

## **WCR Newsletter – June 23, 2011**

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Our first session of 2011 is almost over. It was great to see the riders again – they are so excited to be back! They remembered most of what they learned last year and are looking forward to growing in their skills.

The arena is full of activities for the riders – the mailbox game, puzzles, rings and nets, barrels and cones to practice reining, and the brightly colored alphabet and numbers-- painted and installed by Brian Murphy who continues to make sure things are ready for a good rider experience in the arena and who helps care for our special horses along with Kim Lindquist. Brian also repainted the mailboxes, made new PVC poles at different heights for games and activities and does maintenance of fences.

Other yard work help is needed for weed-eating the fence line and trimming tree limbs off the electric fence. Please call Jen at 414-791-2509 if you are able to help with those tasks.

Welcome to new volunteers: Lorraine, Jennifer, Courtney, Valerie, Jeff, Autumn, Erik, Abbey, Maggie and Caroline.

It is YOU – our volunteers, parents and friends that make this happen for these special children and young adults. Thank you.

### **Session 2**

Our next session runs six weeks from July 5 through August 18. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30; Wednesdays at 5:30 and 6:30. You will receive a separate email with a request for your help. OR email [wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com](mailto:wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com) with your availability.

### **Orientation Dates for June**

Interested new volunteers (and current volunteers who need a refresher) have a choice of two orientation sessions in June:

Monday, June 27 – 5:30 to 7:00 pm or

Tuesday, June 28 – 5:30 to 7:00 pm

The session includes a 20-minute video of a therapeutic riding program, completing paperwork, WCR information and program procedures and practice in the arena.

Registration can be made through email ([wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com](mailto:wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com)) or by calling 262-806-4511 with your name and phone number. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old. Registration is needed by Sunday, June 26. Details will be sent to registrants.

### **Our Annual Fundraiser – Open Pleasure Horse Show – August 28.**

This all-day Willow Creek Ranch fundraiser will be held at West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co. in East Troy. It includes the opportunity for special needs riders to participate in the competition and we expect some of our very own students to ride.

Some of the areas where help is needed:

- solicitations for products and class/event sponsorships

- set up the day of the show; takedown/clean up after the event
- marketing/flyer distribution
- mailings
- committee chairs & members
- volunteers to assist riders
- food concession stand planners, cooks, servers

Please contact Jennifer at [jennifer.pape@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer.pape@yahoo.com) or Marty at [wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com](mailto:wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com) if you are interested in helping in any of the areas.

### **Horse Updates**

We have a new horse getting ready to be a part of our therapeutic riding program.

#### **Jennifer updates us on our newest arrival:**

I am pleased to announce the arrival of Forrest. He is an 8-year-old Thoroughbred/Quarter horse who can no longer do dressage or jumping events. Before coming to WCR, Forrest had been under the attentive and loving care of WCR Friend and Volunteer Beth. He was originally trained in the hunter-jumper discipline, later switching to dressage. After healing from a career-ending injury, his owners sought a new role that would fit his abilities and personality. Forrest has a willing spirit, curious attitude and loves human interaction, including attempts to be a part of their conversations. His favorite activities are eating and getting lots of personal attention. He especially loves receiving horse treats and peppermints!

#### **Looking for a new home for Libby:**

Libby is a gentle, friendly, 8-year-old quarter horse mare (2003 AQHA). She would make a great lesson horse or your "first" horse because of her easy going personality, calm disposition, and slow steady gait. She is suitable for the advanced beginner rider, who would enjoy English or Western Pleasure. She rides well in an indoor or outdoor arena and also trail rides. Libby loads in any type of trailer easily, tolerates clippers, lunges, bathes easily, stands for farrier, and has no vices. She is up to date on vaccinations and worming.

Details:

Straw Libby Belle "Libby"

\$1,800

Birthdate: 3/15/03      Height: 14.2 hands

Color: Sorrel with white on nose, left hind pastern, and right hind sock

Registration: X0620003

Pedigree: Sire - Skips Dun Bar Extra (Palomino); bloodlines on Sire side go back to original Doc Bar, Dun Bar & Hazy Dundee

Dam: Straw Basket (Sorrel)

Temperament: 2-3 (1=bombproof, 10=hot)

For more information, contact: Jennifer at Willow Creek Ranch. Phone 414-791-2509 or email [jennifer.pape@yahoo.com](mailto:jennifer.pape@yahoo.com)(subject: Libby); videos of Libby available on YouTube:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2GSB6Jp\\_g8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2GSB6Jp_g8)

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