



WESTWIND 4-H/WRI NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2007

GREETINGS—What a joy it is to see the bluebirds return. These harbingers of spring are busy checking out the nesting boxes in Byrne Preserve, so watch out for their beautiful azure wings as you drive to the barn. The swallows will soon be back too. Let's hope that they have large broods and healthy appetites so that they reduce the number of pesky insects that bother the horses during the summer. Other birds are busy scavenging from the vast quantities of hair that is being shed from our horses' winter coats. Their babies are going to have very luxurious nurseries!

THE PROGRAM—The Thursday class was a little smaller than usual due to some last minute cancellations so Laura Hensley, our instructor, was able to give more intensive individual instruction, and consequently her students showed a lot of improvement. Sara Fisher taught the Monday class, which was fun with lots of steering exercises and games. We had two new riders this session, Robert Quigley who rode Raspberry on Mondays and Danica Mello who rode her on Thursdays.

SPECIAL EVENT—Admission free!

Once again Westwind Barn will be hosting an EARTH DAY celebration on Sunday, April 22 from 1-4pm. Leopards, Etc. will be doing their outstanding presentation of Wild Cats at 1:30pm and 3:00pm, giving everyone a chance to see these magnificent animals up close. There will be many other exhibits to keep the whole family interested, including wildlife groups, recycling, and a presentation of reptiles and amphibians. **WESTWIND 4H will be having a bake sale in order to raise funds for our program.** We need donations of food for people to snack on during the event and also cakes and cookies for them to take home to enjoy later. We are hoping that parents, students, sponsors and friends will bring wrapped contributions to our table around 12:30pm. If you can help at the table for an hour or so during the afternoon, we should love to hear from you – 650-947-8680. **Please do not bring your dogs to this event.**

PLAY DAY—We will be holding a Play Day event on **Saturday, May 5, 2007.** All current students are invited to join us for a morning of mounted games and friendly competition. There will be ribbons for all, and we hope to follow this with a picnic lunch at Westwind for students, parents, sponsors and volunteers. Of course we would appreciate any help in planning and running this function, so if you have any ideas please contact us. (650) 947-8680. More details later!

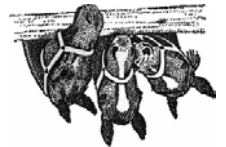
VOLUNTEERS—We had a wonderful group of volunteers helping in the program this session, but still need more. Each rider needs three people to walk with them during the lesson, and as we have seven or eight horses in the arena for each lesson we need over 40 people per week! We also need some reserves to cover for sickness, etc. Please consider giving 1½ hours per week to our program on either Monday or Thursday afternoons. The next orientation for new volunteers will be held on **Saturday, March 31, 2007 at noon.** No prior experience is needed. Please call 947-8680 if you are interested. It involves exercise amongst beautiful scenery, camaraderie, and the knowledge that you are enabling a child the chance to achieve something that they would not otherwise be able to do. **We need you!**

SPRING SESSION—The next session will begin on April 9 for the Monday group, and April 12 for the Thursday riders. There will be 10 lessons in the session, and the fee for the riders is \$150.00 per session. Riders will be informed if they have a place by the last week of March and should respond before March 31, in order to confirm their spot, or the place will be reassigned. In case of uncertain weather conditions, please call our voice mail at 650-947-8680 after 2:00pm on the day of the lesson. The message will be changed at 2:00pm if the class is to be cancelled.

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Westwind 4-H Riding for the Handicapped SPRING SESSION SCHEDULE

Orientation: Saturday, March 31 (12:00 p.m.)

Mondays 4:00 p.m.

**April 9, 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21
June 4, 11, 18**

Thursdays 4:00 p.m.

**April 12, 19, 26
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
June 7, 14**

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