

Spring 2010

Dear Volunteers,

Greystone Manor Therapeutic Riding Center is getting ready to begin our 29th year. Our mission is to provide a safe therapeutic horseback riding program to our riders. We can only achieve our mission with the help of many dedicated volunteers who give their time and support throughout the year. We are so very grateful for our volunteers and we look forward to working with returning volunteers as well as welcoming new volunteers to the program. People who wish to volunteer with the program must be at least 14 years of age. Volunteers will have opportunities to work with our riders, horses, and staff through **6-week sessions, clinics, horse show, ride-a-thon, group lessons and horsemanship youth camp**. New volunteers are welcome to join us at any time during the year.

We are excited to begin our sessions this year on March 1 at Greystone Manor Therapeutic Riding Center, located at 1063 Hartman Station Road, Lancaster. The enclosed calendar lists all the important dates for the 2010 season. Please keep it handy for easy reference.

The riding times for Sessions 1-5 are as follows:

Monday: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 PM
 Tuesday: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 PM
 Wednesday: 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 AM
 Thursday: 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30 PM

Session 1: March 1 – April 8
 Session 2: April 26 – June 3 (Make-up for Memorial Day, June 7)
 Session 3: June 21 – July 29
 Session 4: August 23 – September 30 (Make-up for Labor Day, October 4)
 Session 5: October 18 – November 24 (Make-up for Thanksgiving, October 14).

Saturday Clinics: We will hold five Saturday morning clinics. These clinics will provide our riders with opportunities to learn grooming, tacking and other horse-related skills along with riding. Volunteers are needed for the following dates and times:

Saturday Clinics 9:00 – 11:00 AM Apr. 17, May 15, Jul. 17, Aug. 21, Oct. 16

Horsemanship Youth Camp: This year we will offer a three morning youth camp. Riders will be involved with many activities including horse care, horse behavior, and daily riding. Volunteers are needed for the following dates and times:

Youth Camp 9:00 – 12:00 Noon Aug. 10, 11, 12

***NEW* Group Lessons:** We will be offering a group lesson from 5:30 – 7:00 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays starting April 14 through November 10. Volunteers are needed for the following dates:

Apr. 14	May 12	Jun. 9	Jul. 14	Aug. 11	Sept. 8	Oct. 13	Nov. 10
Apr. 28	May 26	Jun. 23	Jul. 28	Aug. 25	Sept. 22	Oct. 27	

Please write all of the dates you would like to participate on your card.

Registration Card: Please complete the enclosed postcard neatly, in ink with the following information:

1. Sessions, dates and times that you are available to volunteer.
2. E-mail address, if applicable
3. Indicate which orientation date you are planning to attend.

Please mail completed card by February 1, 2010 to:

Greystone Manor TRC, PO Box 10724, Lancaster, PA 17605-0724

Orientations: Greystone Manor TRC will hold orientations at 1063 Hartman Station Road, Lancaster. New and returning volunteers who started after March of last year should attend the February 13 orientation. Volunteers who have been with us for more than 1 year should attend the Kick-Off Orientation on February 18. There are lots of changes at the barn, it is very important that all volunteers attend an orientation.

Sat., February 13 – 9 to 11: New volunteers and volunteers who started after March 2009
Thurs., February 18 – 6:30 to 8:30: Kick-off for Seasoned Volunteers

Complete both sides of the enclosed registration sheet and bring it with you to the orientation.

Important Dates:

Grand Opening & Farm Tour----- April 24 & 25
Ride-A-Thon----- June 19
Horse Show ----- September 18
Banquet ----- To Be Determined

Fundraising: Riding fees only cover a portion of our expenses so we look forward to your support at our fundraising events this year. Our main fundraiser will be our September Horse Show. The Horse Show will have a program book with advertising space and class sponsorships available. Greystone Manor TRC will also be introducing new logo apparel and gift items for riders and volunteers.

The new year has brought many exhilarating changes and we are anticipating an exciting year that can only succeed with your support. I look forward to seeing you at orientation. If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 717-615-9222 or e-mail me at **sandi@pearsall.us**.

Sincerely,

Sandi Pearsall

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