

New Riding Schedule

Thank you to everyone who has spread the word about our riding facility. We are adding more classes to our schedule. This schedule goes into effect April 13th. Please let me know if you would like to change your time and/or day. I can't promise we can make the change, but, I will try.

Sunday:	10:00 am	Wednesday:	5:30 pm
	1:30 pm (interpreted)	Beginner,	6:30 pm
(therapeutic)	2:30 pm (interpreted)	Novice and	7:30 pm (new)
	3:45 pm	Intermediate	
	5:00 pm	Riders	
Monday:	5:30 pm	Thursday:	10:00 am (adult)
	6:30 pm		11:00 am (adult)
(therapeutic)	7:30 pm (new)	Therapeutic	12:00 pm (adult)
			5:30 pm
			6:30 pm
			7:30 pm (new)
Tuesday:	10:00 am	Saturday:	8:30 am (new)
Evening tr	11:00 am (adults)	Beginner,	9:30 am
classes	5:30 pm	Novice and	10:30 am
May—	6:30 pm	Intermediate	11:30 am
August only	7:30 pm	Riders	

Thoughts and Prayers

One of our riders, Kathy Carter, is facing some health challenges. She has not been able to ride for the past few weeks as her health has been compromised.



Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers as she has tests done to determine what is wrong and how it can be corrected.

We would like to see her back in the saddle again!

Welcome to...

We'd like to welcome our new riders—Nathan Fessler, Maria Baum, Shelby Krohn, Tanner, Tanner Tarsi, and Katie Haegge to our riding programs. We look forward to watching their progress in our riding program.

We are also fortunate to have more volunteers—Charlotte Damschen, Alex Lucas, Jackie Viaene, Jessie Schettling and the Decker family—Matthew, Kaitlyn and Kelsey. We are very grateful that they have chosen to help us with our program.

We would also like to welcome back Jan Blough, who loves to groom and exercise the horses. They are looking better already!

Calendar of Events

April 6—9—Horse Fever Week is returning by popular demand. Spend Spring Break with riding lessons and horsemanship experiences. Register on-line at www.prettyponypastures.org/HorseFever.htm

April 11—Annual Easter Egg Hunt
Details on reverse side of this newsletter.

April 12—Easter Sunday—No classes.

April 18—Vet-A-Visit: How Do They Do That—9:00 am to 4:00 pm MSU. It's FREE! And great for kids. For details—<http://cvm.msu.edu/alumni-friends/vetavisit>

May 9—4-H Kick Off Horse Show
Registration for this show is due by May 2.

May 10—Mother's Day—No classes.

May 16—4-H Triple B Horse Show
Registration for this show is due by May 9.

May 23—25 Memorial Day Week-end
Details on reverse side of this newsletter.

May 30—4-H Young Riders Horse Show
Registration for this show is due by May 23.

Mother's/Father's Day



Every year several families ask if we are closed on Mother's Day or Father's Day. I always answer that it's not a National Holiday, so we are open.

This year, we listened to you! We will be closed on both **Mother's Day and Father's Day**. This will make it easier for families to celebrate together and for our loyal volunteers to spend time with their parents.

Be sure to always check the calendar above or on-line for our most current schedules.



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Scouts, Scouts, Scouts!

Our campaign to get more Scout Troops to our barn was very successful! We are glad AND we could use some help! Many of the troops have 12 or more girls. If we could have two or three leaders for the horses at each session, it would be great. Here's the schedule for the next eight weeks. Please let me know if you can help for any of these dates.



April 25—15 girls—2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
May 2—?? girls—2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
12 girls—4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
May 9—17 girls—2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
May 16—5 to 9 girls—2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
13 girls—4:00 pm to 5:30 pm
June 6—16 girls—2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

NOTE: this is a Junior/Brownie combo so we will run it in stations. We will need a minimum of 6 people to help.

Holly Schools

We can still use a few more helping hands on Wednesdays—April 15, 22, 29, May 6 and 13 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The students from Patterson Elementary will be here again for five weeks of riding and fun. We had a great time with them in the fall and are sure to do the same this spring. Just let me know if you can help with any of these days.

April Birthdays

The following riders and volunteers have birthdays this month.

- Felicity Till
- Jim Twesten
- Pam Martin
- Maddison Head



Wishing you a happy birthday and a great year.

Easter Eggs-travaganza

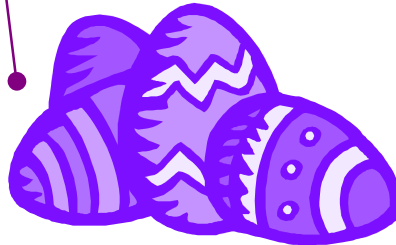
When: April 11, 2009

Where: Pretty Pony Pastures

Time: 2:00 pm till all the eggs are collected and the food is eaten!

Let us know if you are coming by April 9th, so the Easter bunny will know how many eggs to hide. The *entire* family is welcome to this event, as well as friends you may want to invite.

Please bring a dish to pass (salad or desert).



The festivities will take place in the arena unless it is bitterly cold. Watch for signs indicating the location.

Parking is always at the arena.

Horse Show Information



Please! Mark your calendars!

The *Giddy-Up Go Horse Show* will be held on **Saturday, August 8, 2009**. The show will start at 9:00 am and last until the final ribbons are distributed. Our judge will once again be Judy Muhn. The show will run similarly to last year's show with the equitation classes, followed by trail, then a few games. Somewhere in between we will have a Mom/Dad and Me class. This is where the designate parent rides and the child leads, if necessary. There will be a class for EVERY rider. This is a barn show that ALL riders are invited to participate in.

I could use a Show Committee this year to help with some of the items that need to be done to make this show a success. This does NOT have to be an adult, but it should be someone who is at least in High School. Some of the positions that need to be filled are:

- Advertising Chair—put together a flyer that can be distributed to local business so they can advertise in our show bill. Record the contributions and make sure they are included in the show bill.
- Show Bill Chair—this is a booklet that lists all the classes, maybe some information on some of the horses and/or riders AND has all the advertising information in it.
- Program Chair—sets up the classes, including the patterns for the showmanship and trail classes. This should be someone who has shown before, either here or at 4-H
- Entry Chair—person who makes sure that each entry has been entered in the correct class with the correct horse and splits the class if there are too many riders entered in one class.

Until the week of the show, most of these can be done at home if you have an Internet connection.