



HORSIN' AROUND NEWSLETTER

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- Kelly Palmer: Assistant Instructor**

Bakas is a Program of Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department.

Beth's Corner...

I want to THANK everyone for your outpouring of love and support this past year when both my parents died a month apart. I know it took a toll on our staff to be short handed for an extended length of time. Many of our rider's families, volunteers and friends sent prayers and concern to me and my family. I truly want everyone to know how much that meant to me.

This Christmas season is a time to reflect on special times and I cherish all of you for being in my life. I have been blessed to have a career that is so rewarding. I can truly say that everyone that walks through the doors at Bakas makes an impact on me. Every rider is unique. To watch the growth of confidence while riding is awesome.

I hope that everyone will take the time to give an extra hug or smile to someone this Christmas. To truly be thankful that you have people in your life that care about you. Better yet, tell them you love them and that they are important.

Times are very tight these days but a kind word or smile to someone who seems like they are having a bad day may be just what they need (and it's free).

I wish everyone the Merriest of Christmas and Happy Holidays. I look forward to seeing you in 2009.

Beth



Happy New Year!



Upcoming riding schedule:

January*

Tuesdays: 1/27, 2/3, 2/10

Wednesdays: 1/21, 1/28, 2/4, 2/11

Thursdays: 1/8, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12

Saturdays: 1/10, 1/24, 1/31, 2/7, 2/14

Birthday Calendar

January: Max, Nolan, Natalie, Yasi, Christina, Kimberly, Sinclaire, Carmen, Caroline.

February: Ms. Dani, Helen, Peter, Zachary, Michael, Karlee, Jerry, Kristofer, Jan Vander, Wendal, Stacy, Karlie, Shantel, Jan, Maite, Mimi.

March: Grace, Mikaela, Milosz, Michael, Elyse, Tyler, Christopher, Christa, Sean, Ashley, Anika, Christian, Ari.

February/March*

Tuesdays: 2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24

Wednesdays: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Thursdays: 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Saturday: 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28

Bakas wishes you all a very Happy Birthday!

***Please note that dates are subject to change**



For Newsletter corrections or ideas, please contact Luisa Newell at luisanewell@aol.com



Mr. Pat's cowboy
corner

HORSE FUN FACTS

- Horses lie down only about 43.5 minutes a day
- Horses typically sleep two and a half to three hours a day.
- A horse's heart weighs nine pounds.
- Horses are Herbivorous.
- Horses sleep longer in the summer than in the winter.



BAKAS MAGIC

Have you Seen It? It's everywhere!

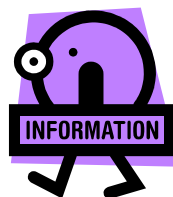
You have to look real fast because it's not there long... only for a flash and then it's gone. But it always comes back and never looks the same. How can I see it? Well let me explain. The magic is in the eye of the horse as he sees the rider's eyes for the very first time. And then it becomes one in the same at first glance. The rider's eye is not too sure but the horse's eyes get soft and say it's ok. The rider sees it and then feels it and r e l a x e s and says ok. The magic has started. Did you see it? It's in the eyes of horse and rider. Have you seen it? It's very special...it's

magic! once it
starts it will
never end.

It's magic!!

By Mr. Pat's
cowboy corner

Happy Trails



IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!

- Carrots and Apples

Notes:

*It is requested that groups or 4 or more volunteers call to schedule volunteer time with our volunteer coordinator, Gina Edwards, at (813) 264-3890.

*Volunteers are welcome to assist with classes; please arrive 30-60 minutes before the scheduled class time to help groom and tack horses, and assist with barn chores.

Items needed for the barn:

- Baby Shampoo
- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach
- Pine Sol
- Soft Soap
- Diaper Rash Cream
and Sunscreen for the
Horses
- 55 gallon Garbage
bags
- 13 gallon Kitchen bags
- Corn Oil
- Push-Broom
- Heavy Duty Mop
- Vacuum Cleaner
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towel

- **January 10th:** Free rider medicals given by USF med school. If your medical is close to expiring please take advantage of this. They will also do Special Olympics medicals for you. Sign up at Bakas or call Beth to schedule a time. The number is 264-3890. This is a first come first serve. Pick up a medical form ahead of time, fill out all but the Dr. portion so you can get in and out quickly.
- **January 17th:** State Challenge Show in Wiersdale (near Ocala). Sign up at Bakas. Non Special Olympians get first priority to attend this show. We are only taking 15 riders.
- **January 14th:** Parent Meeting. These Meetings are held monthly. Please check website and barn for future dates and meeting places.
- **April 3 and 4:** Area Special Olympics at Bakas
- **April 25th:** Rider Banquet at All People's Life Center.

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