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The Gateway Drug to Success!



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OUR MISSION:

To help create a safer and more sane world through empowering young people, individuals, and families to live and act with kindness, compassion, and wisdom in all facets of life.

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2013 Calendar of Horse Warriors™ Events

JANUARY 15:

Returning Student Applications Due

FEBRUARY 15:

New Student Applications Due

MARCH 15:

Scholarship Applications Due

APRIL 15:

Scholarship Awards Sent Out

APRIL 20: Volunteer Training

Part I: EFMH Theory & HW Practice: Diamondfly
Ranch

MAY 11 Volunteer Training

Part II: Mounted and Unmounted Work: Diamondfly
Ranch

JUNE 2-7:

Horses of the Goddess Residential Workshop for
Professionals: Diamondfly Ranch

JUNE 13-15:

Women & Horses Level 1: Diamondfly Ranch

JUNE 17 & 19:

HW Programs Begin: Wilson Arena

JUNE 18:

Power Ponies & Mighty Mustangs Programs Begin:
Wilson Arena

JUNE 20:

Star Valley Power Ponies/Mighty Mustangs begin:
Diamondfly Ranch

JUNE 21:

Star Valley HW Programs Begin: Diamondfly Ranch

JULY 23:

White Horse Social at the TC Fair

AUGUST 24:

GYMKHANA 9 AM - 4 PM: Diamondfly Ranch

SEPTEMBER 7: Old Bill's Fun Run

SEPTEMBER 9-13

The Spirit Bridge: What Horses Teach us About
Heart, Source and Connections: Residential
Program: Diamondfly Ranch

SEPTEMBER 18-21:

Women & Horses Level 2: Diamondfly Ranch

OCTOBER 7:

Discussion Groups Begin

DECEMBER 18:

HW Christmas Party Potluck 1 - 5 PM: Diamondfly
Ranch

IN THEIR WORDS

"It's a whole lot more than just riding..."

Fun is functional in the Horse Warriors™ programs. The horses offer a remarkable and sometimes surprising platform for learning about one's own self and about others. Whether in the arena or out on the trail, what happens between ourselves and our equine partners can always lead to a deeper lesson about life.

In this issue we share some of the tangents we follow when we're together with the horses. They bring us into the natural world where we have a chance to slow down and reflect on who we are and who we want to become. They munch contentedly while we explore contour lines and poetry. They carry us through games and obstacles so we can learn to partner on tasks, so we can challenge ourselves to stretch out of our comfort zones. They speak in a silent language so we can learn more about the subtle messages we send to our own species. They teach through metaphor. They're a launching point for personal growth.



On the surface it may seem like we do a lot of horse-back riding. Yet, in truth, we really do a lot more developing and changing. The horses stay in the pasture at day's end, but our lessons and experiences stick with us beyond the arena, beyond the backcountry, beyond our circles of sharing. **This time we are including some of the insights our students, staff and volunteers have about our programs.** We love their testimonials! We are very proud of their emerging wisdom and talents, and ever grateful for their loyalty and support.

what I stand for:

I stand for the Defenseless, the ones who need help. The ones who are disabled or handicapped. The ones who are picked on at school by fatheads and can't fight back. The innocent. The pure. The holy. I stand for justice, peace, love compassion, hope joy, faith, the Lord, my friends, my family. I stand for the trees and the flowers and the plants. I stand for the young and old and weak. I stand for life and death. I stand for those who cannot stand for themselves. I stand for plants and animals and birds and bugs. I stand for everything good in this world. I stand for hope in finding a cure. I stand for the belief that I will be a person to help find a cure. I stand for those who have died. I stand for evolution, for democracy. I stand for fun and enjoyment. I stand for beauty for all things in the world. I stand for renewal, for a second chance. I stand for sports and healthy living. I stand for nature. I stand for nail polish and hair. I stand for slumber parties, secrets and movies with popcorn. I stand for all that I have. I stand for my family and I stand for Kim. I stand for all I am blessed with and how fortunate I am. I stand for the Lord who directs me down the right path in my life. I stand for music - the sweet joy in my ears. I stand for books. I stand for scent - the smells the world offers. I stand for all who have suffered in life, all who have been hurt. I stand in my heart for all I have experienced - all pain, all joy, all love, all everything. I stand for the world. I stand for my beliefs. I stand for what I have been through. I stand for all. I stand for me. I stand for me.



-H.T.

what I STAND FOR:

I STAND for Peace. It can't be achieved through war. It is a craving I have always had and will have. Peace is for people that do, not talk about doing. You must take action. One smile or laugh can go a long way. But even though one person can make a difference, it will take every single one of the billions of people on this planet to ever make peace happen. Because in order to say we together achieved peace, every single person must feel it. Every race must be treated as equally as each other and respected. Tolerance will also play a key role. In order to celebrate other cultures you must

first tolerate them. The puzzle pieces have already been given to us, but it is our job to piece it back together. What if we all worked together? What if we didn't have to spend millions of dollars

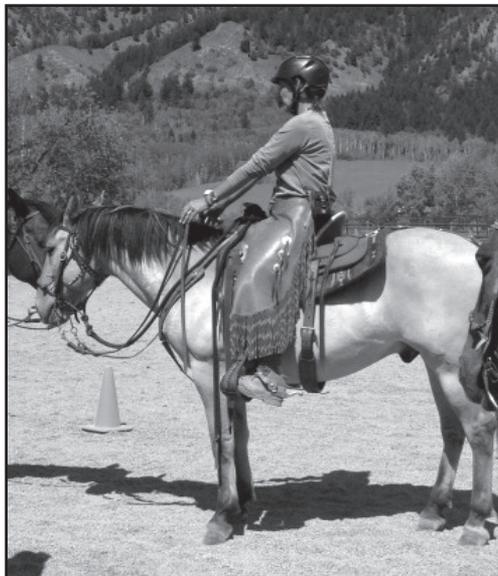


on artillery to go fight a war? It would be nice, but with the way we are headed, saying it would be nice is not going to cut it. Maybe China has already found the cure to cancer but because of our inability to tolerate each other we may never have it. I feel horrible about all the bad things we have done to other countries. There are so many problems to be solved and every race, culture and person is needed.

