



DREAM RIDERS

Providing an opportunity for people with special needs to benefit from equine assisted activities in a safe environment.

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<http://dreamrider.org>



The Dream Maker

Spring 2024

Reflections

Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 were very successful for Dream Riders. We welcomed a few new riders and volunteers, shared our horses with Palmetto Oaks adult day program, attended the PATH Intl international conference in Charlotte and had a lot of successful riding lessons! We are enjoying the warmer days and still bundling up for the cold ones. The horses are shedding like it is April, which gives us hope that it really will be an early spring. We are looking forwards to the spring and summer sessions with the Special Olympics state equestrian show in May to close out our formal sessions. Lots of fun lesson activities come with Spring! Midlands Gives is coming up on May 7th, this online fundraising event has been instrumental in keeping the Dream Alive and enabling us to continue on with our mission. We are hoping for another successful day!



Palmetto Oaks Adult Day Program

We had the pleasure of sharing the Dream Riders experience with 25 adults from the Palmetto Oaks Adult Day program on September 22, 2023. It was a beautiful morning. Many of the participants enjoyed brushing our special horses, chatting with our wonderful volunteers, going on a barn tour with Mrs. Corky & Jessica while others enjoyed just sitting under the trees soaking in the beauty of nature. It was so good to see Josh, who rode with us many years ago!



Our friend Josh

Thank You Emerald Springs Equestrian Center for another amazing benefit horse show!!



On October 21st Laura Trumbower hosted the 4th annual Halloween Dressage and Jumping Benefit horse show at Emerald Springs Equestrian Center. The costume class is the highlight of the show! This is such a fun day and we appreciate the support!!



PATH INTL. International Conference



On October 26, 2023 Jennifer and Corky ventured to Charlotte, NC for the PATH Intl. international conference. It was three days packed with a plethora of learning. They came home with tired brains full of new ideas. It was great seeing old friends and making new ones!

Midlands Gives

As Spring rolls in so does the excitement of Midlands Gives. Mark your calendar for Tuesday May 7, 2024. On this day donations are amplified through prizes and awards. You can be a driving force behind keeping the Dream Alive for our riders. Check us out and make donations at:

<https://www.midlandsgives.org/DreamRiders>



Midlands Gives

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This is why we do what we do.... Enjoy this heart felt special letter from one of our riders:

"My riding journey with you all has helped me keep my balance and strength strong. As well as keeping me going through my hard teenage years in high school. Having Dream Riders makes me a better person and feel confident in myself. Dream Riders makes me feel safe, loved and cared for. I am so blessed to have you all there for me including Malchi, Dash and Honey. I love staying after to groom the horses and give them hugs as well as treats. Thank you so much for your support, care, love and blessed lessons."

Dream Riders Winter, Spring & Summer Schedule 2024

January 20	New Volunteer Orientation and Side-Walker Training 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
January 22	Monday afternoon/ evening winter session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
January 23	Tuesday morning winter session starts. Grooming starts at 10:00 AM Lesson time 10:30 AM
January 25	Thursday afternoon/ evening winter session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
February 26	Monday afternoon/ evening winter session ends.
February 27	Tuesday morning winter session ends.
February 29	Thursday afternoon/ evening winter session ends.
March 4	Monday afternoon/ evening spring session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
March 5	Tuesday morning Spring session starts. Grooming starts at 10:00 Lesson times 10:30 AM
March 7	Thursday afternoon/ evening spring session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
March 25-29	No lessons for planned Spring break
April 1-5	No lessons due to school's spring break
April 15	Monday evening spring session ends.
April 16	Tuesday morning spring session ends.
April 18	Thursday evening spring session ends.
April 29	Monday afternoon/ evening summer session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
April 30	Tuesday morning Spring summer session starts. Grooming starts at 10:00 Lesson times 10:30 AM
May 2	Thursday afternoon/ evening summer session starts. Grooming starts at 3:30, Lesson times are 4:00, 4:45 and 5:30 PM
May 7	Midlands Gives day of online giving
May 13	Monday evening summer session ends.
May 14	Tuesday morning summer session ends.
May 16	Thursday evening summer session ends.
May 18 & 19	South Carolina State Special Olympics competition
June, July, August	Private riding lessons due to heat and bugs.