

SPRING / SUMMER 2005

HALLECK CREEK 4H RIDING CLUB FOR THE HANDICAPPED



SPRING IS HERE!

COME EXPERIENCE IT THE HALLECK CREEK WAY



Dear Riders, Parents and Friends,

The hills and dales of the ranch are all celebrating Spring and life! Wild flowers abound, the creek bubbles merrily between emerald green hills, and Victor's goat has given birth to six kids! (babies) What more do we need!

Well, there is more! Starting with the HUMAN RACE on Saturday, May 7th. We meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Marin Veteran's Auditorium, Main entrance, for registration. The race starts at 8:30 a.m. and covers approximately 4 miles. You may saunter along any or all of these miles, enjoying the scenery while your sponsors donate much needed funds to the riding club. Julie has sponsorship sheets for you, and unlike many races, you are paid a donation for attending the race, rather than the usual so much per mile. Do join us, it is great fun, spreads the word of the riding club, and adds to the treasury. After the race, one of our parents has graciously offered to put on a barbeque for all participants! (There will be no club this Saturday, as most of our riders and volunteers will attend the race.)

On Saturday, May 14th there will be a VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION at the ranch the time to be announced. Check with Julie

On Saturday, May 28th, we'll

stage our exciting SPRING HORSESHOW. This is an opportunity for all of you to show off your riding skills and win stunning ribbons and gleaming trophies! Our judge is always duly impressed with your equestrian skills, as well they should be!

There are no trail rides on show day. Sign up with Julie to attend a session..

Saturday, June 4th, there will be club as usual. But on Sunday, June 5th, we ride in the POINT REYES WESTERN WEEKEND PARADE! You will need to sign up in advance with Julie to ride your favorite horse in this parade. We'd like to have three volunteers per horse for this event, so if volunteers could let Julie know you'll be available, this will reassure her that all riders have adequate guidance for the parade. We meet by the West Marin Medical Clinic at 10 a.m. to groom and saddle the horses, and the parade starts at noon. Riders should join us at this location no later than 11:00 a.m. so we know you are ready to mount your horse. Non riders are most welcome to join in as our group "struts our stuff". You may walk along and help carry the flag and banner, or roll along in your wheel chair. There will be handicapped seating available in front of Toby's Feed Barn and the judges stand, for spectators and for

those in the parade. We are one of the first entries in the parade, so riders can dismount and watch the remainder of the parade from these seats Chris so generously provides. After the parade, the Lions Club stages a delicious chicken barbeque. Also, to add to the fun, the Dance Palace has a huge silent auction.

To help make all the events possible, we must raise additional funds. So, on WESTERN WEEKEND, following the parade, we will stage one of our most hilarious fundraisers-the COW FLOP DROP. We grid off 500 small squares in Toby's parking lot. Each square has a number for which we've sold a corresponding ticket. Whichever square the cow does a "jobbie" on, that ticket holder wins \$500. And the club receives the remaining \$2000 to cover all these fabulous events! BUT, we NEED HELP selling COW FLOP tickets. Julie has them available right now! I know all your parents and friends will buy some, the odds are great, the charity worthy, and the event hilarious. You'll have no trouble.

Saturday, June 11th, will be another volunteer orientation at the ranch - time to be announced, check with Julie.

HALLECK CREEK EVENTS CALENDAR—SPRING/ SUMMER 2005



**WANT TO
HEAR THE
ROAR OF THE
CROWD AS
YOU RIDE OR
LEAD YOUR
FAVORITE
HORSE IN A
PARADE?**

**EVER
REJOICED AT
THE "SONG OF
THE DONKEY"?**

**DO IT ALL AT
HALLECK
CREEK!**

Now for more excitement! Saturday, June 18th is the famous NOVATO HORSEMEN'S RIDE AND PICNIC. These generous horsemen and women ride over the mountains from Novato, on their stunning steeds, and bring us a sumptuous picnic! We'll have the morning class as scheduled, then the picnic at lunch, and one last afternoon ride after lunch. Julie would be most grateful if a few of you would offer to help with this event. Just helping the Novato Horsemen set up the barbeque and get it going early so it will be hot in time for lunch cooking. Let Julie know if you'll be available to help. This frees her up to concentrate on the therapeutic horseback rides.

There will be no riding Saturday, July 2nd as we feel our hard working volunteers deserve to enjoy the Fourth holiday with their parents and friends.

Now here's a biggie!! On Saturday, July 9th, we will celebrate RIDING CLUB'S 28th BIRTHDAY! I can remember that first Saturday, July 9, 1977 and how scared we were and how hopeful that we could make it all work and last! Well-28 years! And we're still in the saddle! We'd like you all to bring salads to share (mark your names on you bowls) and we'll bring the rest of the goodies, drinks and giant

cake! We'll have the early morning class, break for lunch and entertainment, and then have a late afternoon class. Again we do need to help Julie. She'd appreciate a few people who will be responsible for setting up all the food and drinks and seeing that everyone is served. If you want therapeutic riding lessons this day, Julie needs to be free to teach these two classes. So let's join in and help—and let her know ahead, so she won't worry about juggling everything.