-C.R.

what I stand for:

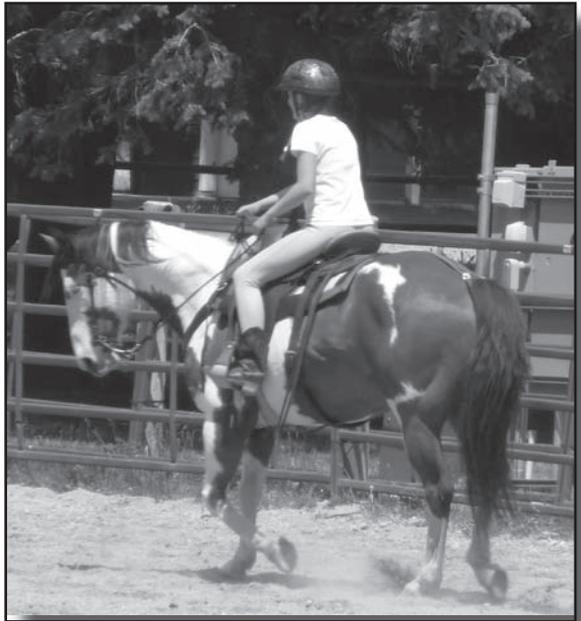
I stand for Service – service to others, to the planet, to our resources and to ourselves. I stand for giving back, giving our skills and talents to help make a better world. I stand for everyone exploring deep inside to find what their unique gift of service is, and then acting on that. I stand for stepping forward and being part of problem solving. I stand for speaking out and offering ideas, time and resources to make the world the safest, cleanest, most joyous place it can be. I stand for healing, for health, for every living being thriving. I stand for appreciation and gratitude. I stand for saying “thank you” every day to all the people I love, and even to the ones I think I don’t. I stand for sharing from the heart. I stand for being true. I stand for offering a helping hand even if I am tired, lonely and afraid. I stand for walking a path of change for the better. I stand for an open mind and curiosity. I stand for putting it all together and giving myself as a gift to those whom it would help.



-P.M.

what I STAND FOR:

I STAND for Equality. I think people deserve to be treated equally so they have a chance to fly on their own wings, and are not confined to a few possibilities. If people are treated equally then they have a life worth living, and the liberty to choose the life they want. I also believe that people should not be judged by what they say or look like, but by the things they accomplish. We, as humane beings, have a tendency of zooming in on the negative aspects of a person, but if we instead zoomed out and took the qualities of a person as a whole then we would find people are different from how we originally judged them. It's kind of like looking through a telescope, you can look through one side and see an object closely, or you can flip it around and look at the same object from far away. People should have the chance to prove what they are before we judge them.



-C.D.

what I STAND FOR:

I STAND for Fairness. I stand for equal opportunity and challenges for all. I stand for sharing knowledge and resources to help others less fortunate than ourselves. We all have lessons to learn and deserve compassion and understanding to reach those goals. I am deeply pained by the selfishness of too many people in this country and this world. As a world, we could work together to end hunger and war. We have enough resources, when used wisely, to support the human race – to strengthen ourselves and others by building up communities and families less fortunate than ourselves. When I mention these things to people everyone always says that would be nice in a perfect world, but we cannot cooperate well enough for such an idea to be a reality. I don't understand why not. Why are so many people so power hungry? I think it all has to do with fear. We protect ourselves because we are afraid, but we don't have to be. Fear is a product of the unknown, and in this day and age, with our ability to quickly and efficiently communicate, we could all be equally educated and learn about all the cultures and beliefs from around the world. That is what separates us from animals fighting for territory, resources and protection. Most importantly, we must learn to accept our differences and try our best to understand them and love each other no matter what we believe and feel.



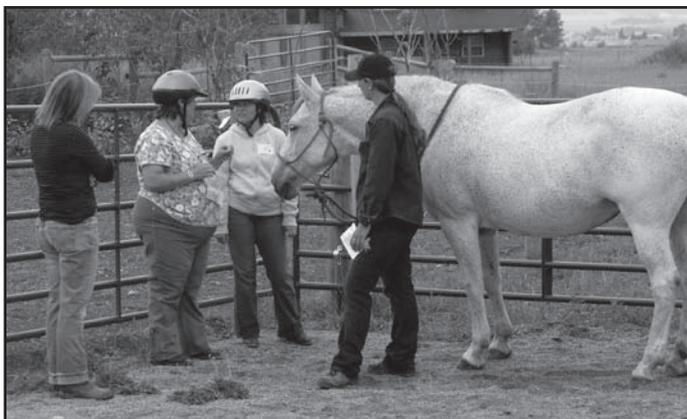
-R.B.

ONE THING LEADS TO ANOTHER

This year's Horses of the Goddess™ workshop, held in June, introduced a unique relationship program designed by Annette Holloway, PsyD, and HG co-instructor Martha McNeil, LMFT. Based on the work of the Gottman Institute's Sound Relationship House, the curriculum was perfect to incorporate into our equine facilitated learning and therapy programs.

In August we used the course outline that DreamPower Horsemanship created for their veterans' families program and had our campers - the upper level HW students - and their parents participate in it during Family Fun Day.

The results were just plain fantastic! Since there were so many "stations for learning," partners got a rare chance to discover things they never had shared with each other before. With the help of staff and the horses themselves, families had the chance to deepen their communication skills, especially those of clear speaking and listening.



Sharing the riding of the horse led to sharing childhood stories and some big insights. Student and parent are supported by our staff therapist and one of our equine specialists for this exercise.

The round pen gave the partners practice in grounding, quieting and centering through the horse. This was especially helpful to teach a feeling of calm. How many times could this skill help in the midst of conflict?



