



# DREAM MAKER

*Dream Riders' Newsletter*



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## Winter and Spring Session Dates for 2009

### Evening Lesson Schedule:

#### **Winter Evening Session:**

Monday Evening - Start February 9 end March 16

Thursday Evening - Start February 12 end March 19

#### **Spring Evening Session:**

Monday Evening- Start March 23 end May 4

Thursday Evening – Start March 26 end May 7

No Classes on April 6

No classes on April 9

#### **Summer Evening Choice Session:**

Monday Evening- Start may 18 end June 8

Thursday Evening- Start May 21 end June 11

### Day Lesson Schedule:

#### **Day Session I:**

Tuesday Day- Start February 17 end March 24

Thursday Day- Start February 19 end March 26

#### **Day Session II:**

Tuesday Day- Start March 31 end May 12

Thursday Day- start April 2 end May 14

## Important Dates to Remember for 2009:

**NARHA Region III Conference:** March 6-8

**NKP Children's Shelter Day Camp:** Tentative date June 22- 25

**Dream Riders, Rider Recital:** March 28<sup>th</sup>

**Epworth Children's Home Day Camp:** Tentative date July 6-9

**Dream Riders' Benefit Horse Show:** May 9<sup>th</sup>

**SC Special Olympics/ Therapeutic Horse Show:**  
November 14<sup>h</sup>

# 2008 Year in Review and Forward Into 2009

Dream Riders is happy to report the completion of 10 years of successful operation. As in the past years this success was made possible through the continuing support by all our friends in the Mid-lands of South Carolina. Dream Riders continues to grow as a Premier Accredited NARHA Riding Center presently doing over 1,100 hours of riding lessons for people with special needs and continues a summer equestrian experience for children from the Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter located in Lexington and the Epworth Children's Home of Columbia. Dream Riders in 2008 traveled throughout SC taking some of our riders to various competitions and schooling dressage shows. Dream Riders did a demonstration at the "Hoofin for Heroes" benefit trail ride with funds going to the Wounded Warriors Program. Dream Riders conducted our annual Riders' Recital Day. We continued to offer the Special Olympics Equestrian Sport to riders participating in Dream Riders who are enrolled in SC Special Olympics. Plans for 2009 include hosting the 2009 SCSO Equestrian / Invitational Competition for special needs riders on November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Lexington Recreation Equestrian Facility, plus several fundraising events one being the Benefit Open Horse Show on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Dream Riders continues to expand it horizons as

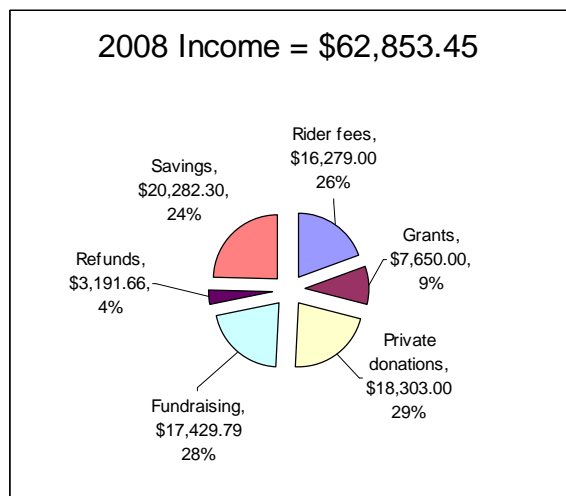
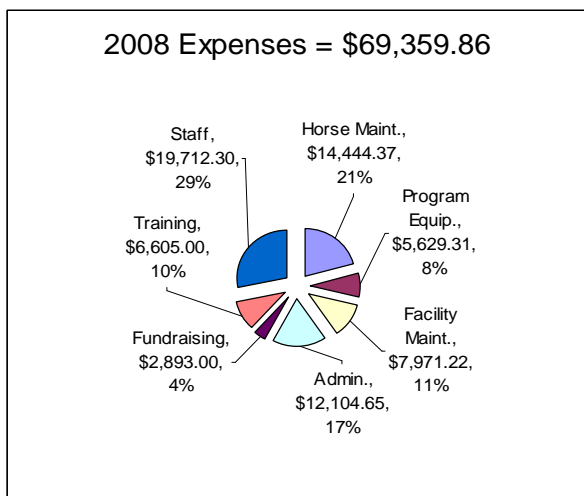


seen by the planning and organizing of a sub program within Dream Riders to be known as “**NARHA Horses for Heroes**”. The program will be offering therapeutic equine assisted activities to returning vets with special needs from recent conflicts and will eventually expand to offer this program to veterans in our Veterans Hospital system.

