

Riverwood Rider

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TRAV SHOW

Riverwood riders and horses demonstrated their skills at the annual Therapeutic Riding Association of Virginia Horse Show on October 10 and 11 in Lexington, Va. Five riders participated in three or four classes each with all students bringing home ribbons. Classes included equitation, pole bending, trail and dressage. The students spent months preparing for the event. They were required to wear show attire and have the horses looking their best. This was a great opportunity to see our students at their best and heartwarming see that all of their hard work paid off. There were tears of pride from parents, cheers from the students for each other and leaps of joy from instructors



when a student picked up the correct diagonal or lead. Participants were Liz Baldwin, Madeleine McGuire, Ariel Frye, Austin Holloway, and Dylan O'Neal. The horses participating were Pet, Boomer and Gator.



Adult Frostbite Series

Riverwood will be offering its adult Frostbite series this winter beginning in January. Open to typical adults who are beginner-intermediate level riders, Frostbite will include stable management, ground work and riding. Two six-week sessions on Tuesday afternoons from 1:00-2:30 will be offered beginning January 5 for Session One and February 16 for Session Two. The cost is \$275/session and limited to 5 riders/session. Those riders interested in bringing their own horses are also welcome. Riverwood offers a variety of opportunities even for the more experienced rider. We have both the indoor and outdoor arenas, as well as trails with creek crossings. Confidence building equipment including tarps, teeter-totter, hula hoops, hanging noodles, and bridges will give the more advanced rider the opportunity for training with assistance from the Riverwood staff as needed. A deposit of \$100 must be received by Dec. 15 for Session One and Jan. 15 for Session Two. For more information call the Riverwood office 922-6426.

Calendar of Events:

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

November 23 – 27: Closed for Thanksgiving Break
December 7 – 11: Volunteer Appreciation Week
December 11: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
December 21 – January 1: Closed for Christmas
January 4, 2010: After school classes resume
January 5, 2010: Frostbite Session I begins
February 1, 2010: Children's Center Spring I
February 6, 2010: Souper Bowl fundraiser with Salem Kitchen
February 16, 2010: Frostbite Session II begins
March 29 – April 2, 2010: Closed for Spring Break
April 5, 2010: Children's Center Spring II
May 15, 2010: Spring Horse Show
June 14, 2010: Summer Session begins

Welcome Caleb!

Congratulations to our Program Director, Laura and her husband, Chris, who welcomed Caleb Dawson on Sunday, September 20th. The family looks forward to introducing Caleb to everyone at Riverwood and is grateful for all the prayers, support, gifts and well-wishes.



Laura, Chris and Caleb

Equestrian Exchange

Thanks for the donations of tack over the past several months. We raised \$900 selling those items at the Equestrian Exchange in Raleigh. Special thanks to Marilu Jason for helping to price the items and, with Kyle and Marie Petty, delivering items to the Raleigh sale. We collect tack throughout the year so please consider us a destination for your gently-used unwanted horse items.



Souper Bowl 2010

Salem Kitchen is again donating their delicious vegetarian and meat chili to support Riverwood! All chili must be pre-ordered with Riverwood by February 1 – call 922-6426 or download the order form from Riverwood's website. All orders must be picked up between 9 and 4 at Salem Kitchen on Saturday, February 6. Thanks to Ann and Jack Geis and the Salem Kitchen staff for their generosity!

Christmas Wish List

Dear Riverwood Santas,

We have been very good this year and all we want for Christmas is some Legends 11 pellets, Purina Senior and Equi-min blocks and, of course, horse treats. The nice folks at Clemmons Mill (4010 Hampton Road in Clemmons) and LTD Farm and Garden (931 Meadowbrook Drive in King) are willing to store all our "presents" until we need them. Please stop by and choose an item or two for us. We really have been very, very good this year!

Thank you and Merry Christmas!
Angel, Blaze, Boomer, Flash, Fits, Gator, Ibby, King, Pet, Sassy and Tony

Board of Directors

A special note of appreciation to Deanna Hines, who is rotating off our board after years of faithful service. She will continue to support our program as Ibby's sponsor and as a volunteer with the students from the Children's Center. Deanna, thank you!