It also gave them a chance to help each other notice subtle body language cues about when listening was happening. The horses spoke their non-verbal language



very clearly and the partners improved their awareness skills as the sessions progressed. The people were even able to notice when, in the midst of a problem solving session, the horses would often do their best to lend encouragement to the team.

If horses can be that supportive then we humans can, too!





CAMP WAS FULL OF FUN

We didn't know what else to call it besides "CAMP" but we don't really run camps here. Nevertheless, it was complete with s'mores, popcorn, late night giggles and early morning yawns. In between were sunrise pasture patrol, manure detail, meal prep, cleanup, Won-HwaDo, TTouch, riding lessons, Drill Team Practice, runs through the irrigation sprinklers, swan napkin folding instruction, journal time and braiding. It was a great time for bonding and learning more about group dynamics and personal responsibility. And we had awesome food!



Happy Cleanup, Happy Campers and Happy Pizzas!



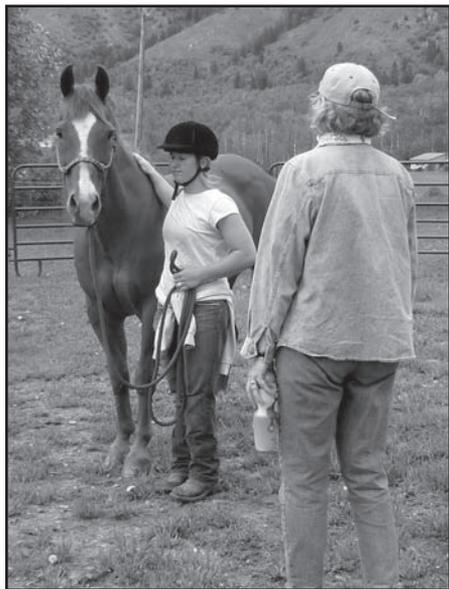
horses of the goddess

Our facility is as dedicated to increasing the professionalism in our field as we are at offering traditional client programming.

Professionals from AZ, CA, MN, WY, WA and TX gathered again this spring to enhance their equine facilitated learning and psychotherapy skills. This annual workshop continues to launch new businesses in the field of EFP/EFL, as well as recharge and add to the tool kits of participants.

It's a wealth of information! Our 12 hour days include hands on work with horses on the ground and mounted, curriculum design, role playing and feedback, creative projects that augment the horse time, discussions and time on the trail. It also gives 40 hours of CEUs from the state of CA or certification time for CEIP and PATH.

We'll let the participants speak for themselves about what they get out of this course. It's a *BIG* bang for the buck, so if you haven't joined us before, please consider this one-stop shop for professional development. See you in June!



Acting as the ES and a woman suffering from depression during a role play session, participants work together to create lesson plans they can implement back at home. Another participant (off camera) fills the role of therapist for this EFL/EFP session.

2013 Dates: June 2-7 in Jackson Hole, WY
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Here are a few testimonials, with categories.

quality of instruction:

"Excellent! Better than any instruction I have ever had."

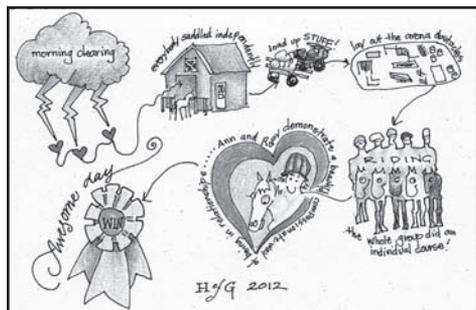
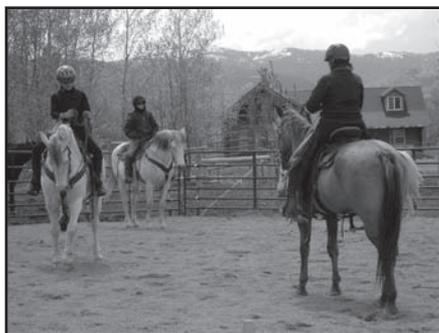
"I am a very critical evaluator of teaching curriculum, style, timing, etc. The quality of instruction was superb."

"Both Priscilla and Martha were excellent instructors. Their passion for teaching was evident and I would take another workshop with them again. They were organized and articulate when explaining each activity. I loved how they allowed the group to share thoughts and ideas!"

"All concepts and skills were taught in a way that was easy for me to absorb - it especially seemed extremely effective considering the diversity of learners."

"Amazing. You both know your fields so well, and have a wonderful gift of communicating it."

"Excellent! Instructors and participants have a wealth of experience, knowledge and passion as well as ability to teach with compassion."



"Excellent. Very patient and knowledgeable. Everyone did a great job adjusting to the different skill and experience levels."

"Top of the industry."

QUALITY OF CURRICULUM:

"Excellent. Well thought out, presented well, relevant. It had a lot of good things I could take away."

"Completely met my needs and expectations. The amount of thought, care and skill that went into the planning was clearly manifested."

"The way you planned out the week really built on our successes."



"Best role play experience EVER for learning new awareness."

"Excellent!! Role playing and feedback was great."

"Excellent! Nice balance between horsemanship theory and practice and hands on facilitation."

"Excellent and comprehensive."

"I liked the mix of lecture, discussion and role play."

"Excellent. Well rounded and complete."

"I came to learn more about EFMH. Boy, did I get soooo much more!"

"It helped to restore my confidence in doing this work and in riding, and to learn new activities to use in a program."

"The whole seminar exceeded my wildest dreams!"



quality of horses:

"The best herd I have ever been around or had the privilege to work with. I have been around some great horses, but never such a large group of great horses."



"Outstanding. I have seen horses from programs all over the country and these are by far the best trained and conscious ones I've seen."

"Wow. To have an intact, healthy herd like this is rarely seen. I am blessed to have spent time with them. They were safe, interactive, and intuitive program horses."

"Sound, healthy, friendly, well-trained, beautiful, loving."

"Well trained, not dulled and seemingly happy to be doing the work."

