

STALL CHATTER...

E-News for CKRH Volunteers!



March 2013

2013 Night of the STARS!

We are in the planning stages for the 2013 Night of the STARS event! We need lots of help with contacting businesses about silent auction items and then to pick them up. If you are interested in helping with this – please contact me first! We have some volunteers that go to the same source each year and we certainly do not want to overwhelm certain businesses while leaving others out. Just send me an email and I will put you in the weekly Friday loop.

There are copies of the ‘Ask’ Letter, along with contracts, in the program area next to the Volgistics computer. We will take anything and everything and put items into beautiful and creative basket/package combos.

2013 SUMMER CAMPS:

We NEED counselors for camp this summer! We are offering three week long camps:

- Pony Club Camp: June 24-27 (9:00am – 4:00pm)
- Horse Crazy Camp I: July 8-11 (9:00am – 4:00pm)
- Horse Crazy Camp II: July 15-18 (9:00am – 4:00pm)
- **Mandatory** Camp Counselor Training: Saturday, June 22 (10:00am – 3:00pm)

Get these dates on your calendar now! If you are interested in helping with camp - whether you can help with one camp, two camps or all three camps – you need to be available for the entire week of camp. Everyone helping with camp **MUST** attend the Camp Counselor training – there will be NO exceptions. I am starting a Camp Counselor interest list, please let me know if you would like to be added. More details about camp will be sent out soon!

Spring Session Breaks and Upcoming Events:

There will be some breaks during this session:

- **February 25th – March 2nd TR break, no services this week**
 - March 30th – Paul Frazier Memorial Horse Show @ KY Horse Park
 - April 1st – April 6th – Spring Break – no services this week
 - April 22nd – April 27th – Rolex @ KY Horse Park (no services this week)
 - May 19th – High Hope Steeplechase Event @ KY Horse Park
 - June 1st – CKRH Participant Horse Show @ CKRH
 - June 15th – STARS Event @ Keene Barn – benefitting CKRH
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Upcoming Clinics and Trainings...

All workshops listed below are FREE to attend, unless otherwise indicated, and are open to anyone in the community that would like to attend. All workshops will be held in the CKRH conference room. Please contact Keri to RSVP!

March 2 CPR/First Aid Certification

Cost: CPR \$25, First Aid \$25, both \$40. First Aid will be 9:00-Noon with CPR beginning @ 12:30

Feb 26	Physical Disabilities	6:00pm-7:30pm
March 5	Cognitive & Psychological Disorders	6:00pm-7:30pm
April 2	What is Hippotherapy	6:00pm – 7:30pm
April 9	The Therapy Horse	6:00pm – 7:30pm
June 4	Surviving Challenging Behaviors (Fee \$10.00)	6:00pm – 7:30pm

Breaking News....

- You may notice that **three NEW horses** at CKRH! Gerta Blue, Doc and Woody are all in their 30 day trail bases phase. Be sure to say hi to them next time you are out and help to make them feel welcome.
- February Welcomed **14 NEW Volunteers!** If you notice someone new in the barn, please take a moment to say hi, welcome them and offer them some of your seasoned experience and advice.
- **Kroger Cards are Back!** This is an EASY way for CKRH to do fundraising without doing anything different than buying your groceries at Kroger. Get a gift card from Keri, load money onto your gift card and then use that gift card to pay for your groceries (this also qualifies you for points with Kroger Plus card). For every \$5000 spent through our gift cards, CKRH get 4% back! This **does not** work with just any gift card – it has to be a *special card* that you get from Keri!
- If you know of anyone who would make an excellent addition to the **AWESOME volunteer** base at CKRH, please send them in Keri's direction.

Little Reminders:

- Be sure to come prepared for the weather! Layers, Layers, Layers.
- Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to your schedule lesson time so that you can be sure that your horse is ready to go on time.
- Leaders – It is your responsibility to tack your horse and warm him/her up before the lesson
- Sidwalkers – you will pick up your rider(s) from the parent room and make sure their helmet is on correctly.
- Always check the field map before taking any horse out to their field for the night!
- Be sure to Sign **IN** and **OUT** each time you are here, and please keep up with your hours in Volgistics. Tracking volunteer hours is very important to us – for many reasons.

- Watch for school closings – if Fayette or Scott County are out, or sent home early, for weather then there are no services at CKRH. If inclement weather happens to be on a Saturday, check the following news sites for us to be listed as cancelled or closed.
 - www.lex18.com – Click on Snow Tracker logo then look under “Other”
 - www.wkyt.com - Click on Sno-Go logo then look under “Activities”
 - www.wtvq.com – Click on Sno Watch logo then look under “Activities”
- If you can't make it out to CKRH for **any reason**, or you are running late - call 859-231-7066 and ask for **Keri**. If I am not available – please ask to be transferred to the **Absentee Voicemail Box!** The more notice you can give, the better.

It definitely takes a VILLAGE to run CKRH as we all know, please know how much we appreciate everyone of you! Whether you will be a Leader, Side Walker, Wrangler, extra barn help or a sub – every volunteer role at CKRH is just as important as any other and we certainly could not run this program without dedicated volunteers. You're giving of your time, heart and dedication is just the tip of the many reasons why I love what I do and am so proud to be part of such an amazing organization. Every person involved at CKRH, no matter the capacity or the amount of time given, truly is the Heart and Soul of what we are able to do! We feel so **LUCKY** to have such wonderful Volunteers!!!