

BANBURY CROSS NEWS



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Springing into Action

Jessica Moore, Program Director

With our second year of winter classes almost under our belt, it is time to focus on planning for our spring session here at Banbury Cross TEC once again. We were thrilled to have such an outpour of interest in our winter riding program, and are happy to report that we had 48 individuals ride with us for the season. That is a large increase from last year's winter session.

Over the winter, we have been fortunate enough to have formed a relationship with the Oxford School system. After a successful pilot program with their Post Secondary Program in the fall, we have added a group of classes for the Oxford Middle School Program, and will be adding an additional group of classes for the Elementary School Program in the spring session. This has been a wonderful opportunity for growth for the program, and we have heard nothing but great things from the teachers and parents of those involved. We look forward to continuing this relationship with Oxford Schools in the year to come.

Our Spring Session will be eight weeks long, and run from March 1, 2010 through April 24, 2010. Please see the enclosed class offerings for this session. If you intend on having your rider participate in spring classes, please return the necessary paperwork as soon as possible. Spring session is very busy for us, and spots will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Banbury Cross will once again be holding our Annual Derby Day Benefit on May 1, 2010. Derby Day is our largest fundraising event all year. We depend on this event to carry us through the entire year financially. Derby Day is open to anyone to attend, and we encourage you to look for further details on the event.

Please enjoy the rest of our newsletter, and Happy Spring!

Meet Amira and Marcia

During the Holiday break this winter, Banbury Cross was fortunate to have a new horse join us on trial period. Amira is an 18 year old Arabian mare. She stands 14.2 hands tall and is flea-bitten gray in color. Amira comes from a very well-rounded background, where she participated in everything from summer camps to English pleasure to lower level jumping. Most importantly, Amira genuinely enjoys working with children. This character trait, combined with her unflappable nature, made Amira a perfect fit for our therapeutic riding program. We were thrilled to accept Amira as one of our staff members and put her to work in our winter session. She has already gained many fans- rider, staff and volunteer alike. Thank you to the Goldsmith Family for donating her!

Marcia Scholler began volunteering with Banbury Cross TEC last year. As a retired business woman, Marcia was tired of her traditional exercise regime and was looking for somewhere new to volunteer. With a background in horses, she thought Banbury Cross might be a good fit. And what a good fit it turned out to be! Marcia now finds herself volunteering at least three days a week at the farm, which we are very fortunate for. While Marcia is great with all the horses, she has a special spot in her heart for Stormy, and they make a fabulous team in the arena. In addition to working with the horses, Marcia also enjoys getting to know her regular riders. Outside of Banbury Cross, Marcia also volunteers at Light House and enjoys traveling and golfing with her husband.

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Events to Mark on the Calendar

Please be sure to note the following dates on your calendar!

- Spring Riding Session: March 1, 2010 to April 24, 2010

- Volunteer Training:

Saturday; February 20, 3:00-5:00 pm

Monday; February 22, 6:00-8:00 pm

Training is required for all new volunteers, as well as a once yearly training session for all returning volunteers.

- Derby Day Benefit: May 1, 2010

Banbury Cross will be selling tickets for Derby Day in the weeks to come. If you are interested in attending, volunteering to help prepare for the day, or would like to donate an item/service for the auction, please call Ruth in the office for details.

Thank You

A very warm thank you to all those who contribute to make Banbury Cross as successful as it is:

- Lapeer H.O.G.S. for their financial contribution to our scholarship fund

- Four County Foundation for their grant to build a new manure spreader shed, allowing us to house the machine indoors

- The Wildner Foundation for their grant which allowed us to construct a shed to house all equipment outside of the barn

- The Ronald McDonald House Charity for the grant to purchase new equipment for our horses and adaptive equipment for our riders.

- The Scholler Family for financial contributions to our scholarship fund and to purchase additional hay this winter.

- Jill P. for donating her time and massage services to keep our horses' backs happy & healthy

- Alice Hilliard for the donation of hot chocolate

"With reins in my fingers and stirrups beneath my toes...When I ride, my ability is all that shows."

Wish List Items

As a non-profit with a limited budget, we try to save every penny we can. The following are some items we either use steadily, or are looking to obtain, and would love your help!

- Hot chocolate & bottled water for staff & volunteers
- Paper towel & toilet paper
- Plain white copy paper for office use
- Purina Equine Senior & Purina Michigan 12 feed
- Gift cards to Tractor Supply or Oxford Farm & Garden
- Clean square bales of grassy hay (first or second cutting)
- Lavins Dressage for improving the indoor arena footing
- Girl Scout Troop 11912 for the gift package of goodies for the office and volunteers
- Equine Gatherings for the "new" used winter blanket to keep Kally warm this season
- The Goldsmith Family for entrusting us with Amira
- Mary Weathers for assistance in fitting all the horses' new saddles properly
- Linda Percha for cookie supplies for Snacks with Santa
- All those that put in hours to construct the two new sheds before winter- we are so grateful!

Staff:

Jessica Moore, Program Director

Molly Floyd, Instructor

Lisa McCormack, Instructor

Angela Powers, Instructor

Amber Thompson, Instructor

Ruth Donley, Office Manager