



VRS newsletter

Fall 2009

Vershire Riding School * Vershire, Vermont

The Vershire Riding School celebrates its 40th Anniversary in 2010!



Happy Autumn!

The horses are enjoying the nice November weather relaxing in the fields. Despite an attack of burdock (a prickly plant that sticks in manes) the horses are well and are starting to grow their winter coats. China Lily may already have two inches of fluff!

We have already had our first dusting of snow. Nothing compared to the foot of snow we had last year at this time! Maybe the flurries will hold off for a bit longer.



Whinny's from the field

Since the end of the summer we have begun socializing some of our new horses and those who are a bit more sensitive, with our older horses that live out in the fields. Not all horses have the luxury of living in a field with other horses, and it takes a few a little time to feel okay with this new freedom. We see such a relaxed change with our horse's behavior who are allowed to socialize with other horses. And, they get to go out in all the grassy fields in the summer! We knew Falene was ready to join the Donegan's girls after she kept breaking out of her paddock to go see Dallas in Donegan's field.

Soon it will be time to get the horses & ponies ready for their winter pastures. It has been nice that we have been able to keep them out on the green fields a bit longer this year.



40th Anniversary!

We are very excited to announce that in 2010 we will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary as a riding school. Our camper reunion will be held on September 4th, 2010- Labor Day weekend!

We are in the process of mailing out the Anniversary Reunion R.S.V.P... You may also get Reunion updates on our website, Face book page or by emailing Sarah. We hope you can make it! We are already hearing from former campers from the 1970's through to today!



Horse & Wilderness

This fall we introduced our new **Horse and Wilderness** program. Horse and Wilderness offers hands on experience with horses and the natural world around us. The program is intended for groups, organizations and schools. Some of the groups we have been in touch with have included school classes, clubs, homes for children or the elderly, businesses retreats, riding clubs & college teams. Participants may choose from a program already established or create a program from a long list of possibilities.

From fall through spring we will offer children & adults various programs in which they may work

with horses or explore the wilderness. The **horse** part may include grooming, barn work, riding, equine studies. **Wilderness** may include hiking, games, nature studies, organic gardening, mountain biking, science classes, or animal studies. If the group chooses **Art** they may do sawdust clay firings, landscape painting, seasonal nature crafts... So many possibilities!

We are really excited to offer this program. Maybe your school would like to take a field trip to Vershire!



Camper Tuition Discounts!

Make sure to take advantage of our camp discount for applying early! We offer all returning V.R.S. campers a discount off of the camp tuition if you apply by December 31, 2009! The discount does not apply to the Entry fees for the shows and events.

Apply by December 2009

you will

Receive 5% off of the camp tuition.

If you pay the tuition in full by December 2009

You will receive 10% off camp tuition!

Applications are available on our website under any camp program listing. We hope you return this summer!



The new Main field Paddock Peter, Phil and a few VRS camper parents have been helping to build a beautiful new run in shed for 7 of the mares this winter. The Tamarack trees were harvested from our property and now serve as the posts holding up the structure. A solid home to help keep the horses nice and toasty this winter.



DVD

Peter has begun working on the DVD. As soon as the DVD is finished it will be mailed out. The video is a great way to see your own riding. We like to watch it in winter to remember the green fields and friends from camp! Come February you would not recognize some of the horses- so furry and fat!

If you would like to order a DVD mail in a DVD order form or a note with your name, address, phone number, which session you attended and a \$40.00 check for each video you would like to order.



After the completion of our first camp mural I have wanted to paint another. This past summer campers and Sarah Faitell (Arts counselor) painted a mural of Mischa, Starbright and Cookie. It is beautiful! The colors are so vibrant. I will wait to hang the mural until the Spring to save it from our snowy winter weather! The mural will be hung on the sawdust shed wall to be seen as you drive down the road.

This summer we offered weeding Wednesdays for anyone who would like to help in the organic vegetable garden. The garden contributes to the vegetables for our salad bar and meals. Weekly we pick bucketfuls of carrots for the horses and for us.

Outside Events

Once again this summer we will be going to outside events at Hitching Post Farm and Denny Emerson's farm--Tamarack Hill. This past

summer Rachel Wolansky, Megan Egan, AnaLeigh Kaplon & Emily Rodgers rode at the Hitching Post Farms event. We had a wonderful time and it is always a memorable experience.



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*New Camp Session
for 12- 20 year olds!*

We have extended the age range for our last Eventing week August 16-22nd
We wanted to provide a camp session for former campers who are now too old ☺ to attend a regular camp session with younger friends. We have been asked by former campers going on to college for the first year that they wished they could have one more year at Vershire.



Join our
Face book Alumni Page!

www.Facebook.com

“Vershire Riding School: VRS at its best”

We will be posting current information about our 40th Reunion on our Face book page.

Until we see you again,
Happy Riding!
Sarah, Peg, Judy,
Peter & Gabriel



V.R.S Diaries

We will continue to add your photos and stories to our “VRS Diaries” page on our website -

www.vershireridingschool.com

See some of the horses/ponies we have had since 1970! If you have a photo or story about one of your favorite

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