

NORTH OKANAGAN THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Dear Volunteer,

We are very thankful for the interest you have shown in becoming a volunteer with our program. Our goal is to be the very best therapeutic riding centre that we can be. The demand for our program has been growing by leaps and bounds over the last several years, and is only limited by the amount of volunteers we can schedule. It is crucial we have enough volunteers in order to effectively run the classes and provide optimum safety for our riders. Your volunteering is invaluable to the program.

We run our program out at the Historic O'Keefe Ranch, just north of Vernon on Hwy 97. You drive into the parking lot and around beside the restaurant and towards the animal pens and old barn. There will be a gate marked "Access to North Okanagan Therapeutic Riding" (as well as others) that you will drive through. Please be sure to close the gate behind you. Drive SLOWLY (10km/hr) up the road to the right and watch for signs that say NOTRA, which will point you up to the plateau behind all the historical building and adjacent to Greenhow Arena where we are.

Our **FALL 2008 SESSION** will be running from **Sept 15th – Oct 31st, 2008**. Classes will be Monday through Saturday at the following times:

* MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:30 – 10:30	9:30 – 10:30	9:30 – 10:30	9:30 – 10:30	9:30 – 10:30	Classes not
10:45 – 11:45	10:45 – 11:45	10:45 – 11:45	10:45 – 11:45	10:45 – 11:45	scheduled
Break	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
12:15 – 1:15					*NEW
Classes not	2:45 – 3:45	2:45 – 3:45	2:45 – 3:45	Classes not	*3:45 – 4:30
scheduled	4:00 – 5:00	4:00 – 5:00	4:00 – 5:00	scheduled	*4:45 – 5:30

** There are no classes scheduled on Thanksgiving Monday, October 13th, 2008.*

As soon as you know what morning / afternoon / day is best for you please let me know so I can start putting the schedule together. If you could select a first choice and a second choice that would be great also, as sometimes we don't manage to schedule riders on a specific morning or afternoon or all volunteers want to come the same day! If you want to attend the volunteer orientation before making a commitment, there will be a chance to sign up there as well.

Our volunteer orientation is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 7th @ 2pm at O'Keefe. This is extremely beneficial and should be attended if at all possible, especially by new and potential volunteers. It will be a chance to meet the Coordinator and Instructor(s) as well as learn about how we run the program, safety procedures & what is expected of you.

Enclosed is our volunteering manual. The informational material included is provided as a reference and will make your job much easier. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by either phone or e-mail.

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