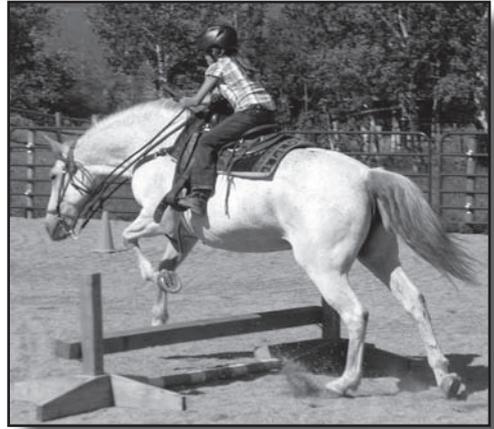
"Excellent! They made a true believer out of me for working with horses."

"Excellent! Your horses are the most wonderful individuals with personality, patience and generosity as well as individuality."



SHORT LEADERS

This year's Power Ponies™ and Mighty Mustangs™ were some of the best ever. Not only did they learn riding and horsemanship skills super quickly, but they also demonstrated that they were excellent teachers for their parents, and communicative partners for each other.



It's never too young to learn leadership skills. Our staff and volunteers guide their students with as much "hands off" interaction as possible. At the same time they help them find the best ways to communicate: clear speech, modeling the action,

using body language both horses and people can understand.

By the time students teach their parents they have a nice, full tool kit! And one of the nicer benefits is that parents learn to see the wisdom and trustworthiness of their children.



Jumping, working in pairs, and a blindfold trust ride showcased a multitude of youthful skills

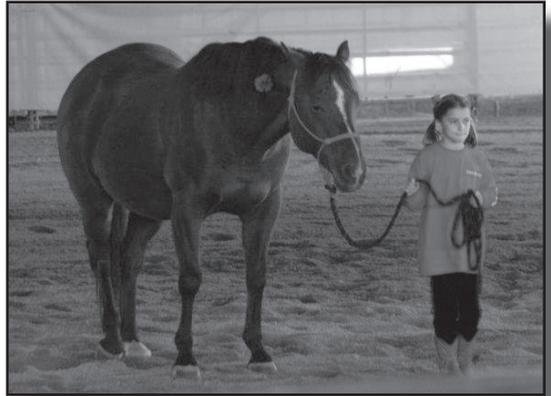
Demo Team Rocks!

Seven parents and students from Mighty Mustangs™, Power Ponies™ and Horse Warriors™ entertained the audience at The Whinnies Festival in October. They demonstrated their relationship building techniques like experts! We were wildly proud of how professional they were - they sure made us look and sound good!!

“Good teaching has nothing to do with age. It has to do with awareness.”

Anyone who demonstrates good teaching abilities can be asked to join the Demo Team. Good teaching has nothing to do with age. It has to do with awareness, both of the horse and of the person being taught.

The Horse Warriors™ programs teach not only horsemanship, but poise, confidence and public speaking. With all the practice families have in working together, teaching and listening, it's easy for them to make the transition to showing off their skills in public!



ABOVE: Sarah and Beau share both their confidence and patience with the Whinnies audience



LEFT: The Demo Team girls share some tips on letting a horse get to know you when the audience comes into the arena for a hands-on experience themselves

guest artist: Alex Schechter

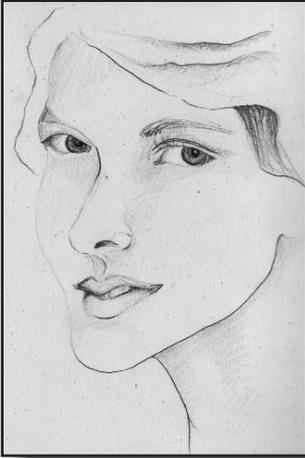
alex holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Grinnell College and is attending grad school for his MFA in the fall. He is also a Horse Warriors™ graduate and a former Power Ponies™ Mentor! While at Grinnell, he taught courses in life drawing, poetry, playwriting and the comic book as literary genre. He joined us this fall for a discussion group session and worked with the students on drawing people. They tried a variety of techniques to find which was most comfortable for them. Even though they all started out doubting that they could draw any people at all, they came up with some fine results! Thanks, Alex!



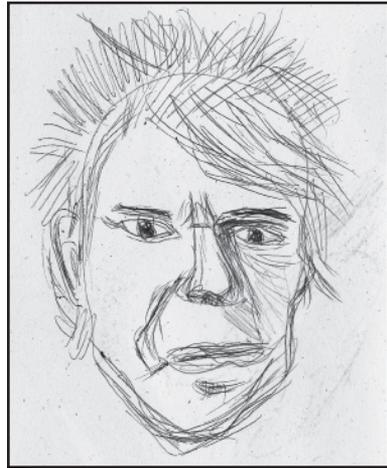
Alex with his favorite horse, Hoot



DRAWING PEOPLE



Thank you to the Wyoming Arts Council for sponsoring our arts-in-the-field programs. Through a very generous grant from them we are able to provide instruction and art supplies for all participants in our programs!