August 5,6,7,8 is the famous ROGUE RIVER RAFTING TRIP in Galice, Oregon. You will need to sign up WELL IN ADVANCE for this trip as we can take only 50 participants. Each rider may take only one aide, if they need help, and EVERYONE over the age of 18 MUST have all the necessary papers signed,, including the papers that must be processed by the County so you are covered by 4-h Insurance. These papers should all be completed and in Julie's hands by July 1st. It takes some time for the County Process, that gives you two months— no excuses!! Julie will give you the river letter with all the details of the trip, when and where to meet, what to bring etc. Please bring some bailers for our famous water fights. Just cut the bottom out of plastic jugs that have handles and SCREW ON caps. I can't

use enough Clorox to arm all of you (smile). For those of you not attending the river trip, there will be riding club as usual at the ranch.

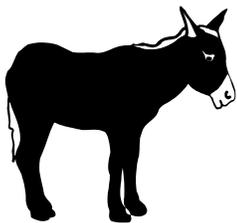
There will be a SUMMER CAMPOUT at the ranch this summer, but as Julie's husband has not received his vacation schedule, Julie will announce the date of this event

later. Call her if you'd like to attend. Overnight campouts were one of my favorite parts of club. We got to hang out together for an entire weekend and sleep on the ranch under the stars. Don't miss out on this one!

Saturday, August 13th, another VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION at the ranch— check with Julie as to times.

There will be no riding club on Saturday, Sept. 3rd as we must give our Volunteers one last chance to shop for school clothes, enjoy a last weekend at the beach, whatever-before school starts.

Our FALL HORSESHOW will be on Saturday, September 17th, a repeat of the schedule for the Spring show. Trophies you win at this show you can show off to your friends at school!



HALLECK CREEK EVENTS CALENDAR (CONTINUED)



HALLOWEEN PARTY is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. As usual, all the riders, volunteers and horses come in costume. Now's my chance to nag you. In "old club days" the volunteers competed to see how elaborate they could decorate the horses. Get with this you guys! A few trips to thrift shops, rummage through your craft supplies, come up with some wild ideas! We'll have our usual riding sessions, with a break at noon for Halloween treats. Folks, give Julie a hand here. She has no time to teach riding and get cookies arranged and all. If someone would be responsible for getting goodies out to the ranch and a few decorations, and drinks, it would be lovely. Bakeries and donut shops, Safeway will always donate, and you can get your friends to bake. Often our group home riders don't get a chance to enjoy homemade goodies. See what you can do, and let Julie know you'll help.

There will be no riding club November 26th for the THANKSGIVING weekend.

Our CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Saturday, December 17th, at the ranch. Again, let's all pitch in and help Julie with the refreshments. You will be able to ride more sessions if Julie's freed up from the refreshment side of

things. Check with her, see what she has planned and how you can help. You don't have to help with each and every party, just sign up to help with one! That way we have a chance to help and the kids get more riding in.

There will be NO RIDING CLUB from December 24th through January 31st for the Christmas Holidays.

4-H enrollment forms are now due. EVERYONE over the age of 18 must comply with the County 4-H process. Get the necessary information from Julie NOW!! You cannot ride, go on the campouts, river trip etc. without these necessary papers signed. We don't ask much of you, we INISIST on this! Without the help of County 4-H we could not operate riding club. We need your cooperation.

For Saturday riding sessions, sign up with Julie in advance. If the session you want to attend is filled, do not despair, as there are always cancellations.

I'm honored Julie asked me to help with the newsletter. As soon as my leg is strong, I'll come out and help, but right now, this gives me a chance to keep in touch with you. But I need to hug you guys!! I'll work hard to get in shape! Much love, Joyce

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HALLECK CREEK
WISH LIST

Can you donate any of these items?

- LARGE PLASTIC STORAGE BOXES
- GAS BBQ
- GAS POWERED WEED WHACKER
- 8' FIBERGLASS STEPLADDER
- NATIVE PLANTS FOR LANDSCAPING
- 3 STEP LADDER
- MONEY! (REMEMBER HALLECK CREEK WHEN YOU ARE LOOKING FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS TO HELP YOU WITH TAXES

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

HALLECK CREEK EVENTS:

5/28/05 SPRING HORSE SHOW

6/11/05 12:30PM NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
6/18/05 NOVATO HORSEMAN'S PICNIC

7/2/05 NO RIDING
7/9/05 NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

8/5-8/8/05 RIVER TRIP
8/13/05 NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

9/10/05 NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
9/17/05 FALL HORSE SHOW

10/8/05 NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
10/29/05 HALLOWEEN PARTY

11/12/05 NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
11/26/05 NO RIDING

12/10/05 NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
12/17/05 HOLIDAY PARTY
12/24/05 NO RIDING
12/31/05 NO RIDING