Farewell to a Friend

This summer marked the passing of a dear member of the Riverwood herd. Buddy, our little white pony, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones. A favorite of many of our riders and volunteers, Buddy spent his summer hanging out in the shade with Tony and welcoming hugs and pats from visitors to the farm. He will be remembered for his sweet whinny and his tendency to push an unsuspecting person around with his nose and head! As an ongoing tribute to him, Laura and her family have started the Buddy Memorial Fund which will be used to help offset the cost of horse care on the farm. Contact Riverwood for more information if you would like to contribute to the Buddy Memorial Fund.



Special Sidewalkers and Loyal Leaders

We welcome our newest volunteers!

Erin Bohannon	Emily Pasby
Jordan Brown	Lily Cottrell
Alex Hollifield	Jamie Rogers
Pattie Parker	Kara Argabright
Amanda Badgett	

Artist Laurie Russell Completes Series

Local artist Laurie Russell has joined with Riverwood for the last two years to create a series of portraits that includes Buddy, Rocky and Beau. She completes her work this year with two special partners, Snapper and Tony. Donations of \$100.00 or more will entitle you to receive one of these limited edition Giclee prints, measuring 8" x 10," printed on rag paper and matted, suitable for framing.

Congratulations Kathylyn and Kyle

Kathylyn Barnhill, PT, and Kyle Petty received their NARHA Registered Instructor certification in September. Instructor certification involves CPR and First-Aid certification, 25 hours of training with a certified instructor, a training workshop, a mounted exam and written exam. Kathylyn and Kyle spent nearly a year in preparation - riding, studying and teaching - in order to be eligible to take the exam. We are so excited to welcome them both as instructors in our therapeutic riding program.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts Making a Difference

There are so many individuals and groups that help around the Riverwood property to keep trails clear and make them more engaging for our students. Recently, several students have made significant improvements here! Kathryn Abernathy, working on her gold award, created Buddy's Way, a perimeter paddock for all the horses to enjoy; Amy Kosloske, also working on her gold award, used her artistic talent to create games and interest to stimulate riders on the ABC trail; and Eagle Scout Sam Bowman built a compost bin in the back paddock to make compost out of our horse manure. Thank you scouts!

Sizzlin' Summer Cruisin supports Riverwood

Modern Automotive raised \$3,795 for Riverwood at their July muscle car show. We are so grateful to West and Jeni Fowler, and Gerald Smith and *Shades of the Past Cruisers* for their ongoing support of Riverwood!



Wish List

- toilet paper
- paper towels
- liquid hand soap
- dry erase markers
- copy paper
- stamps
- envelopes
- water

Riverwood Contributors

Since August 2009

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

Anne and Scott McHone
Barbara Bell
Barbara Bowman
Barbara Rich
Becky Hurd
Blevins Baldwin
Bo and Kathy Brookby
Bob and Sally Kenny
Carolyn and Mike Rush
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Terry Bull

In Memory Of

In memory of Cleo Hubbard:
Army Reserve G-1 North Staff
Hervey and Jessie Davis
Kyle and Marie Petty
Martha Younts
Patty Stockner
Sandy and Beth Baldwin
The Mobile Doc Team
Bruce and Kathylyn Barnhill
in memory of Harold Miller
Christy Hamrick
in memory of Katie Fitzgerald
Julia and Scott Hanes
in memory of Madeline Hanes
Sharon and Paul Eaton in memory
of Brittany Nicole Casstevens

Gifts in Kind

Cooper Padgett – riding pants
Sam Calloway – saddles
Kim Doby – saddle
Gary Fish – stool and saddle racks
Rick and Ann Abernathy – materials
for new perimeter trail
Chris Herko – Parelli starter kit
Merrilee with *Caring Hands* – tack
Elie Rosen – helping Kyle
Harry Dawson and *Dawson Tree Service* – clearing trees
Marilu Jason – fly mask
Nancy Fowler – tack
Susan Cheek – saddle
Hada de Varona Haulsee – translating
student forms into Spanish
Carly Burton – helmet
JD Hoots with *Camel City Poster Productions* – billboard artwork
Fairway Outdoor Advertising
– billboard
Buddy Glassgo – dance floor
Don and Maggie Lendle –
cleaning out the attic
Katherine Abernathy – managing
sales at the Bluegrass Bash,
ongoing donations

In Honor Of

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in honor of Martha Key
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David and Mindy Engstrom
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Jim and Deanna Hines
Marcia and Louis Gottlieb
Mary Margaret Ogburn
and Michael Wilson
Pamela Hughes
Rebecca and Dan Huber
Robert and Jan Gibson
Sherinanne McFarland
Steven and Linda Block
Virginia Luck