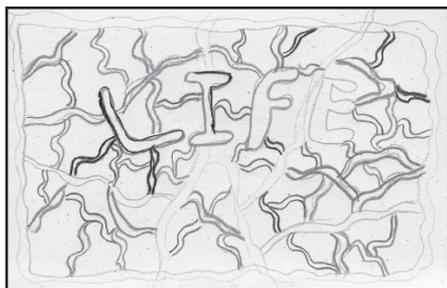


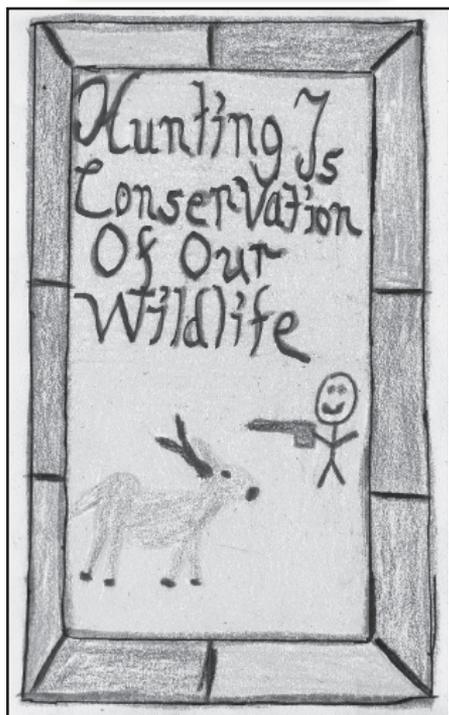
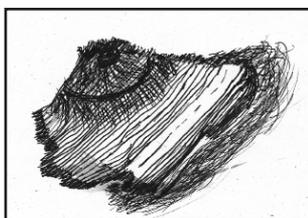
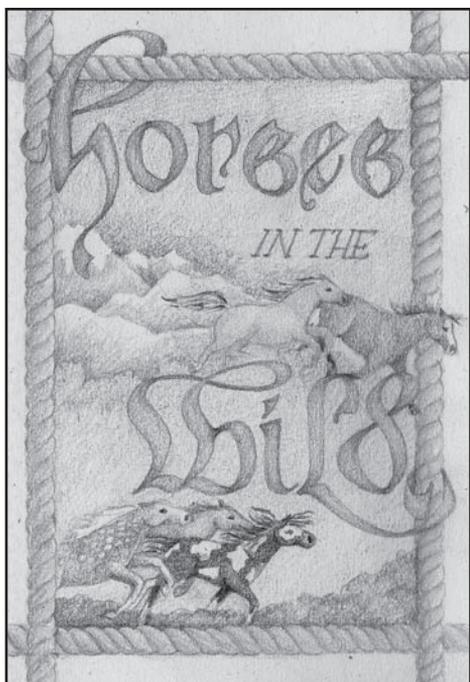
our love of nature

We spend a lot of time out in the natural world. Whether we are at the arena at the base of the Tetons, at the ranch with the farm animals, or out in the back-country with wildlife, we have all come to love our time in the outdoors.

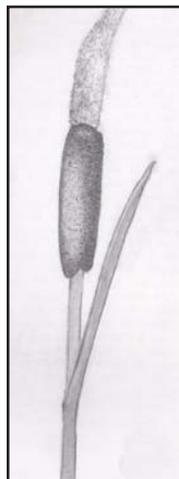
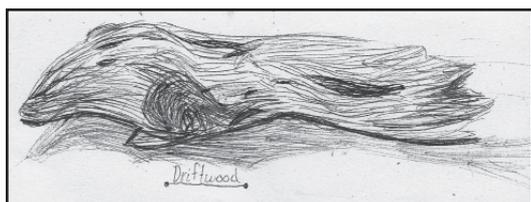
We used our lettering and design skills to pay tribute to what we love about our relationship to the natural world. A day with our calligraphy books and pens brought a lot of type and font fun as well.

Horses
Free like
the
Wind!

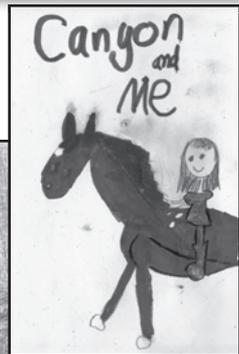
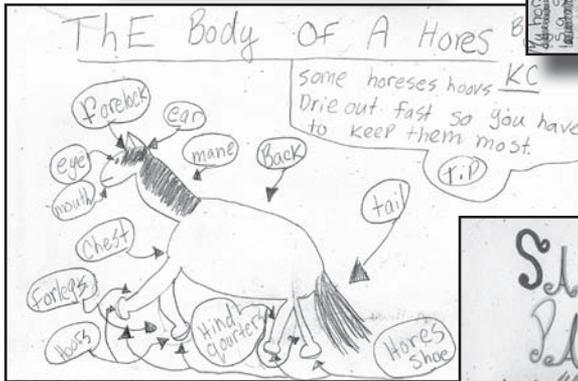




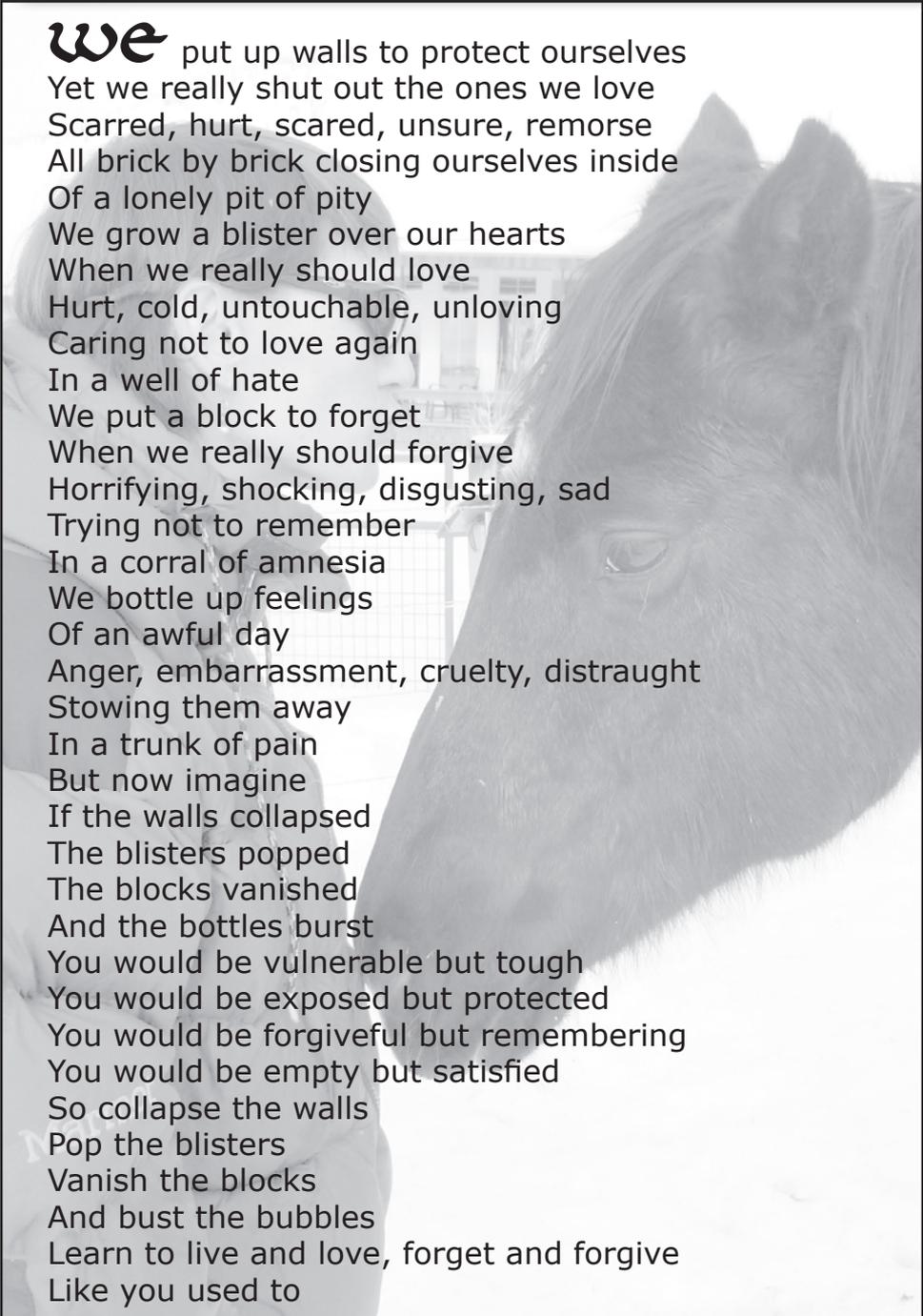
Drawing and writing are part of each Horse Warriors™ session. Some exercises are structured and others are free choice. Students use their journals throughout the year, including during discussion groups.



