Date for our Best Ever Bluegrass Bash!

Planning is well underway for this year's Bluegrass Bash. New this year: a unique "fun" raiser and more kid-oriented activities. Mark Saturday, September 26th on your calendar – guaranteed to be a fun family event! We'll all be bluegrass-bashing and contra dancing well into the night - don't miss this fun!

Equestrian Exchange

We are collecting new and gently used English and Western tack, horse clothing, boots, etc to sell at the Equestrian Exchange, an annual consignment sale. Drop off your items at Riverwood, Greystone Veterinary, Clemmons Mill, or Silverland Farm. This is a tax-deductible donation.

Modern Automotive's Car Show to Support Riverwood

More than 400 cars and thousands of car enthusiasts are expected at Modern Automotive's Classic Muscle GM Performance Parts Annual Cruise In with Shades of the Past Cruisers on July 18th on Kelly-Moore Drive. Free hotdogs and drinks and plenty of family fun are offered by Modern. Riverwood will have a booth at this annual event. For more information, visit our website in the coming weeks. Thanks to West and Jeni Fowler for your ongoing support!

Board Members

Jennifer Barksdale - Jenifer Fowler
Nancy Hancock - Deanna Hines
Susan Hubbard - Hilary Kosloske
Karen Lineberger - Keith Tart
Victoria E. Newell, DVM
Charlie Williams

CLASS QUIP FROM LAURA

On a VERY cold Tuesday afternoon this February, the promise of snow was on the minds of every person. In our outdoor arena, the class of five riders and their six volunteers were all excited to feel the wind pick up and see the dark clouds approach as we completed our exercises and prepared for the rest of the lesson. You could literally feel the excitement in the air and even the quietest young man in the class was talkative and expressive.

We decided it would be great fun to make up our own snow dance to see if we could urge Mother Nature along a little. All five riders and their volunteers started walking, repeating patterns of figure eights in the arena and as they all walked, they got into a perfect fast paced rhythm, almost trotting but not quite, and we all began chanting, "SNOW, SNOW, SNOW!" over and over again. The horses got into the game and some of them perked their ears and tossed their heads playfully, even our big draft horse Tony.

After a few minutes of "snow dancing," the skies opened up and we were all caught in a whirlwind of blowing heavy snowflakes. I had the overwhelming joy of looking into each face in the arena and seeing innocence, awe and surprise on each person: youth and adult. The only way to describe the feeling that followed is magical. Our snow dance actually worked! But more than that, we were all wrapped up in an experience that doesn't always happen in this fast-paced world. Time slowed down as those snowflakes melted on smiling faces. For a few moments we all had the same feelings and none of us were any different from the person next to us.

Our lesson that day was not about learning to ride, but that a little imagination, a little laughter and a little belief in things we don't always understand can lead to an exciting and unforgettable experience.

~Laura Pallavicini, Program Director

Riverwood welcomes our newest volunteers!

Lacy Avezedo
Betty Barnum
Annette and Alicia Bernhardt
Mary Bumgarner
Nancy, Ami and Abigail Carmichael
Josh Holbrook
Chrissy Joyce
Abbey Keener
Ben Kuchel
Hank Phillips
Erin and Anne-Marie Ruwe
Sharon Solomon
Rebecca Speer
Bailey Taylor
Holly Tyrrell
Beth VonIsenburg
Krista and Carly Wolfe
Abbigail and Judy Wright



Welcome New Board Members

We are delighted to have new board members, Karen Lineberger and Jeni Fowler, helping us at Riverwood. Both have been big supporters of our farm for years and we appreciate the additional service they are now providing in this new capacity!

Souper Bowl:

A Super Success!

Thank you for supporting our chili fundraiser - what a delicious way to support Riverwood! Special thanks to Ann Geiss, Hope and the staff of Salem Kitchen who make this so fun and easy each year!

Centered Riding Clinic with Robin Brueckmann

Don't miss out on an amazing and affordable opportunity to ride with an Olympic rider and Level 4 Centered Riding instructor! We will be hosting an Open Centered Riding Clinic Taught by Robin Brueckmann of Summerfield, NC on June 20 and 21 from 9:00-5:00 each day. The full clinic cost per rider is \$275. Stabling on site for your horse is available at an extra cost. Auditors are welcomed for \$25 per day. The class size is small, limited to 8 participants so you will have great learning opportunities. Centered riding is not a style of riding but a way to learn how to be more balanced, both mechanically and emotionally, while riding in your chosen discipline. There are millions of people worldwide who have learned this technique and are extremely successful riders because of it. This clinic is open to all who are able to walk, trot, and canter on their horse. You will be amazed at how much this can change your riding and your relationship with your horse. For more information, please visit our website at www.riverwoodtrc.org or send us an email at rtrc@windstream.net. Spots are limited!

