



# VRS newsletter

## Winter / Spring 2009

Vershire Riding School \* Vershire, Vermont

V.R.S. is celebrating its 39<sup>th</sup> summer!

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Spring is coming!

We have had a long winter. Our first snow arrived before Halloween but didn't last very long. When it started to snow before Thanksgiving we thought it wouldn't last either. We were wrong! We have had snow banks lining our road since November, and no break with a January thaw. Even though we have had snow the weather never got too cold for Vershire standards. We eagerly wait for this coming week when we will have a heat wave of 50 degrees!

Despite the snow the horses are doing very well. All are fat and fuzzy- some more then others! The horses have been content in their winter paddocks but as the days get warmer I know they are looking forward to fields of green!

As we draw closer to the summer I start to think of campers and who they may ride. With our horse family growing there will be new ones to try as well.

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## NEW TO OUR FAMILY!

Over the winter and spring we will have adopted 5 more horses & ponies into our family!

Our first winter donation came from Judy's niece (also a former camper) who donated Seneca to us. He is a beautiful grey Thoroughbred who comes from the Northern Dancer line. He is very talented and quite a looker. He has the feeling of a young Stony. He naturally fit in with all of our horses and has befriended Jordan.



Seneca

Gabriel will be three in May and I have begun my search for a pony for him to start riding. While looking I was contacted by a former camper looking for a home for her 22 year young pony Dallas. She is adorable! She is larger then I would have chosen for Gabriel, but I think she will be the one to give him his first ride. She is a nice size pony and will be incorporated into our camp program. She is ready for lots of love and treats!



Dallas

This spring we will be given a horse from a former camper Sara Marcus. He attended camp with Sara a few years ago. We are happy to have him return. We will have two more horses join us this spring from Florida. I am sure they will appreciate not coming in the winter! Chili pepper is a mare, and the other is a Thoroughbred gelding.



Dakota, Karley, Reilly  
Tack Store Connection

In the past people have contacted me for names of tack stores in which they could buy all of their gear they would need for camp at one store. We have made a connection with Litchfield Medina Tack store in offering goods for our campers at the best price. Alyssa Richards, an instructor from the 2008 summer, runs the tack store with her mom in Ohio. You may contact Dana (Alyssa's mom) directly either by phone or email, and she will send you the list of items she has for sale. If there is something you need that you do not see listed please ask! She is very willing to order what is needed at the best price.

If interested please contact Dana directly at:

Dana Richards  
Litchfield-Medina Tack  
Litchfield, Ohio  
330-725-0081

Email: [litchfieldmedinatack@yahoo.com](mailto:litchfieldmedinatack@yahoo.com)

### V.R.S Diaries

(Still in the process of uploading to website)

Over the winter I have been scanning photos of our horses from the 1970's till the present day. It is a work in progress. Please go to our V.R.S. Diaries page on our website - [www.verohireridingschool.com](http://www.verohireridingschool.com) to see the horses that have been part of our camp over the years. I am so excited to create this record of our family of horses. It is very fun to go down memory lane! If you have a photo or story about one of your favorite Verohire Riding School horses please email me at: [verohireridingschool@yahoo.com](mailto:verohireridingschool@yahoo.com). Over time I hope to have all of our horses remembered on our website.

### Summer Activities

This summer I am excited to announce a mural project lead by my mom and founder of the riding school Peg Wright! After the completion of our first mural above the art room I have been looking for new areas to accommodate another mural. We will be offering mural painting every Tuesday & Thursday during camper's free time in the afternoon. Our last Mural was finished in 1987!! Time for a new one! The new

mural will be put up on the side of our sawdust shed so when you are walking down the road you will be able to admire it!

We will also be offering "Weeding Wednesdays" for anyone who would like to help in the organic vegetable garden. We will be tending the garden which helps provide vegetables for our salad bar and meals, and hopefully our carrots will grow in abundance for all of our horses!



Emperor & Toga

### Tutorial school

We offer tutorial programs for campers who may need a little extra tutoring over the summer. If you are interested please contact me for the Tutorial form. Our tutors are school teachers who may provide help in any subject.

### Outside Events

Once again this summer we will be going to outside events at Hitching Post Farm and Denny Emerson's farm-Tamarack Hill. Last summer was the first time in a few years where two of our campers (Kim Parker & Kat Mallary) were able to event at Tamarack Hill. We choose riders who we feel will be safe and ready to do an outside event.



Karlan & Fuego

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The 2008 DVD's are finished! If you would like to order a DVD just mail in a note with your name, address, which session you attended and a \$35.00 check for each video you would like to order. We love seeing the green grass and happy horses! We hope you enjoy it!



Failene & Starbright

This summer we are so excited to have Judy, Abby, Ellen & Megan return to teach riding! In addition to our returning staff we are happy to welcome Veronica, Amanda and Sarah to our staff of instructors.

For our Activities staff we will have two former O.R.S. campers joining us! Sarah Faitell & Alex Saudette will be heading up the arts/crafts & sports/games department. They come with such interesting and exciting ideas! I think you will be excited for their programs.



Gabriel hard at work

### Scholarships

We would like you to know that we offer partial scholarships if needed. If you are interested in finding out more about what scholarships are available please contact me for our "Scholarship Form".

### Riding Club Discounts

We have had some interest from Pony Clubs and riding groups who would like to attend camp as a group. We offer a discount for each rider who comes with a riding club or group. Please contact me if your "team" is interested in this offer.

### Camp for 12- 19 year olds!

We have extended the age range for our last Evening week-August 17-23<sup>rd</sup> and will accept 12- 19 year olds! 18 & 19 year olds have to be former O.R.S campers. Separate housing for the older girls. Hitching Post Farm Event also this week.

### Upcoming tuition

Please note that the next payment towards your tuition is due April 15. Thank you!



Tiger & Bailey

We hope you will all be joining us this summer. We are so excited for our 39<sup>th</sup> year! Until then, be well and happy riding!

Best wishes,

Sarah, Peter & Gabriel