

Winnies and Nickers

Pretty Pony Pastures

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Show Results 2011!

Thank you to our volunteers and sponsors for making it a great show!



We had a great turn-out, great weather, but most of all GREAT RIDERS! What a wonderful show! And thanks to the Program Aids who kept the show moving. Can't believe it...we were done by 3:00 pm! That's a record!

Thank you again to Judy Muhn for being the judge of our show. Judy always has words of encouragement for all the riders.

We need PICTURES! I would like to get pictures of all the riders with or without their ribbons for the website. I know the parents, grandparents, aunt and uncles were all taking action shots that day. Select one from each class that your rider was in and email them to me. I would like to include these pictures on our Website.



CHAMPIONSHIP RIBBONS! Like last year, we will be awarding the BIG Championship ribbons at our Annual Awards Celebration on October 15th. This worked so well last year, that we will continue it every year. The formula for calculating the Championship Ribbons is complicated and we run the risk of errors if we try to do it on the day of the show. Now I know you can't wait until the Annual Awards Celebration for the results, so here are this years Champion Riders! Congratulations to everyone for such a great job!

Rider	Equitation	Trail	Flag/ Barrel	Horse Stew	Total
109 Nora Kreft	5	5	3	1	14
114 Kaitlin Maloney	6	4	3		13
108 Callie Keller	5	6			11
105 Emily Kinser		2	4	4	10
110 Morgan Nimmo	4	1	2	2	9
102 Rylee Schomberg	2	2	1	3	8

Calendar of Events

September 2—5—Labor Day

Weekend—*closed* Last picnic of summer!

October 8—Experience the Horse—2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Invite your friends and family members to attend and learn more about therapeutic riding. See attached flyer.

October 15—Annual Awards

Celebration—2:00 pm Potluck lunch—awards for all riders. See back for details.

November 24-27—Thanksgiving

Weekend—*closed*—Enjoy the turkey!

December 24-January 31—Winter

Break—*closed*. Classes resume Wednesday, February 1st weather permitting.

Class Fee Policy

Effective August 1, 2011 -

The riding fees will remain the same, however, **riding fees will be due on the first ride day of the month for the entire month.** To keep things simple, the same fee will be collected whether there are three lessons, four lessons or five lessons that month. *We will also allow make-up lessons on a space available basis if the rider misses a class.*

- Therapeutic classes - \$80.00/month
- English riding - \$100.00/month
- Discount for siblings – same but times four (i.e. If you are paying \$35/class it is \$140/month)
- Advance payment discounts – only quarterly (three months) – with make-up classes for any classes missed

Make-up classes must be scheduled within two weeks of a missed class.

SPEED LIMIT—Please do not speed down the driveway to the barn. There is limited visibility, people sometimes walk up to the house to get things I've left behind, it kicks up a lot of dust, it just isn't safe! Even if you are late, please keep the speed at **10 mph.**

~We all thank you!



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Welcome!

Since our last newsletter, several new riders joined our program.

Kayli Elliot, Amber Harris, Katelyn Blizzard, Anne and Alice Klein, Olivia Rossman, Marina Malyarenko, Welcome to our riding family!

Experience the Horse!

Attached to this newsletter is a flyer for our Experience the Horse Day. This year we are holding it on Saturday, September 24 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.

During this Open House, the parents and riders are able to work with the horses and have an evaluation ride.

Please feel free to distribute the flyer to anyone you may think might be interested in taking therapeutic riding lessons.

Attendance Policy

Just a reminder to everyone on our attendance policy:

- If your rider must miss his/her session, you need to call **at least 2 hours before ride time**. Please call the hot line (248) 245-0014 as I am in the barn a lot and could miss your call otherwise.
- If no call is received or the call is received *after* the 2 hour mark, you will not be given a make-up class.
- Any rider who misses three lessons in a row *for any reason* risks losing their riding place.
- Any rider who misses more than 70% of their lessons also risks losing their riding place.
- If you are running late because of traffic, please call.
- Riders who arrive ten or more minutes late risk not riding.

Thank you for helping in keeping the lessons moving along easily.

Awards Celebration and Cook-Off

When: Oct. 15, 2011

Where: Pretty Pony Pastures

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Cost: Free (Bring a dish to pass, non-alcoholic beverage and a chair. See rules below if you are entering the cook-off or want to judge.)

We will be honoring all of our riders and volunteers, so bring your entire family and friends!

First it was Chili...then Macaroni and Cheese...then Hearty Soup...then Salad and this year it's

Dessert Cook-off!

Pie, cake, cookies, pudding, jello, the sweeter the better! Sure hope we have enough other dishes to counter the sugar high after this event!

Rules to enter the Cook-off:

Dish **MUST** be considered a dessert—if you serve it for dessert at your house, then it's dessert. We'll let our judge decide which one is the best.

Entry Fee: \$10.00

Prize: 50% of the entry fee

Judging Fee: \$1.00—one ticket

Wanted –Program Aids!



Would you like to help but know that you cannot make the commitment to work with us every week on a particular day or time? Then you might want to consider becoming a **Program Aid**. Program Aids assist with scout troops, birthday parties, or other groups when the activity and your schedule match. Most of

the time this would be a Saturday afternoon. You might be asked to lead a horse or work a station where the participants could groom a horse, learn about horse food, clean a stall, weigh and measure a horse, or some other horse-related activity.

You would be contacted at least two weeks ahead of time, opportunities are also posted on the white board near the arena entrance.

Coming up soon—

- Experience the Horse (2:00 pm—5:00 pm, Sept. 24)
- Patterson School (Wednesday 10:00 am—1:00 pm, Sept. 21—Nov. 2)
- I Love Horses (Brownies) (Oct. 22 @2:00 pm and 4:00pm)

Program Aids earn **5 Butter Bucks** for every event they volunteer at. These can be used for lessons, clinics, camp, or items from our “store.”

All Program Aids receive a Pretty Pony Pastures t-shirt after volunteering for 5 opportunities.

