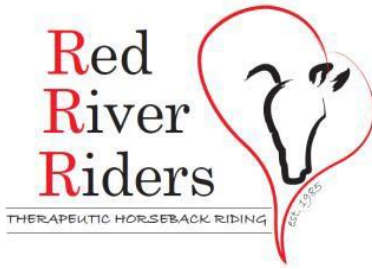


Red River Riders



Newsletter

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A Message From Chris...

Hello Friends,
Wow, summer classes will be done this week. As hot & humid as it's been, summer still flew by.

Thank you to all for your perseverance, patience, & dedication through all of it. We tried not to cancel classes, but a few times it was necessary. That's one of our toughest decisions. We hate to cancel, but we don't want anyone to get heat stroke – riders, volunteers, or horses.

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Now some personal updates. You may have noticed that I have missed many classes this year. My husband, Walt, had several strokes in April. He is doing well, but his vision & memory was affected. We have been running to doctors and therapists since April, so we had to be gone a lot. Things are slowing down a little now. Walt is semi-retired now & we are learning new ways to retrain his mind to get back to more normal functioning. Walt can't drive at this time, so I am on the road a lot more now. We are grateful for all your prayers & help. We have been blessed with manageable life changes, and great friends.

Fall classes start Sept. 6 & run through Oct. 13.

Riders - we have a few openings left on Tuesdays at 5:15, Wednesdays at 6:15, and Thursdays at 4:00. A few scholarships are available. Please call ASAP if you are not signed up yet. 715-853-6449 - call or text. If there are still open spots by Sept. 2, we will offer those spots to able-bodied riders who want to learn basic, beginner lessons while riding with our therapeutic riders. Ages 5 to seniors.

If you are interested, please call 715-853-6449 to get on a waiting list. Volunteers – we look forward to your help during fall classes. Please text, call, or email - 715-853-6449 or cmbaldwin@frontiernet.net. Please confirm you will be able to volunteer, even if we talked about it earlier this year. Things change, emergencies pop up, etc.

Chris

Executive Director

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR 2016:

CLASSES: Fall – September 6 through October 13, 2016

All sessions will have classes on Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday.

Tuesday & Thursday classes are 4:00 & 5:15p.m.

Wednesday classes are 5:00 & 6:15p.m.

Volunteers please arrive ½ hour earlier to groom & tack horses.

Each session is 6 weeks long.

Cost is still \$90.00 per session.

Some scholarships are available.

Please read the safety rules page thoroughly.

NO ONE is allowed to ride wearing **shorts, slip on shoes, or sandals**. Please advise ALL caregivers! We do not want to disappoint riders by refusing to let them ride when they arrive in shorts or unsafe shoes.

Call Chris: 715-853-6449.

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR 2017:

On February 26, 2017 RRR will be holding the **11th Annual Day at the Races**.

Please mark your calendar, sign up to help out, & join us for a great day. Watch for more info in the next newsletter.



RRR 2016 Calendar

Sept. 6 through Oct. 13, 2016 -- **FALL CLASSES** –
Tues. & Thurs. 3:30 to 6:30p.m.
Wed. 4:30 to 7:30p.m.

Sept. 8, 2016 -- Board Meeting – 7:00p.m. - On the farm in the tack shop

Oct. 13, 2016 -- Board Meeting – 7:00p.m. - On the farm in the tack shop

Nov. 4, 2016 -- **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET** – 5:30 to 9:00p.m.

Golden Sands Golf Course, Cecil

Nov. 10, 2016 -- Board Meeting – 7:00p.m. – to be announced

Dec. 8, 2016 -- Board Meeting – 7:00p.m. – to be announced

Summer Wrap-Up 2016

We had two amazing fundraisers this summer!

On June 18, 2016 the Wolf River H.O.G. Chapter and Doc's H-D of Shawano County held the 23rd Annual Benefit Ride for Red River Riders, raising \$35,000.00! I can only think of one title for them – Guardian Angels. Through the years their donations have been almost totally responsible for the site prep & building of our indoor arena, some farm equipment purchases, scholarships, horse care, & more. We humbly thank you for everything you do for us.

Thank you to everyone from RRR who came out to wave as the group passed the farm the day of the ride.

On June 21, 2016 several Green Bay Packers visited RRR as part of their Annual Tailgate Tour. First stop on the tour was the RRR farm. The riders in class that day were shocked to see who came to visit, & they showed off their talents and accomplishments.

Tailgate Tour visitor roster included: Mark Murphy, CEO, Jared Abbrederis, Sam Barrington, Jayrone Elliott, Robert Brooks, Leroy Butler, Sean Jones, and Coordinators Cathy Dworak and Tony Fisher.

After the farm, there was a VIP Meet & Greet for the major sponsors held at Twig's Sundrop University Museum. Thanks to all for your funding and belief in our program.

Next was a parade from the museum to the fairgrounds & the main event – the Tailgate Tour at the Crawford Center.

This event was exciting for all & such a success we raised over \$33,000.00!

Thank you Packers!!!

Thank you Idell Johnston & Katie Sloma for chairing the event.

Thank you to our Board of Directors and all the volunteers who jumped in to help out.

Next newsletter I will have a full listing of all sponsors.

The funds will be used to improve our indoor arena with an addition that will make classes more comfortable for all.



Red River Riders Annual Awards Banquet

Date: FRIDAY Nov. 4, 2016

Place: Golden Sands Golf Course in Cecil

Time: 5:30-9:00 p.m. (note change)

Please make your **reservations by October 28th**.
Family style dinner of chicken and ham will begin at 5:30 pm.
Please invite your families, friends, caregivers, and guardians.

**Cost: \$13.50 for adults, \$8.00 for children 12 & under,
due with your reservation.**

(Includes door prize entry.)

VOLUNTEERS: you are our guests - no charge!

Music and dancing after the awards.

Send your slip & check to N6669 Cherry Road, Shawano, WI 54166 or hand in to Chris by
October 28th.

Questions: Call or text Chris at 718-853-6449.

Email Chris at cmbaldwin@frontiernet.net

Name _____

Number of adults attending _____ x \$13.50 = \$ _____

Number of children attending _____ x \$ 8.00 = \$ _____

Number of volunteers attending (no charge) _____

Emergency contact _____ Phone # _____

My medical conditions any emergency personnel should be told about:

- Volunteer Coordinator – someone who will schedule volunteers for classes, fill openings as volunteers need a day off, & be overall liaison between volunteers, instructors, & the board.
- Public Relations – someone to write press releases, represent RRR as the contact person for newspapers, radio, & TV, handle advertising, and contribute to newsletters.
- Call or text Chris at 715-853-6449, or email to cbaldwin@frontiernet.net for more info. All positions have flexible schedules.

Now the easier wishes:

- Nutrena Safeguard Feed
- Soda & Juices for volunteers & riders during classes – favorites are Mountain Dew, Mug Root Beer – regular & diet, Brisk Raspberry Tea, Sprite Zero, Diet Coke, Diet Cherry Coke, Orange & Grape Crush, & Capri Sun Coolers
- Copy paper
- Ink Cartridges for Canon MG5220 printer
- Rolls of Forever Stamps & Postcard Stamps
- Paper towels, small packets of tissues
- Games that can be adapted for riders on horses

Thank you!!



PACKERS

... on the farm