Financially 2008 brought on many challenges as seen by increase costs for fuel, hay, feed, etc. followed by the last 2 months of 2008 having a dramatic negative swing in economic conditions throughout the world. Dream Riders was able to make it through 2008 as a result of having built up some financial reserves plus along with doing several things to help maintain a positive financial balance. Again Dream Riders’ progress and survival could not have happened without the continuing support from our donors. This includes both our financial donors and gift in kind donors.

**Our Financial Picture for 2008**

Our 2008 budget was \$69,820.00 and we continued to provide riding for our special riders at a fee of \$20.00 per lesson even though the true actual rider lesson costs are \$81.00 per lesson. No rider has ever been turned away for not having funds to participate in Dream Riders. Again, thanks to all our donors in supporting our rider sponsorship program and our fundraisers that make dreams become reality for all our special riders. Please note how important Gift in Kind donations are in that they help reduce need for additional income so that we can meet all our budgeted needs



Please read through the list of Dream Riders donors and when needing items or services please remember to visit one of our donors listed below. These donors are the ones that allow Dream Riders to continue to have an Equestrian Assisted Activities Program for special needs riders here in the Midlands of SC.

**Financial Donors**

- |                                    |                           |                          |                                       |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| AAA Utilities, Inc.                | Cynthia Roberts           | Green Street Storage     | Kathy Wells                           |
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| Becky Shealy                       | Equine Massage School     | Jen & Chuck Rogers       | Saddle Club                           |
| Bill & Beth Renninger              | Erin, Meredith & Kayla    | Jennifer Stoudemire      | Lewis C. Dyer                         |
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|                                    |                           | Kathryn Allen            | Mary Ann Perry                        |

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 Tim Pearson  
 Wayne Robinson  
 White Horse Equestrian  
 Ministries

**Gift-in-Kind (These donors help to free up budgeted money to be used else where in our program)**

Chris Coates – Farrier  
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 Julie Sessions

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 Sharon Johnson  
 Sheri Jordan

Siminole Feed Company  
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 Transcom Trading Co.  
 Wayne & Linda Stowe  
 White Horse Equestrian  
 Ministries

**Community Group Support**

We want to highlight and give special thanks to our local community groups which have continuously supported Dream Riders and our mission. These special groups assisted by raising money, helping out at rider recital day and family day, donating various items found on our wish list, and inviting us to make presentations during various club meetings. Many church groups (adults and youth) have volunteered time to do general ground's clean up and trimming. Schools have had drives for normal every day supplies used here at Dream Riders and Lexington High School and White Knoll High School Service Learning Classes have supplied volunteers allowing us to offer equine assisted activities during the day time on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Lake Murray Elementary School  
 Petersen Presbyterian Church  
 White Horse Ministries  
 ARC of SC  
 Lexington Civitan Club  
 Lexington County 4H Saddle Club  
 Magnolia Women's Society of Lexington  
 Gilbert FFA Chapter  
 Irmo Optimist Club

SC Special Olympics  
 Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church Women  
 St Andrews Women's Club  
 St. Mary's Episcopal Church  
 Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church  
 Lexington Baptist Church  
 Lexington High School  
 White Knoll High School

**Volunteers**

Only one paid employee in all of Dream Riders, which is the Head Riding Instructor. A dedicated team of volunteers carry out all other program needs. Volunteers are the true life blood of Dream Riders without these volunteers, our riders with special needs would not have Dream Riders. Please take time to review the list of volunteers below and if you know one or more of our volunteers please take the time to let them know that you appreciate their help in assisting people with special needs.

Auld, Karen  
 Ballauer, Mary  
 Barnette, Gina  
 Barnette, McKinsey  
 Baxley, Tammy

Bischofberger, Nancey  
 Boland, Rachel  
 Brooks, Rosie  
 Buchanan, Ashley  
 Burbank, Melanie

Burke, Lindsay  
 Cardinale, Ashley  
 Carter, Molly  
 Crossland, Janet

Davies, Janet  
 Dyer, Corky  
 Dyer, Lewis  
 Floyd, Alex



Frierson, Joan  
Geiger, Carmen  
Geiger, Carol  
Grogan, Mike  
Hale, McKenzie  
Hammond, Barbara  
Jordan, Sheri  
Joyce, Allyson  
Keffler, Jim  
Keffler, Sue  
Kubin, B.J.  
Langley, Patty  
Lynch, Jessica

Malphrus, Cyndi  
Maurer, Andy  
Maurer, Bronnie  
Maurer, Stuart  
McCann, Meredith  
  
Metts, Dianne  
Payne, Christina  
Pfaff, Sue  
Poe, Kayla  
Quattlebaum, Christina  
Quinn, Kaylee  
Rainwater, Bethany

Robbins, Jeanna  
Robinson, Gina  
Rogers, Jen  
Schrenk, John  
Sessions, Julie  
Skipper, Ashley  
Skipper, Kayla  
Smith, Courtney  
Smith, Patrice  
Smoak, Jim  
Snowden, Dennis  
Snowden, Marla  
Snowden, Sarah

Spires, Amanda  
Stoudemire, Jennifer  
Stoughton, Katie  
Stowe, Linda  
Thomas, Laura  
Turner, Abby  
Vlahovski, Fran  
Walker, Julia  
Watts, Brunson  
Wiseman, Valerie  
Wolf, Stephanie

Dream Riders through the generous support from various organizations and people of the Mid-lands has been able to continue to expand. We hope to continue our efforts and expand the Dream Riders program with your continued support during 2009. Thanks for caring!



