

Ranch Updates

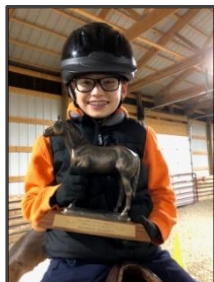
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Therapeutic Riding- November and December

Our November 3-week session served 36 participants! The weather was relatively wonderful, with some days when we could ride outside in the sunshine. Our final session for the year begins November 30 and ends the week of December 18. There are 21 participants who have elected to continue into the winter – brave riders with the love of horses on their mind! We will cancel any lessons if a winter storm may cause unsafe travel or extreme temperatures. We are so thankful for our volunteers, horses and families that continue to support us.

10-year Anniversary Celebrations

In November we presented two 10-year awards for rider participation – Andrew S. and Kylie M.



And three 10-year Volunteer awards – Brian M., Kelly R. and Walter B. (not pictured)



Volunteers – Volunteering

Welcome to new volunteers: Marsha, Kam, Holly, Lauren, Teri,

As our off season begins, there are still opportunities for volunteers to help at WCR. December through March we still need volunteers to help with horse care – grooming, mucking, feeding-- and property maintenance. And in February we will begin a conditioning program to get our WCR horses in shape for spring lessons. Horse conditioning involves strengthening (as they have been somewhat ‘paddock potatoes’ for several months), reminding the horses of lesson protocols, and continued training of our newer horses. Training is provided. If you are interested, contact wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com.

Thank you to Joy and Sandy for brightening our indoor arena with holiday decorations.

Thank you to our supporters

Thank you to donors, volunteers, parents, and participants for supporting our program through donations of products, participation and gifts. As **GivingTuesday** nears, it reminds us of how thankful we are for our supporters who give so that those with special needs can grow and learn and strengthen their bodies. Please keep Willow Creek Ranch as a benefactor of your kindness. Check out the Willow Creek Ranch Facebook page for an opportunity to give to a special project. You may also give through PayPal on our website, www.willowcreekranch.org or by sending a check to WCR at the address listed below.

Unique Holiday Gift Ideas to Support WCR

WCR Logowear Apparel! – We have a variety of apparel with the WCR logo – long- and short-sleeved t-shirts, baseball caps, warm hoodies and denim shirts, all reasonably priced from \$10-\$25. Stop in our community room to see the clothes, or contact wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com if you would like a flyer on what is available.

Surprise a hunter in your family with a gift of a pheasant hunt. Thank you to Jim Caughey and Wern Valley Sportsmen's Club, Waukesha, who are supporting WCR programs through a gift of the net proceeds from the event. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The hunt is scheduled for Saturday, January 9, 2021; reservations are due December 26.

Introducing Mickey



What a surprise last month when we had a beautiful black and white Tobiano gelding offered to us for our program. He is 11 years old and, at 15 hands height, is a good fit for our older riders. He is going through training and has already been showing he is a good choice for us. He is calm, inquisitive, and his black and white markings match the ranch dog Dolly!

Thank you to special donor Lara Simmons who is letting us use Mickey. She also is the "mom" of our wonderful little Toby.

There will be an opportunity soon to choose Mickey, or our other WCR horses, for 2021 sponsorship. Sponsorships are available for an annual gift of \$1,500 or a 6-month sponsor at \$750, or smaller gifts to be used for other horse care needs.

Sponsorship gifts are used to provide veterinary and farrier care, healthcare medicines/shots, grain and hay, appropriate riding equipment and pasture care and upkeep. **Oh! Another gift idea! As a major sponsor, wouldn't someone from your family love a picture with "their" horse and a certificate of sponsorship?**

Your gifts are appreciated. There are still opportunities for you to make a gift to WCR in support of our horse care or greatest needs. Gifts are accepted by check (the old-fashioned way!) OR through Facebook or through PayPal on our website, www.willowcreekranch.org.

We are excited to be back in service for those with special needs. Your continued help makes it possible.

Thank you.

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