YOUNG ARTISTS



JOURNALS IN THE WILD:



we put up walls to protect ourselves
Yet we really shut out the ones we love
Scarred, hurt, scared, unsure, remorse
All brick by brick closing ourselves inside
Of a lonely pit of pity
We grow a blister over our hearts
When we really should love
Hurt, cold, untouchable, unloving
Caring not to love again
In a well of hate
We put a block to forget
When we really should forgive
Horrorfying, shocking, disgusting, sad
Trying not to remember
In a corral of amnesia
We bottle up feelings
Of an awful day
Anger, embarrassment, cruelty, distraught
Stowing them away
In a trunk of pain
But now imagine
If the walls collapsed
The blisters popped
The blocks vanished
And the bottles burst
You would be vulnerable but tough
You would be exposed but protected
You would be forgiving but remembering
You would be empty but satisfied
So collapse the walls
Pop the blisters
Vanish the blocks
And bust the bubbles
Learn to live and love, forget and forgive
Like you used to

JOURNALS IN THE WILD:

*These exercises were all from the same
"prompt" of a first line of poetry*

THERE'S A SECRET IN THE SHADOWS:

So loud and green it will
burst your eyes
if you peer beneath the sun

à secret so wild
it wilts the leaves into
crisp, spiral tunnels
that hold spiders hostage
in their webs

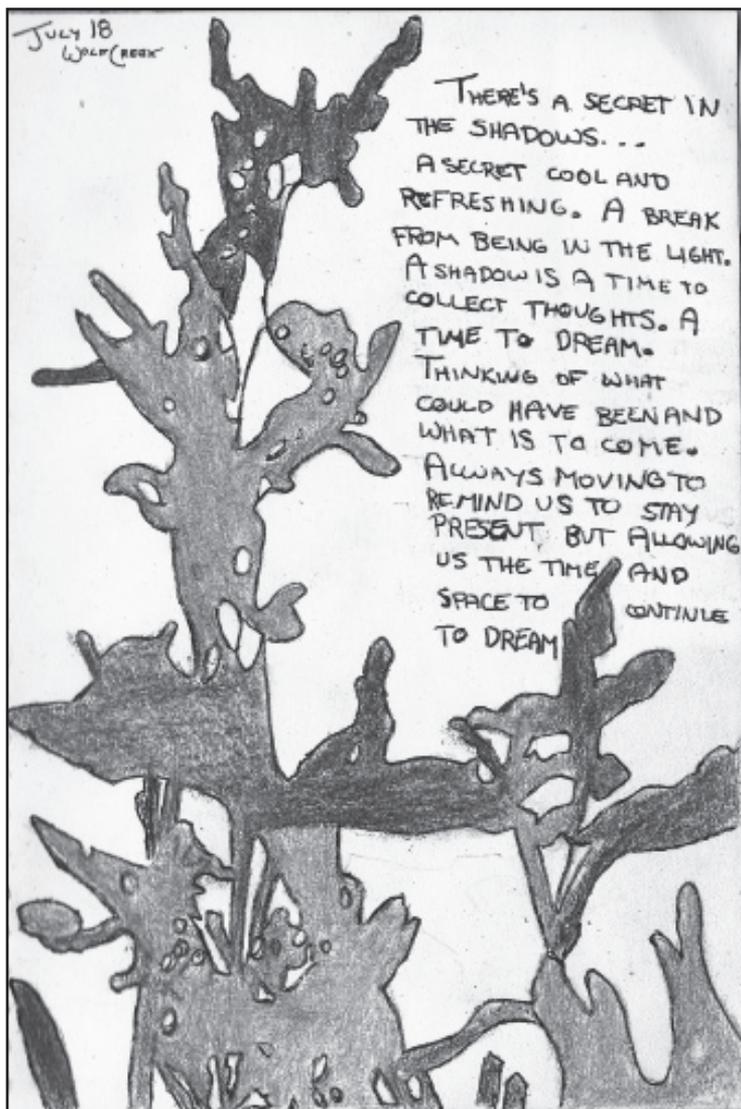
à secret whose fangs
will suck the city
right out of a person

