



Quarterly
Newsletter
Fall 2018

Rider's Edge Ability Centered Horsemanship

REACH

"Helping individuals of all abilities REACH their greatest potential!"



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At REACH, we believe in a hands-on approach to learning and encourage our participants to be involved in all aspects of horsemanship. In addition to riding, we know that grooming, saddling, feeding the horses and barn chores all offer unique opportunities for learning and growth as equestrians, but there are also many physical and mental benefits to these activities as well. We encourage independence in a safe, inclusive environment where individual needs and goals are our primary consideration. There is a reason we call our program "Ability Centered Horsemanship" instead of "Therapeutic Riding". We truly focus on abilities, not disabilities and horsemanship, not just riding! And the results are incredible... as independence increases, confidence soars and lives change!

*If you'd like to observe lessons or take a tour of the facility just give us a call. Then you can see first hand some of the miracles that we witness each and every day!

Volunteer Spotlight

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Dedication is the first word that comes to mind when we think of Gina! She's been with REACH since our very first lesson. By sharing her enthusiasm for REACH, she has brought many new volunteers to the program. She continues to amaze us each week with her knowledge and attention to detail. Her compassion and genuine concern for others, horses and humans alike, is one of her greatest qualities.

Thank you, Gina, for all you do!



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What could be more exciting than watching one of our REACH riders participate in The American Royal?!

Watching 7 REACH riders!!

On Sept. 30th, Wood's Edge hosted 25 participants in 9 different divisions ranging from lead line ground pole classes to 18" walk/trot/canter classes. 9 of the 25 riders were part of the REACH program.

Two classes qualified REACH riders for the United Professional Horsemans' Association (UPHA) Exceptional Challenge Cup Championships to be held at The American Royal in Kemper Arena on Nov. 6th!!

We are thrilled for this amazing opportunity for 7 REACH riders to let their abilities shine in the big ring!

The 2018 Fall Horse Show was a huge success! Thank you to our sponsors, volunteers and participants for your support!

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Calendar

October 22-28: No lessons, Instructors at PATH Intl. Conference

November 5-6: No lessons, riders participating in The American Royal

November 6: UPHA Exceptional Challenge Cup National Championships. American Royal - Kemper Arena at 9:00am & 6:00pm

November 12-13: Nov. tuition due

December 10: Last Monday lessons

December 11: Last Tuesday lessons (make-up day for 10/9)

December 17-18: Make-up lessons, if needed

Please consider supporting the REACH Show Team in their American Royal debut! Go to reachatweec.org and click on the Upcoming Events page to learn more or become a sponsor!

Rider Spotlight

JD is riding in The Royal!



JD, who has spina bifida, is a strong-willed and very determined boy! Before he was born, he underwent fetal surgery and has had many surgeries since. But that doesn't slow him down! Besides riding Calypso, he also loves to sweep and help with barn chores! Last month, he left his "sticks" behind and joined his peers for the show where his abilities were rewarded with a fancy ribbon and the audience was rewarded with a smile and a big thumbs up!

THIS is what **Ability Centered Horsemanship** is all about!