

Willow Creek Ranch, Inc. Therapeutic Riding Center

Newsletter - March 2016

From Mukwonago, WI

- Spring is here!
- Lessons to begin April 18, 2016, see website for forms
- Volunteers Needed!
- Rundraising Event with Kenosha Running Club

Contact Willow Creek Ranch at wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com or 262-806-4080 or Jennifer via text 414-791-2509.

Program Horses are thinking SPRING!

We had a healthy winter season with Calibur, Dell Rio, Slapshot, Gator, and Buck! It's that time of the year, the days are getting longer and the horses are starting to shed their winter coats.

On March 6, 2016 six baby ducklings arrived at the Ranch! The ducks will become part of WCR vocational training program, come for a visit and hold a baby duck!

Lesson Schedule and Evaluation

Riding lessons are scheduled to begin the week of April 18, 2016. Please contact Jennifer to schedule your re-evaluation if you are a returning client or initial evaluation for our new clients. Evals will be scheduled on Wednesday with Rosemary OTR, or on Saturday mornings. We offer one-on-one and group riding lessons. More information is available on our WCR website: www.willowcreekranch.org

Volunteer Orientation schedule

Providing riding lessons to our special clients would not be possible without the help from our volunteers! They enhance the quality of the program while making the lesson safe, enjoyable and effective for our clients. Volunteers are needed for horse care and grooming, lesson preparation, horse leaders, side walkers, fundraising efforts, and property maintenance. Lesson volunteers are needed Monday through Friday, day and evening, and some Saturdays. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact wcrvolunteercoordinator@mail.com with your name/contact information, area of interest and any questions. Orientation dates are as follows. Registration is required.

Thursday, March 24 at 5pm

Friday, March 25 at 5pm

Monday, April 4 at 10am

Tuesday, April 5 at 10am

Thursday, April 14 at 10am and 5pm

Plan to be at the Ranch for about 1.5 hours, starting with a 20-minute introductory video provided by PATH Intl., and covering volunteer expectations and responsibilities, explanation of what happens during a riding lesson, dress code, Ranch tour, location of emergency medical supplies, riding arena, tack and helmets, sensory riding trails, emergency dismount, and parking.

Are you a runner/walker?

Kenosha Running Company has a new way to raise money for runners/walkers and charities. They offer an opportunity for the Rundraising Charity partners to have a presence at the race. However, being there is not a requirement. They encourage WCR to have some volunteers and set up a table where the race participants can learn about WCR and our mission. If we are to do this, WCR will need volunteers, clients, parents, families or friends to take interest in heading up this event to promote WCR's fundraising efforts, program lessons, and volunteer opportunities. Contact Jennifer if you are interested.

Rundraising Event Information from Stephanie at Kenosha Running Co.:

Use our event and all you have to do invite your supporters, friends and family to attend and support your cause. We will create a special entry form for you to use and distribute. For each entry we receive, you will receive a portion on the entry fee (the amount varies depending upon the event).

Kenosha Running Company is very excited to have our events support great causes. They are a race management company that specialized in trail events throughout Kenosha County. They have 11 races this year. Their races occur all through the calendar year (even in December!) and their events are always run and walk. Their events are unique for several reasons including their locations, distances, and post race nourishment. All of their events are laid back and encourage a sense of community. Since it is not possible to briefly describe who they are or what they do please visit www.xcthrillogy.com for more information about Kenosha Running Company and our Races

Stephanie is very excited at the possibility of having Willow Creek Ranch as a Rundraising charity partner; our only responsibility is promoting our events to the people who support WCR. Funds are raised for WCR when people sign up to run or walk our events and they indicate they are running or walking for WCR. People find out about Willow Creek Ranch being a Rundraising Charity partner mainly through our promotion efforts. This is done through WCR Facebook, website, newsletters, printed materials at the ranch, word of mouth, etc.