

BAKAS PARENT MEETING MINUTES MAY 5, 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 21st and 22nd – State Special Olympics at Fairgrounds
June 2nd – Parent meeting at Bakas 6 p.m.
June 12th – Summer Sizzle at Bakas
July 7th and 8th – Parent Horse Camp
July 12th -16th, 19th -23rd – Kids Summer Camp

NEED LIST:

Side dishes and auction items for the Summer Sizzle

The meeting was attended by Beth Harre-Orr, Kim and Michael Hajaistron, Beth Hemmert, Valerie Pennypacker, Amy and Christina Freeman, Heidi Ferraro, Darrell and Theresa Yarbrough.

Kim read last month's minutes, and Beth went over the Treasurer's Report. Sandra is training Joyce to take over the position. We are going to leave about \$25,000 in the checking account. Major expenses for the month were vet bills and rider banquet.

May 21st and 22nd are the State Special Olympics at the fairgrounds. 15 riders from Bakas will be participating. Friday dinner is at 5 p.m. with the opening ceremonies and parade of athletes at 5:45. The speed, dressage, showmanship, and some trails will be held Friday. Sat. the equitation and rest of the trails will be held. Friday dinner and Sat. lunch will be provided by the Special Olympics. They would like only the rider to go through the buffet line. There will be volunteers inside to help the riders get their meals. Parents are encouraged to wait outside.

June 12th from 5 to 8 will be the Summer Sizzle at Bakas. We need some people to help with the silent auction, entertainment, set up at 3 (Heidi and Teresa volunteered, but could use more help) and clean up after the party. The Roving Rangers will be out to cook hot dogs and hamburgers and bring the tables and chairs. We will have a tent to cover the food tables and each family is asked to bring side dishes and an auction item for the silent auction. Gift certificates, wine, gift baskets, toys, etc. are needed along with checkbooks and aggressive bidders. We will also have a 50/50 raffle. Beth is looking into getting a bounce house from the parks dept. along with a snow cone machine. We will do a hayride and might have a dunk tank also. Sergio, the DJ from the Rider Banquet, will be hired if he is available. A flyer will be sent out and we need

a head count. Kim will shop for the food to grill, but we could use more people to volunteer to help. Please get involved so we can have a fun kick off to the summer.

July 7th and 8th will be an Adult Summer Horse Camp. From 8 to 3 you will learn how to bring the horses in, tack them up, go for a ride, feed and turn them out. There will also be a Q & A session. If you have not been, this is so much fun and you learn to appreciate what our riders go through. The day is \$50 and you need to bring your own lunch.

July 12th – 16th and 19th – 23rd from 8 to 3 is the Youth Summer Camp. This is for regular and disabled kids aged 5 to 17. The first kid is \$250, 2nd \$200. They will be separated into 3 groups based on age and ability. Each group will rotate between riding, fishing, canoeing, arts and crafts, and horse care. One day they will go on a field trip to skating or bowling. On Friday, a BBQ lunch will be provided with a horse show at the end to demonstrate how much was learned. We are limited to 15 riders per week. Sign up now for the Summer Camps at Bakas before they are sold out.

Beth went to the Parks and Rec. meeting and got the wonderful news that it seems all the parks programs are safe this year. The parks have raised over \$1,000,000 since Sept. when they started charging people to use the facilities. We are not going to be able to stop charging the \$40 per session, but at least we will be around for another year. YEAH!!!

The Rider Banquet went well and everyone seemed to like the DJ. The ice cream bar was donated by the caterers.

The judges for the Area Special Olympics said our riders did well and it was hard for them sometimes to award points because everyone did so great. They have noticed improvement in our team members.

The Barn Brats won first place in a Parks and Rec. Limo Scavenger hunt. The Brats all had a fantastic time and are hopeful that this will be an annual event. They also loved going to Arabian Nights in Orlando on May 1st. For all their hard work, dedication, volunteering, and fund raising, we truly appreciate them.

The next parent meeting will be held June 2nd. Eating starts and 6, with the meeting at 6:30. Please come out and help with the Summer Sizzle planning. We need you to get involved.

Minutes taken by Kim Hajaistron.

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