



Instructor's words



This fall was wonderful. The weather was so nice and the riders really "got it". We did a lot of riding activities that challenged them and they rose to the occasion carrying out each riding instruction. We also enjoyed lessons centered on the different holidays. I think "Trick or Treat" on the horse is a winner to the new riders as well as the ones that have been riding a while. The fall ended with a sad note though as we lost one of our special horses.

As we start planning for next year we are hoping to add some new riding activities and challenges for our riders.

As we look back on 2012 we are humbly aware that this program would not be in existence if it weren't for all of you and your great generosity. It takes so much more that 2 instructor and 5 horses to make this program happen. It takes all of you together! We want to thank each and every one of you for your support to Dream Riders in whatever way you were able to this year. All of us here at Dream Riders do hope you have a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with opportunities to show love and care to others. A chance to reach out of your comfort zone and make a difference in another person's life. God bless you all!!

Again thanks for believing in Dream Riders.



Calendar for 2013

We have not completed our full calendar for spring/summer 2013 as of now. We have set the date for our training session for February 9 starting at 1:00 PM and lessons are set to start Monday February 11



There is something good about the outside of the horse that is good for the inside of man.

Sir Winston Churchill



Dream Riders Invitational/ SC Special Olympics Show



The Dream Riders Invitational/ SC State Special Olympics & Therapeutic Riding Show held on November 10, 2012 was all you could ask for. The weather was picture perfect, the horses looked so beautiful and ready to do their job; the volunteers were all dressed in their Dream Riders' team shirts prepared to give this day 100% of their effort and the riders were dressed very professionally in their team shirts or riding apparel and were READY!! Of course the instructors were revved up and anxious. This is such an intense event, it requires all of our attention, patience and training, but we love giving our riders along with other riders from South Carolina a chance to compete.

Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped:

Kathryn Burkett, Sheri Jordan, Sarah Snowden, Emily McGuire, Patrice Smith (who also brought the golf cart for the riders who had a hard time getting from one place to another, yea!), Connie Christensen, Elizabeth Dews, and Rebecca Collins who worked directly with the horses and riders; spotters in the ring- Makayla Hover, Haley Jefferson; Concession- Sherri Garbowski, Sue Keffler, Chris Quattlebaum, Barbara and Kenny Hammond; photographer- Sara Garbowski; Judge- Beth Linder; Announcer- Julie Sessions; Ring master- Cristie Pou and last but definitely not least Lewis Dyer who is the Special Olympics equestrian sports head for South Carolina and organized the whole show! As you can see there are many involved to make this happen and this is just from Dream Riders.



There were other programs present to share the fun and joy of showing.



Here is a rundown of Dream Riders' athletes:

Shelby White: 1st pole bending trot, 3rd Trail walk/ trot independent

Andy Maurer- 2nd & gold- pole bending trot; 1st & gold Trail walk/ trot independent; 1st & gold english equitation

Charlie Schmidt- 2nd trail walk supported, 1st equation walk supported.

Haven Jennings- 3rd & gold trail walk supported, 3rd & silver english equitation walk supported.

Avery Rogers- 2nd trail walk supported, 1st english equitation walk supported.





Hannah Barton- 1st trail walk supported, 1st stock seat equitation supported.

Kayla McCann- 1st trail walk independent, 1st. english equitation walk independent

Leigh Garner- 2nd & silver trail walk/ trot independent, 3rd & silver english equitation walk/ trot independent.



Dear Dream Riders,

Thank you for inviting Charlie to participate in the show, he really enjoyed it. We also were excited to see our son do something we never imagined. Dream Riders has been a wonderful part of his life the last couple of years. We have seen an improvement in his muscle tone and posture, and Charlie has also shown great progress in development of his communication and speech. Most of all, we have seen his self esteem get better. Thank you again! Tim & Laurie Schmidt

If you would like to see more pictures of this event please, visit our web page: www.dreamrider.org If you would like to help Dream Riders continue to offer this and other wonderful activities throughout the year go to the web page click on donation & sponsorships, pick a way to help us continue this wonderful program called Dream Riders. This is a great way to give a Christmas gift in honor of someone. Also, we have a tree at Dream Riders with ornaments for each horse and what they would like for Christmas this year and Another is at Price's Country Store in Gilbert. You can call them at 892-2457 order with your credit card and they will put the gift in the box there for you.



Ending On A Sad Note

Lucky Star was the newest member to the Dream Riders' herd. He arrived here on June 12, 2010. He jumped right in with the summer camps that year and was the star. He was so careful and caring to the riders. The winter of 2011 he became very ill. After months of large doses of antibiotics and steroids, tender care from the instructor, lots of visits from the Veterinarian and many prayers, he came back that spring better than ever. We thought this was behind us. Late fall he started on a downward spiral which took off with a vengeance at the end of October. Within 2 weeks he was gone. He will always hold a warm spot in many riders', volunteers' and the instructors' hearts.



THROUGH THE SKIES OF HEAVEN
I once ran with the wind
That time so long ago has now passed
Now I fly with the angels.
Through the heavenly skies I soar
Never forget me,
Never forsake me,
Keep me in your heart,
Until the day you ride me again
As we soar together once more
through the skies of Heaven.

By: Sarah Snowden