ànd leave him gasping
in the raucous
stillness
of the forest



JOURNALS IN THE WILD:

There's a secret in
the shadows:

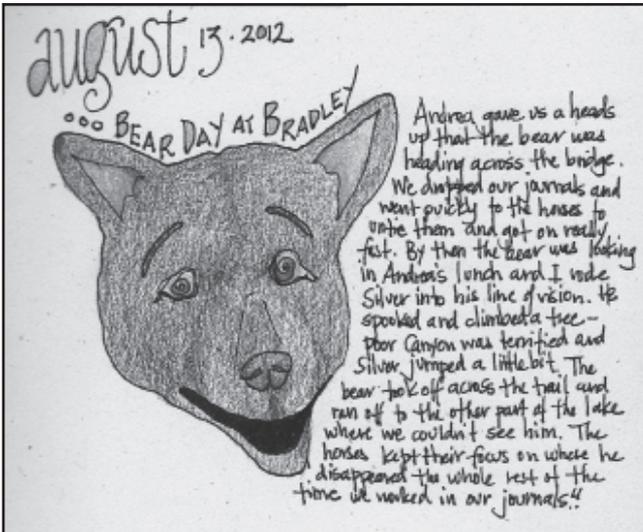
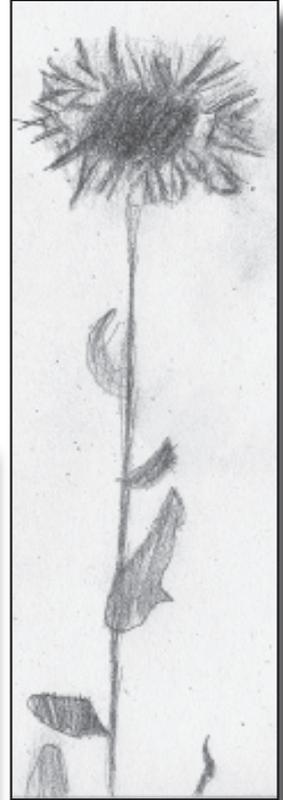


JOURNALS IN THE WILD:

There's a secret in the shadows:

Where the dark daisies lie
up on a mountaintop
high in the sky

There's a loud rumbling creek
whispering softly
to the daisies



question: Who is more scared - a horse of a bear, or a bear of a horse?

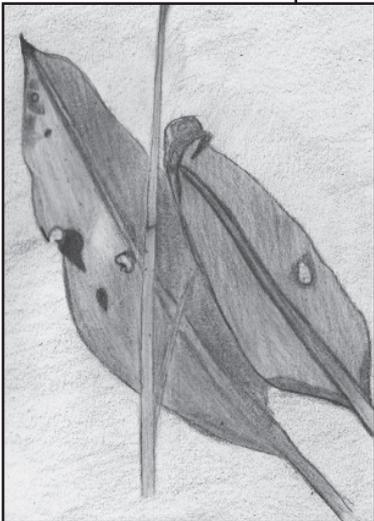
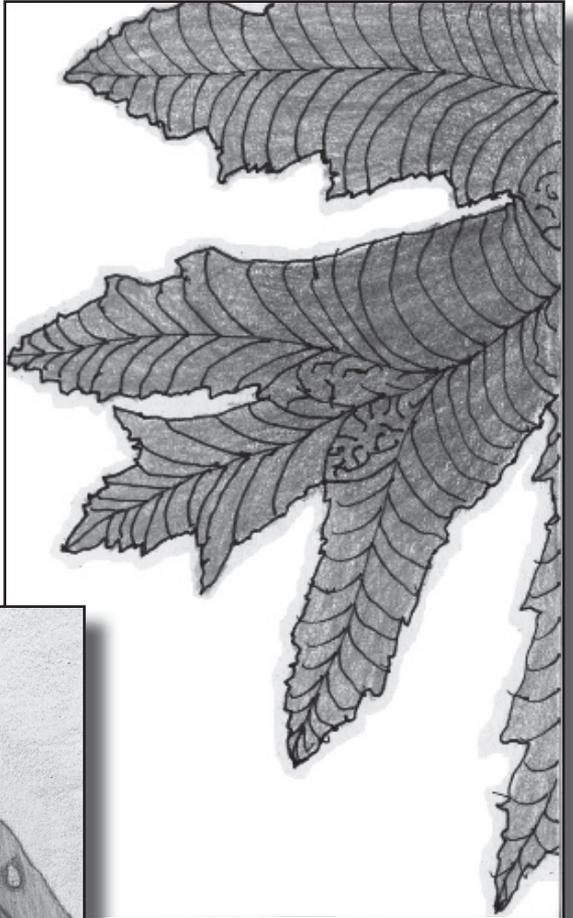
(Psst - we think it's EQUAL!!)

JOURNALS IN THE WILD:

There's a secret in
the shadows:

Leaves are like
snowflakes
No two are alike

That secret
of the leaf
is brought to life
by the artist
through shadow



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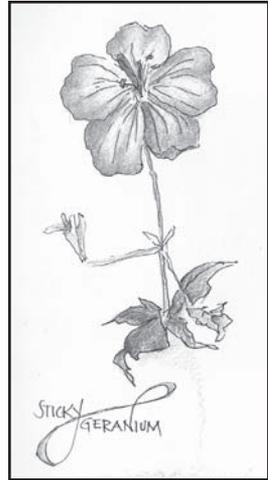
à dark green rumble
uneaten by the wind

l t's a secret told by grey-white
land snails
whispering with slime covered
tongues;
Forest Gossip -

à ll about how the sappy pines
toss their old brown needles
carelessly on the floor;

à nd how the slim-waisted dragonflies
veer drunkenly off course and tumble,
pollen smeared, into the
echinacea blossoms
in the slightest wind,

à nd how the Sticky Geraniums sit rudely
right in the middle of the Bachelor's Buttons,
muddling the blue-lavender harmonies
with their washed out pinks.



