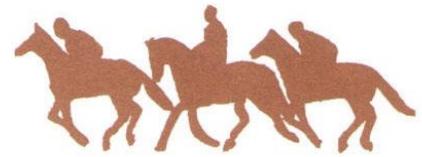


VRS newsletter



Vershire Riding School * Vershire, Vermont

Autumn/Winter 2015



Happy Thanksgiving!!



All of us at the Vershire Riding School wish you, and your family, a great feast this Thanksgiving. It is a busy time of year and it is important to have time to appreciate all that we are thankful for.

Whinny's from the Field

As the end of November approaches we have already had three snowstorms at the farm. Dustings that haven't stuck, but at one time we had a few inches of snow blanketing the ground. The horses have been moved from their fields to their winter paddocks. But in true Vermont fashion, with the promise of a few days of warm 50 degree weather, we will move them back to their fields for their last field gallop of the season before snuggling into their winter homes. The horses are growing their fuzzy coats, and dreaming of the greener fields of summer.



We finished our 2014 camp season with our Labor Day Family and Adult camp weekend. We had a great time and lucked out with the weather. Our 2015 camp season begins with the Memorial Day weekend, May 22nd - 25th. A fantastic way to start off your summer of riding! Our family weekends are also a great way to introduce children new to sleep away camp, the experience of camp, but with the company of a parent.



Equine Affaire

We had a Vershire Riding School booth at the Equine Affaire, in West Springfield Massachusetts at the beginning of the month. The Equine Affaire has become a VRS family reunion with former campers and instructors stopping by! We visited with people who were part of the school from the '70's, and throughout our 46 years! It is exciting to continue the connections with our riding school family. The Equine Affaire is also a great way to connect with the local horse community.



V.R.S. Riding Lessons in Florida!

Judy Ofchus will be offering riding lessons in the fall, winter and early spring in the Melbourne, Grant and Sebastian area of Florida!!

If you are interested in Judy teaching a lesson at your barn, you may contact Sarah for Judy's Florida contact information.



2015 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, 2014.

*If you apply by December 2014 you will receive **5% off of the camp tuition.***

If you apply and pay the tuition in full by December 2014 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 & Daycare

This fall we opened our nature based Early Childhood program; The Little Red Riding School & Daycare. It has been so fun! Children tell their parents that Ms. Piggy is in their class, and also M&M seems to be very popular with the students. ☺ Having taught in Waldorf Schools in NYC, Shelburne, VT and then at Wellspring, I have always thought about having an Early Childhood school at the farm. It is exciting to see the dream come to fruition. I hope to expand the program in years to come. There are many exciting projects to entertain!





Wellness Weekend

This summer we will offer a weekend of **Yoga, Art, Nature, Health and Wellness!**

August 29th & 30th, 2015

We have a Wellness program for adults, and a separate camp for the children of the weekend's participants. Having two separate, but similar camps, allows parents and adults to attend yoga, meditation, painting, felting, juicing, herb preparation (etc.) classes, while their children are having a great time in their own camp, on the same campus!

The day is divided into blocks, and within each block of time we offer a variety of classes that the student may choose from in Yoga/Meditation, Art, Nature, Health and Wellness. There are private sessions for massage, facials, readings, etc. that can be scheduled. It will be a blissful weekend!



Recipe Round-up!

Peppermint Mash (Sweet!!)

- ~1 cup crushed candy canes
- 3-4 cups **HOT** water (add more if needed)
- 3-5 cups bran
- 1 carrot, cut up in pieces
- 1 apple, cut up in pieces
- ½ cup molasses
- 2 cups sweet feed (corn, oats, and pellets)

Dissolve crushed candy canes in 2-3 cups hot water. (Save a little to sprinkle on top.) If they do not completely dissolve that is fine. Then, mix all of the ingredients together except sweet feed. Add more warm water to make the mash soupy rather than dry. When the mash is mixed up add the sweet feed and mix again. Sprinkle extra crushed candy canes on top for garnish. Then serve when warm to touch, not too hot! Your horse will love the mash and have nice smelling breath too!

VRS in the "off season"

We are interested in offering our property in our off seasons (fall & spring) to trail riding groups, or other horse organizations, who may want to take advantage of our beautiful property, and miles of trails. If interested, or have questions please contact Sarah

Our riding school could also be utilized by barns, riding clubs and/or groups to come for lessons, trail riding, camps or clinics in our "off season". If you are interested in having your barn or riding club be able use our facilities please contact us to discuss details.

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 financial reasons. If you are interested in a partial scholarship or barter/ trade contact us at: vershiredingschool@yahoo.com and she will email you the Scholarship Application.

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.



"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. See the "VRS Newsletter" in color!!

If you have any questions in regards to the 2015 camp schedule please contact Sarah. We hope to see you this coming summer!

Best Regards,

Sarah, Peter, Gabriel & Daniel

Vershire Riding School



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

Warm Regards,
The Wright-Swaine family
And, the horses, ponies, dog & kitty!