Riverwood Contributors

Since November 2008

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

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Anne and Rick Abernethy
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Trey Moore, Cotton Patch
and Snapper
Don and DJ Timmons
in memory of Katie Fitzgerald
Laura and Chris Pallavicini
in memory of Uncle Phil and Rebecca
and to welcome Autumn

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Horse Sponsors

Horse sponsorships are \$1000 a year and help with cost of care and keeping of our loyal partners.

Fits - Jane Marvin

Fits - Caryl Cullom & Nell Barksdale

King - The Barksdale Family

King - Linda and Ray Collins

Ibby - The Hines Family

Boomer - Vulcan Materials

Buddy - Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Key

Pet - Lovell's Little Bits

Tony - Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kirby

Tony - Courtney Czarnecki
in Honor of Beb McIntyre

Flash - Kerri Crater

Angel - The Hubbard Family

Angel - Piedmont Kiwanis Club

Gator - Danny and Betsy Cauble – partial

Blaze - Kyle and Marie Petty

As the cost of keeping our horses increases, we hope to have at least two sponsors for each horse. Please consider sponsoring a horse.

Gifts in Kind

Laura Pallavicini
- Wintec Kids Leadline saddle

Don Timmons - English saddle

Marilu Jason - Helmet

Kevin Grissler - time and supplies to add lighting upstairs

Dr. Bryan Taylor
- dental care of Buddy

Lisa and Jonathon Allen
and the home school group
- cleaning trails

Chris Pallavicini with Offsides Creative
- ongoing website support



Piedmont Kiwanis Club sponsors Angel

Student Sponsors

Student sponsorships are \$1000 a year and supplement costs that are not covered by tuition, including scholarships.

Teresa Dampier

Chris and Danny Herko

Susan and Craig Peatross

Thanks from the Herd

Angel, Boomer, Buddy, Flash, Fits, Gator, Ibby, King, Pet, Sassy, and Tony extend a special thanks to all who generously contributed to Riverwood over the holidays by purchasing items from our wish list tree at LTD in King. Yum!

Wish List

Paper towels

Toilet paper

Computer paper

Hand soap

Feed - Legends 11 pellets,
beet pulp with
or without molasses

Brick Pavers – Building A Strong Foundation

A perfect gift or a great way to honor someone special is with an inscribed brick paver installed in the floor of Riverwood's entryway. Order your brick (up to 18 characters per line) by submitting the attached with payment to Riverwood. Deadline for placing your order is April 30, 2009.

Personalized Brick Order

Purchaser's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone () _____ Today's Date _____

Please print name as it is to appear on brick. Each brick will have up to three lines of engraving with up to 18 characters per line. Print only one character (inc. punctuation mark or space) per box. Names of individuals, groups, companies, pets, etc. are welcome.

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_____ # of bricks at \$50 each = \$ _____ my check payable to Riverwood is attached.

Please return form to: Riverwood TRC, 6825 Rollingview Drive, Tobaccoville, NC 27050 (For more than one brick, please make copies of this form)

From the Director

Dear Friends,

Something about the change of seasons here at the farm gives me a sense of security. It proves there are some things which are steadfast, constant and without a doubt; you can just plain count on them happening. The daffodils will bloom, horses shed, Wheat Thin (our most broody hen) will start sitting on a nest, the mares will come in season and children will be a little more rambunctious. There is also the spring work that must be done: seeding pastures, cutting the grass and trimming fence lines.


With the troubled state of the world and stress at home and in the work place, I hope that Riverwood will give you a sense that life on the farm, which is largely directed by the seasons, offers hope.

Our students, through no fault of their own, find themselves caught up in the stress of our world. To them the farm offers an environment in which they can, through nature, see that some things in life are constant. Nature provides us with a wonderful gift of consistency that the economy, school, work and family life cannot always provide.

If you are not somebody who makes those weekly trips to the farm for therapeutic riding or as a volunteer, I encourage you to come for a visit and experience the farm this spring. Our spring horse show is a great time to visit, or give us a call to schedule a visit any time.

Susan

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