## Some Words from our Instructors

We both hope all had a very special Christmas and a renewal of spirit and body for the New Year. This fall was so busy we almost forgot to breathe, HA! Dream Riders 2 Fall sessions went well in spite of the cold weather, flu, and colds that were being passed around. The new riders became familiar with the entire goings on around here with the returning riders showing them the “ropes”. All seemed to make progress and enjoy all of the new and different lessons we offered. Many of these new lesson ideas came from the NARHA national conference. Boy, did we learn a lot to incorporate

into Dream Riders. Our Audit for renewal of our accreditation with NARHA went well and we will be implementing a few new things from it. So even though our fall was busy, our winter is shaping up to be about the same. Here at Dream Riders, if we can improve we are going to. We never stop learning how to do this job and making it informative and fun for all yet we are ever watchful of the safety needed. We also have been busy keeping our horses fit and willing to do their jobs. We are planning a new year filled with excitement, and adventure for our riders, volunteers, and staff. In order for us to do this we will need your committed dedication to this cause.



## Dream Riders & SC Special Olympics 2008 Invitational Equestrian Competition



One activity for the fall was the Dream Riders Special Olympics/Therapeutic Riding State Horse Show. Dream Riders hosted this show since Lewis Dyer, our president and one of the founders of Dream Riders is the equestrian sports head for the state for Special Olympics. It was held at the new Lexington county Equestrian facility here in Red Bank. Our riders were outstanding. We could not have been more pleased. Even though the wind was blowing really hard, our horses stayed focused, the volunteers were very alert and

ready and the riders did their thing to the best of their ability. If you weren't there



you missed a wonderful day. The area 7 Special Olympics ran the concessions and the Olympic Town which was great! The White Horse Ministry were there also lending a hand wherever needed. What a wonderful group of people to work along side of. They were not just helping Dream Riders; they were giving the other programs a helping hand too. Dennis Snowden was the official photographer and he got some wonderful pictures to capture this special event in our minds and hearts forever. When he was not behind the camera he was lending a helping hand. He was instrumental in helping us get all of the needed equipment to and from our facility to the equestrian center. This family is a gift from God to Dream Riders. Another group we need to mention is the Lexington county 4-H. They were the ring crew, judge's runner and all around go getter for the whole show. I know they slept well that night, HA!!

Special thanks goes out to Area 7 Special Olympics, White Horse Ministry, the Lexington 4-H group, Dennis Snowden, all volunteers, instructors, parents and horses for helping make this competition a success for all the special riders present.

Show results for Dream Riders:

Shelby White- 1st & 3rd

Kayla McCann- (2) 1st & (1) 3rd

Leigh Garner- (2) 1st & (1) 3rd

Ricky Hall- (3) 1st

Caroline Wilson- (1) 1st & (1) 3rd

Erin Coats- 3rd

Andy

Maurer-

(3) 1st



**Way to go team!!** Here are a few of the emails we received regarding this year's competition. To all, thanks for your kind words!

*Corky:*

*I would like to thank Jennifer, Lewis and you for all the work you guys put into this team. I know I can say this on behalf of all of us, you guys are a GIFT from God and you are using your gift to its fullest. I could never thank you and your team enough for all that you do for these SPECIAL people which God has blessed us with. I can't seem to tell you this in person because I get too choked up with emotion. God has blessed us with Ricky; this in turn allows us to see the many wonders of God that we might have missed, if it were not for having this special brother of ours. Every time I think about my brother I picture his endless smile. May God shower you and your family with his fullest of blessings.*



*With Kindest Regards,  
Cynthia*

*It was indeed a splendid day for all, and you guys worked so hard that you made it easy for the rest of us. The show looked like it was a huge success and enjoyed by all involved. I'm so very thankful, I saw the Dream Riders volunteer orientation add in the newspaper all those years ago!*

*Love ya!  
Sheri*



## Christmas Trees for Dream Riders

A BIG and grateful thanks to all who took an ornament from one of our trees and gave so generously to Dream Riders this year at Christmas. We had 42 of the 54 ornaments taken from the tree here at Dream Riders and received 26 gifts from the tree at Price's Country Store. Julie Session and the



Lexington 4-H group put up the tree in Price's Country Store and did a great job. If you did not see it, they had taken pictures at the Special Olympics show and made the cutest ornaments with them to put on the tree. We would like to thank the Price family for being such a good friend to Dream Riders by allowing us to put this tree in their store and for the gifts they gave us themselves. It takes these kinds of charitable gifts to keep Dream Riders up and running! I know that the horses will definitely benefit from each gift given to them and they have enjoyed the apples and carrots all of the season. Thanks again!

