



VRS newsletter

Spring 2015

Vershire Riding School * Vershire, Vermont

Happy Spring!

It has been a long, snowy winter for us in Vershire. Like an April Fools joke it has snowed everyday since the first day of spring. We are not the only ones eagerly awaiting sun and warmth. The horses are getting tired of their winter paddocks and are watchful of the snow melting in the fields. Hopefully the snow will melt quickly, and we will be able to release the horses to their open fields by the end of the month. And, then onto summer! We look forward to the warm sunny days, green meadows and campers returning to ride (and pamper our horses)!

took him in like he was always part of the herd. Coco is a cutie!!



Coco

Boomer



Mischa

Horse Release to the Fields!

When the snow melts and the grass starts to grow in we will release our horses from their winter paddocks into the open fields. It is an amazing sight! Horses galloping and bucking from one end of the field to the other.

Peter will be filming the horse-release and he will post a clip on YouTube with the link on our Facebook page. We will move them to their fields at the end of April, or when the snow melts.

Whinny's from the field

Coco, a 19 year old Thoroughbred gelding has joined our herd! He is related to Secretariat. Coco was donated to us by former VRS camper Franziska Harling. He is a sweet boy and will be a joy to ride. He settled in immediately with Martini in the front paddock. After a month we were able to transition him into the main paddock with some of our older boys and they



The Geldings released into the Main Field, for the first time since autumn!



Program Offered on the VRS Campus

To take full advantage of our facility we have created a few new programs on our campus. This past fall we opened The Little Red Riding School & Daycare. This summer we add MeadowRun Camp, and the Vershire Arts and Riding; both are offered for the July camp sessions. MeadowRun Camp and Vershire Arts & Riding will run in conjunction with the Vershire Riding School this summer.

The *Little Red Riding School and Daycare*, a nature based program, opened in the fall 2014. Our farm provides a wonderful environment to learn in, and always offers exciting things to discover. It is so fun to feed our snack apples and carrot bits to the horses!

MeadowRun offers Arts, Crafts, Pottery, Painting, Paper-Mache, Macramé, Felting, Nature, Tracking, Archery, Horsemanship, Sports, Games, Capture the Flag, Soccer, Volleyball, Tetherball, Martial Arts, Hiking, Tennis, Yoga, Dance & More! MeadowRun

includes the option to take Horsemanship classes but does not offer regular riding lessons. Lessons would be an addition to the tuition.

Vershire Arts & Riding offers a camper a blend of the Vershire Riding School and the MeadowRun Camp programs. VA&R has 2+ hours of riding and horsemanship each day. The second part of the day

would follow the MeadowRun Activities Schedule. A great way to take part in what both camps have to offer!

If you have a friend who would like to come to camp with you, but is unsure if they would like to participate in the *Vershire Riding School's* schedule with 4hrs. of riding plus additional horsemanship time. Then, MeadowRun Camp, or Vershire Arts & Riding may be a perfect camp for them! Summer fun on a beautiful Vermont campus!



Academic Tutoring

Recognizing the need to stay current in ones academics throughout the summer we will be offering Academic Tutoring during specific camp sessions. Our Tutors are composed of local teachers and college students. The cost for tutoring would be in addition to the camp tuition. All tutoring would occur on the camp property. Tutoring is arranged at a convenient time within the camper's daily schedule. All Tutoring is arranged prior to the camp season.

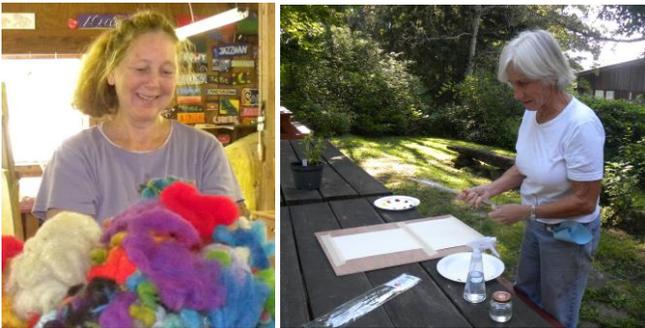


Emperor moving the run-in to relieve a scratch!



Photos

We are always adding new photos to our website. If you have a photo from camp that you like of riding, horses or camp life please email a copy to Sarah. We love seeing photos from camp!



We are excited to announce our

Wellness Camp Weekend

August 29th & 30th, 2015

The Wellness Weekend is a camp for Yoga, Art, Nature, Health and Wellness.

Throughout the day the weekend offers a variety of classes in **Yoga** (4-5 classes a day), **Art**-(plein air painting, felting, etc.), **Nature**-(tracking, plant identification, hiking), **Meditation**-(sitting, walking, breathing), **Health** (juicing, cooking, cleansing), and **Wellness** (massage, Reiki, etc.). The Wellness Weekend is open to Adults and Young Adults age 12+.

In conjunction with the Wellness Weekend we are offering a **Children's Wellness Camp** for children ages 6-12. The Children's Camp will offer Arts, Crafts, Sports, Plant, Nature Programs, Martial Arts, Yoga and Games! Imagine massive capture the flag! Parents may attend their own Wellness Weekend, while their child participates at their own program on the same campus!



The Little Red Riding School

The Little Red Riding School and Daycare, a nature based program, opened this autumn. We are off to an amazing start with a small and wonderful group of children. Sarah Wright (having a Masters Degree in Waldorf Education) is the Lead Teacher and Program Director. Sarah taught and mentored at Waldorf Schools in NYC, Shelburne & Chelsea, Vermont.

In the future we hope to add to the Early Childhood programs, offer afterschool workshops, and look at offering programs to the adult community during the year. Currently our facility is for seasonal use and we hope to winterize so that we may offer classes, programs, and workshops year round for both children and adults. (Yoga, Art, Languages, Tutoring, Martial Arts, Dance.....) This is a new chapter in the Vershire Riding School's history!



V.R.S. riding lessons in Florida!

Judy offered riding lessons this winter and will continue into the early spring in the Melbourne, Grant and Sebastian area of Florida. If you are interested in her teaching a lesson email Sarah for Judy's Florida contact information.



VRS in the "off season"

Our riding school property and facility is available in its "off season" for rent. Weddings, School field trips, barns, riding clubs and/or groups may rent our beautiful property and facilities. Since the school is not winterized, we are limited to seasonal use.



"Like" our *Face book* page
Vershire Riding School

and keep updated throughout the year on what is happening at the riding school.

We post our upcoming *E*vents & *c*urrent *p*hotos!
You can also test your VRS horse identification skills by playing "Name that *E*quine!"

*F*acebook is a great way to stay in touch with
Vershire Alumni!

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Vershire-Riding-School/143169755726487>



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 financial concerns. If you are interested in a partial scholarship or barter/ trade contact Sarah at: vershireridingschool@yahoo.com and she will email you the Scholarship form.

V.R.S Diaries

We continue to add your photos and stories to our "VRS Diaries" page on our Website www.vershireridingschool.com See some of the horses & ponies who have been part of our program. Going back all the way to 1970! If you have a photo

or story about one of your favorite Vershire Riding School horses please email Sarah.



Please let us know if you have any questions about the 2015 camp season. We hope you will be joining us for another wonderful summer of riding!

We send our best wishes to you & your family!

Sarah, Peter, Gabriel, Daniel

& the Horses

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