



THERAPEUTIC & PUBLIC RIDING PROGRAMS

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Report to CDSCL AGM – October 2nd, 2008

Sessions

Session	# of TRP Riders	# of PRP Riders	Number of Volunteers
Fall 2007	18	4	10
Spring 2008	18	4	13
Summer 2008	3	0	3
Summer Camp 2008	0	9	4
Fall 2008	20	7	11

The number of riders signed up in the therapeutic riding program and public riding program has increased this fall. We anticipate at least two more riders that will join the TRP in the spring.

Volunteers

Our volunteers have really stepped up this fall, handling more riders than ever. However, we are operating at capacity in regards to volunteer/rider ratio and will definitely need more volunteers next spring.

Workers

Thanks to a grant from Canada Summer Jobs, we were able to hire a student for the summer.

The program also continues to provide opportunities for students to gain work experience through the work experience program at Prince Charles Secondary School. This fall, we have two students returning for work.

Sarah Moves On

Sarah moved to Langley in August and has left the program in excellent shape. The therapeutic riding program continues to operate with Christine Ross taking Sarah's place as instructor. Christine is a certified Equine Canada Beginner Instructor and has years of equine instruction experience. She has enrolled in the CanTRA Instructors course in order to become a certified CanTRA instructor.

Judine Maki is teaching the Public Riding Program students. Judine is also a certified Equine Canada Beginner Instructor.

Michelle Whiteaway is filling the role of Program Director and Peggy Hawes has really stepped up to become the volunteer Herd Health Manager to ensure that the Therapeutic Riding horses have continued good health.

Horses

All of our horses have been with the program for at least a year now, which makes things easier as they all know and enjoy the routine.



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Risk Management Evaluation

We had our CanTRA Risk Management Evaluation on September 12th. Two CanTRA examiners drove from Vancouver to spend Friday morning doing our Risk Management Evaluation. It was a very thorough evaluation and they went over our paperwork for riders, volunteers, horses, checked out our facility, tack, helmets, first aid kits, horses and observed a lesson that Christine was teaching.

Overall, we did very well and both ladies had very positive feedback in regards to Christine's teaching and the manner in which the program is organized. They indicated that all areas of requirement are addressed and under review to complete details. Big kudos to Sarah for leaving the program in such great shape. The amount of work that she has done to get this program where it is today is indescribable!

Fundraising and Donations

Our last garage sale will be held on Saturday, October 4th at 8:00am until 1:00pm. Everything must go!

Our first horse manure sale will be held on Saturday, October 4th from 8:00am until 1:00pm. Bagfuls are available for \$5. Fill your own bucket, for a suggested donation of \$5. Fill your own pickup, for a suggested donation of \$15. The manure has been composting for 2 and a half years.

The program continues to be supported by individual donations, local businesses and grants from organizations such as the Creston Valley Gleaners Society, the RDCK, Columbia Basin Trust, Creston-Kootenay Foundation, the Province of BC's gaming fund, Knight's of Columbus and the Lion's Club.

Completed Projects

This spring, Alex Nilsson and Terje Munkerud completed the covered stall area project, funded by a grant from Columbia Basin Trust. This project keeps the tack up area shaded from the summer heat and keeps the students and horses dry when it rains. And most importantly, it keeps the horses safely separated from each other in the tack up area before and after lessons.