## Some Special Thank You Letters

This year we received allot of special words about Dream Riders in Christmas cards and we wanted to share some with you:

Dear Corky and Lewis,

We have always cherished your friendship and admired you as great parents. We often think of the wonderful dedication you have to all children through Dream Riders too. You have created an unbelievable program and changed so many lives! It is touching to see how you share all of your gifts and talents. The world is truly a better place because of you.

Love, Beth

Dear Jennifer, Corky and Lewis,

Just a few lines to say thank you for all you have done for our grandson and all of the other children. May your lives be blessed for all you do for them. Our grandson is so sweet and always has been. We love him so very much and pray that God will heal him one day and all the other children. Life can be so hard for them but with people like you all is made a little easier. May your Christmas be filled with Joy and Peace.

Love,

Grand ma

P.S.

Keep sending those pictures!

Words like these keep us going. People like this make Dream Riders work. Please, don't forget us this year with all of the finical hardships. We have been able to keep the expense of the riding lessons for the riders down due to the generous giving from you. Thanks and God Bless!

## Dream Rides' Rider Recital

You are invited to attend the 2009 rider recital on March 28, 2009 held at the Dream Riders facility beginning at 2:00 PM. This is a day where our riders can shows off what they have learned over the year. The rider' families provide light refreshments and we have a Chinese raffle which is always exciting. This also is a way for the riders to say thank you to our wonderful sponsors! Come and enjoy a lovely day with our staff, the riders and their families.

## Nutrena Feed Bag Coupons

Thanks goes out to all that have contributed to our feed bag coupon campaign and to Horse Sense feed store for allowing people to bring bags there for us to pick up. We have collect over \$300.00 worth of coupons this year! This is such a nice and easy way to contribute to Dream Riders. Here is how it works:

1. Simply cut the Proof of Purchase out located on the back of the bags. Only whole, intact Proofs will be accepted by Nutrena Feed Company. Feed tags are not accepted. If there is no coupons, cut the milling address out that is on the back.
2. Send your collected feed coupons to **Dream Riders, 156 Sandy Hill Rd., Lexington, SC, 29072.**

**OR**

You can drop them off at Horse Sense tack & feed store and we will pick them up from there.

**OR**

If you live in the Lexington area we will pick up your empty bags. Call 957-7906 or email [dreamr2@mindspring.com](mailto:dreamr2@mindspring.com) . Check around in your area to see if horse barns feed this feed and if they would like to participate in this campaign.

## Could we send our news letter to you via e-mail??

We are trying to cut expenses in every way we can and still keep our high quality standards. One way is to send out our new letters by email. When we sent out our last news letter in the fall, we sent it to all the people we had email addresses for and asked them to respond on how they liked receiving it this way. We received no complaints but a lot of complimentary remarks with enthusiasm in their ability to forward on to relatives & friends. Many took advantage of being able to send it on to other people who they wanted to let know about Dream Riders- riders forwarded it to grandparent; volunteers sent it to friends and family, etc. If you would like to receive your next Dream Maker by email in a PDF format please email us at [dreamr2@mindspring.com](mailto:dreamr2@mindspring.com) subject: email newsletter. If you don't want to receive the Dream Maker any more you can send that message also. If we don't hear from you, we will continue to send it through the snail mail. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



## New Faces at Dream Riders

### New Riders

Alexander Thacker  
Christopher Ryan Thomas



## Service Learning Students

Patrick Demery  
Kayla Corley  
Ryan Cuthbertson

Jay Reid  
Sabrina Hardin



## New Volunteers

Ashley Skipper  
B.J. Kubin  
Casey Lucas  
Bethany Rainwater  
Kayla Poe  
Alex Floyd  
Ashley Buchanan

Gina Barnette  
McKinsey Barnette  
Lindsay Burke  
Kayla Skipper  
Nancy Bischofberger  
Janet Crossland

*Look not from the mind, but from the soul.  
For the Life that is coming is already  
before us, waiting to open up the world,  
Just look more closely. Find the eyes to  
see.*

**BELIEVE**




**All Donations to Dream Riders are Tax Deductible!!**

**We are always in need of volunteers for both Horse and Non-Horse related jobs. Visit us at [www.dreamrider.org](http://www.dreamrider.org)**

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**Come visit us to see dreams become reality here at Dream Riders.**

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