

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **August 22nd Seminar about Autism from 9-1 at Riding Unlimited.** Presentation will be given by Amy Rowell. Seminar open to PATH Instructors, RU Volunteers & Board, and Other Therapy Centers. Training will qualify for continuing education. Sign up early -- Registration is limited to 12 attendees.
- **Volunteer Training – September 12th from 9–1.**
- **Sept 19th Fall Session Begins**
- **SAVE THE DATE – OCT 4TH – 25th Anniversary Open House.** Come see what we do today and how we started 25 years ago (in pictures, and memories), watch various demonstrations, participate in some games, enjoy live music, and feast on a barbecue meal for a reasonable cost.



HORSE HIGHLIGHT: Ariel

WOW! My picture shows me in my winter coat ... at least I was nice and toasty. I am happy to be at Riding Unlimited. When I arrived I had an open wound the entire length of my back left canon. At my previous home I had horses on both sides of my pasture space; unfortunately I had a disagreement with one and tried to kick him resulting in my injury. After arriving at the Ranch I received wonderful “nursing” care for my injury and have healed without any lameness. Also, I have learned to be a therapy giver – the training sure taught me lots of new things ... to be really patient, not to be scared of unusual things and on and on. I love all my riders and the instructors know me and depend on me to give a great ride to everyone. Pretty good for a 23 year old girl in her second career. By the way, my breed is a paint. See you soon at the Ranch.

“Ariel”

Kroger Shoppers! Register your card with KrogerCommunityRewards.com to benefit Riding Unlimited. Re-registration is required every year beginning August 1st! Your support is truly appreciated – Thank You!



The Hitching Post

August 2015

FACILITIES:

Summer Cleanup at the Ranch was held on July 18th. Twenty wonderful individuals worked in the heat and several projects were completed: Several trees were trimmed; the arena's kickboards were power washed; grass removal treatments were done; painting was accomplished and tack/show items checked for wear and tear, pairing of stirrups & leathers including organization of the whole storage shed. Thank you All!! The property is looking great.

SCHOOLING TEAM:

Cade and Jimmy are receiving special attention from Ann Glick to improve their ground manners. Precious has been "ghosted" in class like situations just to keep her in shape for the real class work.

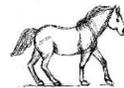
Also, the instructors will be participating in a "ride every horse day" in August. They will be riding bareback so they can really feel the motion of each horse. They will be riding in pairs; one riding and one observing while writing down what they see as the horse's movement. They will walk and trot each horse so they will be knowledgeable about what horse to select for each rider so the most benefit is realized.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT:

LeRoy "Roy" Hawthorne is a retired science teacher currently volunteering at the Ranch. Roy is doing a super job – he provides Theraplate treatments to our horses. He comes to the Ranch and devotes several hours each day he's here patiently working with all of our horses. The results of his efforts are: the horses feel great, are more agile when being ridden and are relaxed. Although most of us "don't physically see" Roy, we all see the results of his volunteering. Thank you Roy for your faithful service. 😊

DONATION ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED:

- An Endurance Saddle with an 18½" seat and an x-wide tree – we have several large horses that would be more comfortable with a larger saddle and the riders would be more comfortable and able to mount their horse more easily.
- A Large English Saddle with an 18½" seat and an x-wide tree. Our large horses are trained to be ridden both English and Western style and a properly fit saddle is critical. The riders will also benefit with a good saddle underneath them.
- A Heavy Duty Lawn Mower would help Riding Unlimited tremendously. Our current mower is on its last legs and we really need a good mower to keep the Ranch looking good.



DID YOU KNOW?

Foals have milk teeth, just like human babies. At around age 3, these start getting replaced by permanent teeth. A horse's teeth can give a good estimate of its age.