Horse Sponsors

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

Tony - Alan Kirby
Gator -

Andrea Bostic's 5th Graders at
Old Richmond Elementary School,
in honor of Hilary Kosloske

Tony - Courtney Czarnecki

Tony - David & Jennifer Barksdale

Boomer - Doreen Hughes

Fits - Jane Marvin

Flash - Kerri Crater

Blaze - Kyle and Marie Petty

Pet - Lovell's Little Bits

Sassy - Scott & Stringfellow

Angel - The Hubbard Family

Angel - The Piedmont Kiwanis Club

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

Buddy Memorial Fund

Darla Johnson

Jim and Nancy DeVenny

Martha Key

Riverwood Board

Student Sponsors

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

Chris and Danny Herko
Teresa Dampier

Board Members

Jennifer Barksdale - Jenifer Fowler

Nancy Hancock - Deanna Hines

Susan Hubbard - Hilary Kosloske

Karen Lineberger - Keith Tart

Victoria E. Newell, DVM

Charlie Williams - Elizabeth Lenn

Bluegrass Bash: A huge success!

Riverwood's Bluegrass Bash was a huge success this fall! Our Tuesday evening students did a great job talking about what Riverwood means to them. Over \$34,000 was raised helping to offset the cost of riding for all our students. We are grateful to our sponsors, those that donated silent auction items and desserts, all the people who helped get the farm ready for such a turnout, and all those who came to support this event!

Sponsors: Bronson Chiropractic • Caring Hands • Charlie and Beth Murray • Drs. Chermak and Hanson • Grandview Construction Company • John and Mary Schultz • Kids In Motion Therapy Services • Lane Industries Lindsey and Gardner, CPA • Lineberger Family • LTD Farm and Garden • MICA Information Systems, Inc • Modern Automotive Network, Inc • NewBridge Bank • North Point Medical Associates • Offside Creative Group, Inc. • Piedmont Natural Gas • Plyler Building Supplies • Rick and Nancy Hancock • Riverwood TRC Board • Scott & Stringfellow • Southern Community Bank and Trust • Star H Equine Insurance • Upper South Studio • The Mobile Doc, PLLC • WR Vernon Produce Co., Inc.

Special thanks to: Ann Geis with Salem Kitchen • Sharpe Images • Rockford Express • Reel Shady • Goodtimes Barbecue • Bruce Holliday

Helped with Clean Up Day: Ann Williams • Beth Hano • Deanna and Robby Hines • Esther Sloyer • Kyle and Marie Petty • Scott & Stringfellow • Vince, Doris, Tess, Aaron and Nathan Barringer

Provided Desserts for BGB: Ann Williams • Anne-Marie Ruwe • Bailey and Jan Taylor • Beth Hano • Beth Holthusen • Chris Herko • Cynthia Williams • Deanna Hines • Debra Holliday • Elizabeth Lenn • Jane Marvin • Kathylyn Barnhill • Lacy Azevedo • Marie Petty • McKenzie Millican • Nancy Carmichael • Nancy Hancock • Nicole Gallimore • Scott Foster • Sharon McGrath

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From the Director

Dear Friends,

Watching the leaves turn and fall is a visual reminder that another year is coming to a close. In a brief moment of reflection, I have to admit it's been a remarkable year. We've survived (so far) in this tough economy. We've worked to help lessen the burden of our riders' families by trying to meet the demand for additional scholarships. We've added Kathylyn and Kyle as instructors so that Laura could enjoy her new son, Caleb. We've loved and lost dear Buddy, who so faithfully shared his tender disposition with our students and volunteers. We've solved Tony's ongoing hoof problems to help him heal and remain a special part of our program.

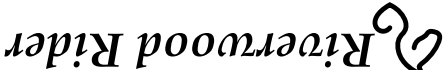
With ongoing change, there are also constants on this farm. Our volunteers continue to be steadfast. The generosity of each volunteer makes Riverwood's program remarkable; they are dependable, committed, and compassionate. Weekly volunteers who help in classes and volunteers who take on special projects contribute so significantly to making Riverwood even better.

Constant, too, are our students who continue to leave their indelible mark on Riverwood. They make breakthroughs, exceed our expectations, stretch their boundaries. The physical, emotional and spiritual benefits of therapeutic riding here transform our youngest student (age 2) to our oldest (age 57).

We look forward to 2010 with gratitude for our inspiring students, dedicated volunteers and the support of our community. May the New Year bring you peace and joy.

Susan

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