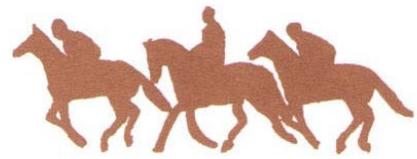


VRS newsletter



Vershire Riding School * Vershire, Vermont

Autumn 2013

Whinny's from the Field

As the winter approaches we are busy getting ready for the coming snow. The horses are growing their fuzzy coats, and dreaming of the green grass of summer. We have not moved the horses to their winter paddocks yet. With little snow on the ground we want to take advantage of the extra space they have in the fields.



We finished our 2013 camp season with our Columbus Day Family and Adult camp weekend. We had a great time and lucked out with the weather. Our 2014 camp season begins with the Memorial Day weekend. A great way to start off your summer of riding!

This summer we were given a Gelding named Admiral from a former VRS camper. He is such a sweet and mellow guy. He has been socialized to be out in the Main Field with the rest of the geldings. Admiral's new BFF is Redwing! They make a very cute couple. I look forward to seeing him be ridden this summer.

This fall the Markwood family built us a new run in shed in Paddock B behind the Main Barn. It is a vision of beauty with post and beam construction. I never knew a run-in shed could be so stunning.

Equine Affaire

This November we had a booth at the Equine Affaire, in West Springfield Massachusetts. It was wonderful to see V.R.S. campers from over the many years! We had campers stop by our booth who attended V.R.S. in 1970! There were even two women who had come to Vershire for Pony Club before the riding school formally existed. It is exciting to continue the connections of our riding school family.



2014 Camp Tuition Discount!

As a way of showing our appreciation to former VRS campers we would like to offer tuition discounts for applying to camp before December 31st, 2013.

If you apply by December 2013 you will receive
5% off of the camp tuition.

If you apply and pay the tuition in full by December 2013 then you will receive a
10% discount off of the camp tuition!

The discount does not apply to the Horse Show and Event Entry Fees. If you have any questions in regards to the discount please contact Sarah.



The Little Red Riding School

This fall we have been busy getting ready for winter, but we also have exciting news of a new program at the Vershire Riding School. Sarah Wright having previously earned a Masters degree in Education has now decided to open an Early Childhood School and Center here on the farm. We are in the process of getting licensing from the State. We will start with a Kindergarten, and then add a Pre-School program, and possibly Grades 1-3.

Initially the Kindergarten will be in the Red Farm House. We are looking at Donegan's Cabin for the school. Since the school is in operation from the fall to spring we will still be able to use Donegan's for our summer camp. We will keep the pottery room in Donegan's for both the school and camp.



Wellness Weekend

This summer we offered a new camp program for adults, and the older child, called the Wellness Weekend. Our Wellness Weekend offers a weekend of Yoga, Art, Nature, Health and Wellness. The day is divided into one and a half hour blocks of time. Within each block of time we offer a variety of classes that the student

chooses from in Yoga/Meditation, Art, Nature, Health and Wellness. It was a fantastic weekend!

We are offering two Wellness Weekends in 2014. One weekend is in May and the other in September. Our website lists some of the class offerings from last year. We are in the process of setting the schedule for this year. You may attend for the whole weekend, or for the day! Riding lessons would be scheduled separately.

<http://www.vershireridingschool.com/RidingCamps/WellnessWeekend/wellness-weekend.htm>



Cross-Country & Stadium Jumping Clinics

This fall Judy Ofchus offered a jumping clinic to the Eventing community. Our next clinic will be in the spring starting in May. We will be posting the dates on our Facebook page. Our clinics help the rider, and horse, strengthen their Eventing skills.



VRS in the "off season"

Our riding school is open for barns, riding clubs and/or groups to come for lessons, trail riding, camp or clinics. We give discounts for groups attending any of our riding programs. If you are interested in having your barn, or riding club attend a camp session, please contact Sarah to reserve spaces. Our weekend programs fill up quickly, and we would want to make sure to reserve the spaces you will need for your whole team.

We are also interested in “leasing” our property in our off seasons (fall & spring) to trail riding groups who may want to take advantage of our beautiful property, and miles of trails. If interested, or have questions please contact us.

We offer a few horse boarding opportunities for the fall through spring. Boarders have full access to our riding arenas & indoor. We only accept a few boarders each year so if you are interested please contact me.



Second Sibling Discount

Throughout the year we offer a 5% discount off of the second sibling’s tuition for camp.

Scholarships, Barter or Trade

The Vershire Riding School continues to offer partial scholarships to people who would like to attend one of our programs, but are unable due to finances. If you are interested in a partial scholarship or barter/ trade contact Sarah at: vershineridingschool@yahoo.com and she will email you the form.

If you would like to contribute to the **Scholarship Fund**, to make it possible for even more students to attend Vershire, please contact Sarah.



V.R.S Diaries

We will continue to add your photos and stories to our “VRS Diaries” page on our website. See some of the

horses & ponies we have had since 1970! If you have a photo or story about one of your favorite Vershire Riding School horses please let us know.



V.R.S. riding lessons in Florida!

Judy will be offering lessons in the fall, winter and early spring in the Melbourne, Grant and Sebastian area of Florida. If you are interested in her teaching a lesson at your barn you may contact Sarah for Judy’s Florida contact information.



Show & Event Photos

If you would like to order photos from our Events & Shows you may contact the photographer, Stan Phaneuf, directly. His email address is phaneuf@pshift.com. The photos from our shows and events can be viewed on his website www.stanphaneufphotography.com.



Like our Face book page - *Vershire Riding School*

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Vershire-Riding-School/143169755726487?ref=hl>

Keep updated throughout the year about what's happening at the riding school on our Facebook page. We will be posting upcoming Events, Clinics and current photos from the riding school throughout the seasons.



We would like to
Wish You & Your Family,
Peace & Joy
This Holiday Season!

Kindest regards,
The Wright-Swaine family,
And, the horses, ponies, dogs & kitty



If you have any questions in regards to the 2014 camp schedule please contact Sarah. We hope to see you this coming summer!

Best Regards,
Sarah, Peter, Gabriel & Daniel

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