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Pegasus Summer Program

It's hard to believe that the six week summer program is half way completed. This year we are working with groups from PA School for the Deaf (this is their 6th year!), Moss Rehabilitation Hospital, the Mollie Woods program of the Woods School as well as eleven other individual riders who are experiencing therapeutic riding for the first time or riders in our year round lessons or those who join us every summer. The Pegasus Summer Program is led by Pegasus instructor Rachel Brune and assisted by Pegasus asst. instructor Alyssa Schafer. The staff is completed by experienced Pegasus volunteers: Kevin Lewis, Sarah Emery, Ryan Frech, Alli Burns and Jessica Laumeister. Rounding out the staff are ten students from Philadelphia high schools who are working at Pegasus through the WorkReady program of the Philadelphia Youth Network. Our partnership with PYN is very beneficial to both Pegasus and the students. This six week summer program is a wonderful high energy experience for all involved and represents therapeutic horsemanship at its very best.

How we spent our summer vacation

The two weeks of our summer vacation flew by as the horses were enjoying their well-deserved rest. The rest of us were as busy as ever conducting workshops and training for the instructors, working on the new strategic plan with staff, visiting other therapeutic riding programs, meeting with potential new programs, planning the staff fundraising project – the Pegasus 5K Trot in the Park, preparing for the summer program including staff orientation, chiropractic treatments for the horses and cleaning the barn.



Warm Weather Attire Rules

Warm weather presents hazards for our riders when they are not wearing appropriate clothing. Shorts may NOT be worn by riders unless they have a specific note from the rider's doctor stating that they need to be allowed to wear shorts for medical reasons. Any rider coming to lessons in shorts will receive a warning. The next time the rider comes to lessons in shorts without the doctor's note, **the rider will not be permitted to ride, but will still be charged for the lesson**. Also, for safety reasons, **ONLY sneakers or boots are allowable footwear for lessons**. If a rider comes to lessons in anything other than boots or sneakers they will NOT be allowed to ride and will be charged for the lesson. **No warnings!**



Pegasus Heat Policy

Lessons will be cancelled when the HEAT INDEX is over 95. Pegasus staff carefully monitors this condition since we are sensitive to the effects that heat and humidity can have on our riders, horses, volunteers, and staff. Decisions as to cancellations are made at 4 pm for weeknight classes and by 8:30 am for weekday classes. All riders and volunteers will be contacted if lessons are cancelled. Please make sure we have your correct phone numbers.



Pegasus Year At a Glance

Mark your calendars!

July 4, 2016 – Pegasus CLOSED for summer break
Tuesday, July 5, 2016 – first day of summer session
Tuesday, July 6 – Thursday, August 11, 2016 – Pegasus Six Week Summer Program
Saturday, September 24, 2016 – summer session ends
Sunday, September 25 – Saturday, October 1, 2016 – Pegasus CLOSED for fall break



Save the Date!
Pegasus 5K Trot in the Park & 1 mile fun walk
Pennypack Park
Saturday, October 1st
(during break)
@ Pine Road entrance & accessible to ALL!
More information to follow. . .