



VRS newsletter

Spring 2017

Happy Spring!?

It has been a long and snowy winter for us in Vershire. The horses are growing restless in their winter paddocks and are watchful for any sign of spring. We all look forward to the warm sunny days, green meadows and campers returning to ride and love our horses!



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. Horses free as horses should be. Galloping and bucking from one end of the field to the other. Meeting up with horse friends, who were separated this winter into smaller herds, and cozier paddocks.

If you would like to attend the Vershire Riding School for our last formal summer program please mail in your application. We have two Adult weeks left (out of five) with spaces remaining. I have a few more spaces in each of my children's weeks. I do have availability in each session if you are bringing your own horse. We do not charge board for doing so. We offer our B&B program starting the end of August.

Judy Ofchus will be returning to teach this summer! Also, her 48th year with VRS. It is going to be an amazing summer!!

Established in 1970

2017 will mark our 48th summer as an Eventing summer camp, for children and adults, and we think a good point to make a transition. After much thought we

Vershire Riding School * Vershire, Vermont

have decided that this will be our last summer for our riding school. It has been a difficult decision considering the VRS family we have made over our 48+ years. Such a beautiful program for both horses and riders is difficult to not continue. However, change is happening and memories will be cherished.

Following the 2017 summer we will be keeping our horses, or selling a few to friends, but no longer adding additional horses to our herd. We are marketing our property through Sotheby's Realty. We also made a Facebook page "Vershire, Vermont Land" which outlines the property for sale with many photos. We will be retaining land, both in Vermont & Florida, in which we will be able to care for the remaining horse herd in their retirement. We feel really lucky, and are very grateful, that we have had the opportunity to naturally decrease our horse herd.



In order to take full advantage of our spacious campus, we have added additional programs on the farm.

The *Little Red Riding School and Daycare*, a nature based school program which operates during the school year, opened in the fall 2014.



MeadowRun programs offer: Arts, Crafts, Pottery, Painting, Paper-Mache, Macramé, Felting, Nature, Tracking, Horsemanship, Sports, Games, Capture the Flag, Soccer, Volleyball, Tetherball, Hiking, Tennis, Yoga, Foreign Language, Circuits, Robotics & More!



Into the Autumn

We will continue this fall, and until the farm is sold, by adding to the Early Childhood nature based school and MeadowRun programs we currently offer. In addition to the Little Red Riding School we will offer afterschool workshops, and evening programs throughout the year. We may be offering the MeadowRun camp program for the summer of 2018.

Alumni Reunion

There has been discussion about doing an Alumni Reunion in September. Although this is a welcome and planned departure for us, it is also an emotional and exhausting one. We are seeing how we might organize something for a reunion and to thank our VRS family.

We will post the date once confirmed on our Facebook page.

VRS in the "off season"

You can rent our riding school property and 145+ acre facility in its "off season". For Weddings, School field trips or a place to offer your own program as a camp or workshop! All the facilities are not winterized so we are

limited to seasonal Residential use. Day use is available year round. Our campus makes a relaxing, private and rejuvenating place for retreats!



"Like" our Facebook page; *Vershire Riding School*

Our page has over 31,000 likes!

Facebook is a great way to stay in touch with Vershire Alumni.

We will post on FB VRS Reunion news.

Following this summer we will use Facebook as a way to connect with you, and for you to be able to message Vershire Riding School.

V.R.S Diaries

Visit our Website www.vershideridingschool.com, and see some of our horses & ponies that have been part of our riding program during our 48 years. If you have a photo or story about one of your favorite Vershire Riding School horses, please email us.



Please let us know if you have any questions about our 2017 camp season.

We hope you will join us in our final season of this legendary riding school and with our own Judy Ofchus!

Best wishes to you & your family!

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