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We miss you!

2020 has become a year of change and developments that no one could have predicted. We had hoped to start classes again in early April, but COVID-19 has made that impossible.

What's Up at Hope on Horseback?

While you are staying safe at home, the HOHB horses still need food, and they still need to be groomed and exercised on a regular basis. And the water buckets they use need to be scrubbed. We are taking care of all of these things to keep our horses healthy and happy, but we are doing it in small groups and using all of the social distancing rules that will keep us well.

What about classes?

At the moment, we are planning to start classes again on May 4 with a four-week semester. We would then be able to pick up our regular Summer Semester on June 1. A final decision will be made in mid-April. For those of you who have already paid for classes, thank you for being so patient. We will apply your payment to future classes as soon as we are able to get started again. For those of you who plan to ride in May and June, we would like for you to go ahead and get your enrollment papers in so that we can put our classes together. We will return any deposits or payments you make if we are unable to start classes or if your plans should change.

Changes taking place at Hope on Horseback

When you come back to the barn you will see a lot of new faces, and a lot of great improvements going on around the property. Tailwinds, our home for the past ten years, has been sold and is now owned by Dr. Roseanne Palermo and Dr. Kirk Steehler under the name of Trinity Equestrian Center LLC. We expect the changes taking place will be both exciting and challenging.

There is a lot of activity around the barns as the new owners are jumping right in to make the place cleaner, brighter and a happy home for both horses and riders. Dr. Palermo is the president of the United States Friesian Horse Association with an international reputation. The new owners bring with them an exceptional vision for the facility and have the resources to make their vision a reality. They have been working with us to include the needs of Hope on Horseback into their plans. There will be MANY changes...but all of them lead to an exciting future!

Barn Manager

Sue Stablein is the new barn manager — actually Sue is not new, she was manager of the Willows Equestrian Center some 15 years ago. Sue is experienced at taking care of horses and we can expect an excellent standard of care under her supervision. There will be approximately 10 barn staff in addition to Sue. The barn staff helps Hope on Horseback so much, making sure the stalls are clean and the horses are well fed.

New Horses

Dr. Palermo has moved 20 of her own horses into the barn this week and Trinity is in the process of redoing the stalls in the South Barn. Please be respectful and do not enter that barn area without an invitation. We anticipate that Dr. Palermo will be pleased to give a tour and tell us about her horses once they are settled in.

Facility Changes

The first and most visible changes are going to be in the Tack Room and Helmet Room. Trinity will need some of the space that we have occupied for a long time. Sue and Roseanne are working with us as we consolidate and review how our operation will work within the structure of an energetic and expanded boarding facility. We hope to have all the details worked out before classes start again, but no doubt there will be some confusion as we start our programs in May.

What else is needed?

Asking for money from our students and their families is always avoided and never pleasant. However, we have had very little income from class fees since November and it looks like we have several weeks ahead with no way to cover costs other than donations. We are working very hard to obtain funding from grants and community sources, but unfortunately, many individuals, businesses and other nonprofits are also asking for help to provide life-sustaining services during the COVID-19 crisis. Nonprofits will survive based on the strength of their support from individuals who believe in their mission. In addition to boarding costs, we have vaccinations, dental, farrier and veterinary services this spring for the health and comfort of our horses.

If you can make a donation at any level, it will be appreciated and put to good use. To use a credit card or Pay Pal, please go to <http://hopehorseback.org/donate.aspx> and follow instructions. If you wish to send a check, the address is 7280 Sterrettania Road, Fairview, PA 16415.

Many of you have already responded to our appeal on Facebook and we are so grateful for your help. We are going to make it through these tough times with the help of those who know how much our programs enhance life for our students and their families!

Communication

As we enter this transitional period with new management, it will be important that we maintain clear lines of communication. To avoid confusion and misunderstanding, we are asking that you filter all questions through Betty, Brenda or Kimberly.

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2020 Class Schedule:

Spring: May 4 to May 29 (Four weeks)
Summer: June 1 to July 17 (Seven Weeks)
Fall 1: August 3 to September 18 (Seven Weeks)
Fall 2: September 28 to November 13 (Seven Weeks)

Mornings:

Class One 10:00 to 10:40
Class Two 10:50 to 11:30

Evenings:

Class One 5:30 to 6:10
Class Two 6:20 to 7:00

Fees:

Four Week Spring Semester \$125
Seven Week Semesters \$220 Level I
\$240 Level II



SPECIAL PRICE:

Enroll and pay for Spring (4 weeks) and Summer (7 weeks) Semesters together and pay only \$320 Level I or \$340 for Level II.

CLASSES FILL QUICKLY, SO PLEASE GET YOUR ENROLLMENT OR RENEWAL FORMS IN ASAP.

Student Enrollment and Renewal Forms can be downloaded at www.hopehorseback.org
Call (814) 474-5276 if you would like forms mailed to you. Send completed forms and deposit or payment to:
Program Director, 7280 Sterrettania Road, Fairview, PA 16415. All Applications must be sent with full payment or a \$25 deposit to hold a spot in class.

FUN AT HOME!

Go to our web page at <http://hopehorseback.org/home.aspx> and look for some fun pictures to color while you are staying at home. There is even one for adults: If you can scan and email your finished picture to director@hopehorseback.org, we will share it on Facebook for everyone to enjoy!!!!

