

Wings of Eagles Ranch

PARENT/RIDER LETTER

This Fall we will begin our 17th year of serving the special needs community in Cabarrus and surrounding areas. Over 150 riders are enrolled in our 9 month program along with over 300+ students who participate in our summer camps. There has been over 150+ students from the Cabarrus County School system who enjoy coming out for school field trips.

We are a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and operate solely on donations & a program fee of **\$225.00** per 8 week session. Please note we have raised our session fees to accommodate the continue rise in operating expenses. We gladly accept any donation you are able to make of either, volunteering at the Ranch or financial support. We also have several fundraising events throughout the year and would love for parents to be involved in those. Please let us know of your interest. Attached you will find the current flyer for our upcoming event "**Dinner & Dancin' in the Dirt**", **Saturday, October 1st**. We are in need of ticket sales and silent auction items, so if you can help, we would be extremely grateful.

Each rider is assigned a slot once a week for a particular session. The schedule accommodates about 50 riders per session. A few weeks before every session begins, the new riders are given the first opportunity to sign up for their first choice of a riding time. Returning riders are then placed on a "first come, first served" basis. You will be sent prior to sign-ups an email with the "Doodle" link provided to sign up. Since we presently have about 80+ riders on our roster, please register as soon as possible to ensure a space in the session you desire. If the session is already full, we will accommodate you first in the next available session.

If the rider is unable to attend his/her class on their riding day, **please call and cancel twenty-four (24) hours** in advance or as soon as possible. If he/she misses two consecutive classes without contacting us, another rider on our waiting list will fill his/her slot. Each time your child rides, a team of three volunteers is here to work with him/her. These are all unpaid volunteers who have given up their time to assist your rider with their therapeutic riding lesson. We understand that emergencies such as illness or urgent family situations do happen but please let us know as soon as possible. My cell number is 704-201-3144. Please text or email me if you are running late or have an emergency situation. I am not in the office on a regular basis to answer messages left by riders or volunteers.

A few other items you need to be aware of prior to the first day of class:

Required Items:

- **Completed paperwork is required prior to first class. Attached.**
- **If we do not have complete, up-to-date paperwork for your rider prior to class, they will not be allowed to ride.**
- **Program Fee: \$225.00** per 8-week session – payable prior to classes beginning or the first day of class.
- **Please provide one case of bottled water (8 oz.) and one box of individually wrapped snack items for our dedicated and hungry volunteers. Please place these in the kitchen.**
- Note that our speed limit is **15 mph on the road coming in and 6 mph in front of the arena**. Please adhere to this as it helps preserve road conditions and protects riders.
- **We are a smoke free facility. Please refrain from smoking while on WOE grounds.**
- **Please refrain from bringing your pets.**
- You may be asked from time to time to help with the class due to a lack of volunteers on that particular day. Please have appropriate shoes with you in your vehicle.
- If you anticipate your rider missing two or more days during a session, please do not sign up for that eight-week session. This will give another child an opportunity to ride.
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** If there is inclement weather, please do not assume we are NOT riding. Please call the barn at 704-784-3147 and a very specific message will be on our voice mail system advising if classes are cancelled. The message will be posted at least two hours prior to your riding time.
- **Please supervise any children you bring with you to the Ranch at all times. We have a wonderful playground area for the children's enjoyment. Please do not allow your children to throw footballs, tennis balls, volleyballs, baseballs or Frisbees on site.**

Thank you and looking forward to a wonderful Fall Riding Session...Be Blessed,

Christine Cronin, Director
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