

Serving the Community since 2007!

Ranch Updates

- Indoor Riding Arena progress report
- Program horses (and your opportunity to work with the horses)
- WCR items for sale
- Recent WCR activities
- How you can help

Indoor Riding Arena, progress report

The concrete has been poured in the arena entryway and the community room. Plumbing has been installed and is ready for the community room, bathroom and kitchen areas. Electrical connections are next to do.

Thank you to our donors who have provided funds to continue on this indoor arena and community room building project. The community room will have an ADA compliant bathroom, a kitchen area, a viewing room for parents and guests to watch lessons, and a meeting room.

Next steps are to prepare the walls in the community room-insulation, install the walls and build the bathroom. Please continue to support this project with a gift to our building fund and/or providing materials such as 2x4 interior building grade lumber, flooring, tile, kitchen cabinets/sink, new ADA compliant grab bars, toilet or bathroom sink. Then we will be adding the heating system, installing flooring and doing finishing carpentry.

Your generosity will mean so much to improve the experience of our riders and we greatly appreciate your gifts.

Program Horses

Our horses are adjusting to the winter cold with thickening coats and being blanketed when needed. They have had a nice restful break from all their hard work. This year we are implementing a conditioning program for them to keep them exercised and in shape for the spring lesson season. If you are interested in working with the horses – grooming, training, chores – please send an email to wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com or text Jennifer at 414-791-2509. You will be sent a schedule of times that we will be working. Training will be provided. It's a great chance to learn about our horses and get some exercise!

We are sad to see one of our favorite program horses, **Harley**, and his buddy Rudy leave WCR. Their owner and long-time volunteer, Tara, has moved from the area and is establishing a new home up north.

WCR items for sale. (Limited supply, first come-first served) Send your request or questions to: wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com

Wrangler brand Sherpa lined fleece with WCR logo, \$30. Adult sizes: Small (3 left), Medium (3); blue or black denim color

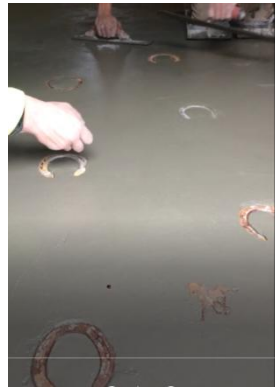
Jean shirts with WCR logo, \$20. Adult sizes: Small (2 left), Medium (2), large (1); light denim or medium denim

WCR t-shirts, \$10. Women's Medium (6), Large (8) and XLarge (1)

WCR youth t-shirts, \$8. Youth Small, Medium, Large, XLarge; youth long sleeve, \$10 - Medium only

WCR baseball style cap, \$15. Only 3 left!

Hanging hoofprints: Available with and without a WCR horse name. SALE on remaining prints \$5 (description: 12"x12" muslin with horseshoe hoof print designs, can be personalized with a horse's name.) *Pictures of samples on next page.*



Surprise in the concrete entryway!





Recent WCR activities

The Dancing Horses show (October 27) was attended by more than 25 WCR kids and adults. It was a wonderful show with an opportunity to see the amazing horses, an exotic bird show, and also wander through the petting zoo and roam the grounds to see wild animals.

The Volunteer Appreciation picnic (October 19) was well attended. Volunteers received their certificate of appreciation, an attendance gift, a sumptuous meal, and a chance to trail ride with their favorite horse. And we surprised our Executive Director Jennifer with a birthday cake! (Left: Volunteers Tara on Harley and Joy on Calibur.)



Miss Kitty has grown a thick coat of fur and has put on her “winter weight”! Here, still in her slim summer outfit, she is helping a rider identify the letter “K” in the new arena.

The chickens and ducks continue to donate their eggs to raise funds for items around the ranch. So far in 2019 they have raised nearly \$600.00!

How YOU can help

Volunteer! Help us during the off-season to keep our WCR horses in program condition by coming out to brush and groom, help with chores, and prepare for 2020 riding season! Training is provided!

Provide a gift to our building fund or provide materials as we prepare the interior of our community room.

Sponsor a Horse. Horse care continues during the off-season and so do the costs of caring for our horses – hay, grain, vet care, farrier (we just had 9 horses get their hooves trimmed and checked), blanket repair and more. Your gift can go directly to support our wonderful horse partners in providing services to those with special needs.

Give a Horsemanship Program gift. Your gift can 1) help keep the cost of lessons affordable for those families who already have so many expenses 2) pay for learning items to use in lessons or 3) support the needs of the arena/community room building project. Please send your gift to WCR, 7404 Northwest Hwy 83, Mukwonago WI 53149 or through PayPal from the WCR website: <http://willowcreekranch.org/how-help/donate.html>

**We are able to continue the winter care of our horses and work on the indoor arena because of generous donors and supporters like you. Thank you.
And may your holidays be blessed.**

Willow Creek Ranch, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and a member of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International and of the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Willow Creek Ranch - Where Life Reins...Miracles Happen
7404 Northwest Hwy 83, Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149 – (262) 806-4080
www.willowcreekranch.org wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com