The selection

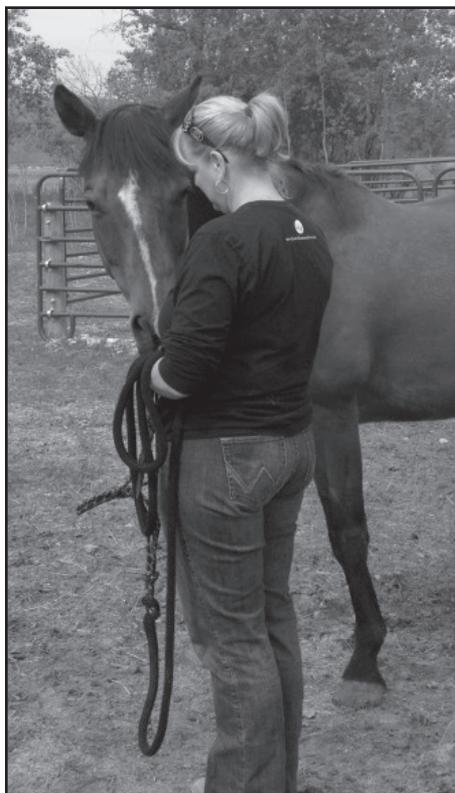
Your ears tell me how you feel
My hesitant hand on your shoulder
tells you how I feel
Wordlessly we share the depths
of who we are
And our hopes of who we will be
for one another

something

Something
dear
Something
strong
Something
peaceful
Something
left behind and lost forever
Something
found and brought back

for Luca

A rent in my heart
Guilt and pain stopping
the sharing
Your spirit rises in the
smoke of three brothers:
Sweetgrass, sage and
cedar
And in a Native song
tapped out on a plastic
water bottle
Sung in a lullabye of
comfort to a friend



pack horse

Clear blue sky
As seen between the ears
Of capable Hoot

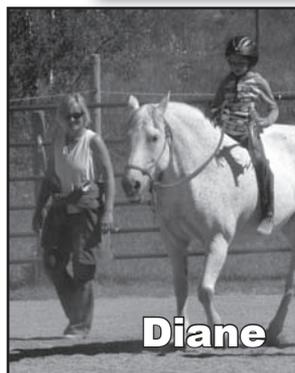
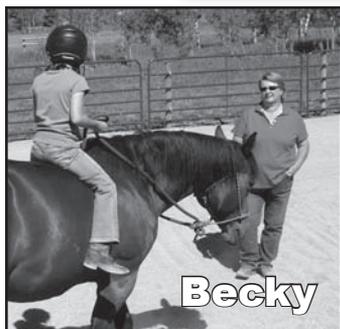
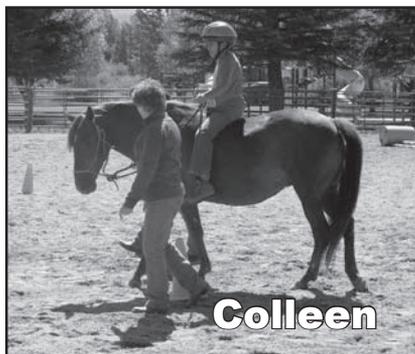
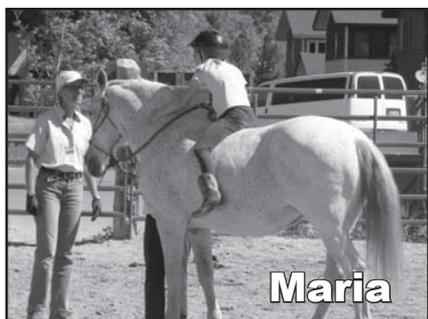


VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

heather zamora is our 2102 Volunteer of the Year. With such a cheerful attitude, how could she not be a great ambassador for the Horse Warriors™ programs? We are grateful for her willingness to take on the job of the White Horse Social Raffle, to help with the event, pitch in whenever and wherever we need her, and to help coordinate a community fundraiser for one of our other volunteers. She is wonderfully generous with her time and we are proud to have her in the Horse Warriors™ Family!!

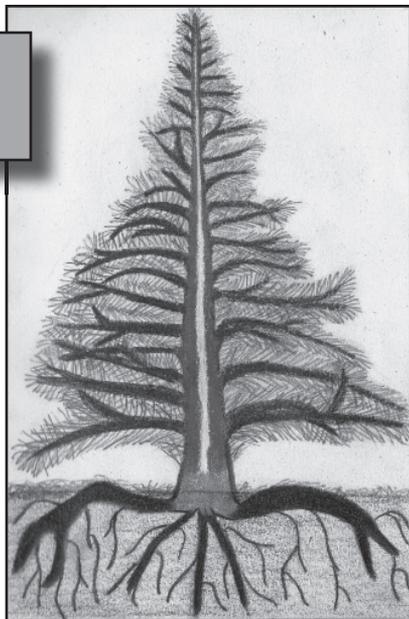
Thanks to the others

We are blessed with a lot of other help from our arena volunteers. Without them we would never be able to provide the physical and emotional safety our programs demand. Each one of them is a valued member of our team and we thank them TONS for what they do!



INTERNSHIPS

Summer internships are a growing part of the Horse Warriors™ programs. They are open to those studying towards a professional career in Equine Facilitated Learning and Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy. Internships can be as short as one week or as long as the summer session, depending on an intern's skill level and the time availability of our staff.



Students love the deeply personal tree projects with Kelly

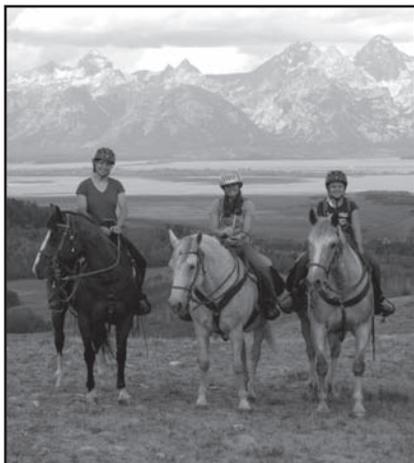


Some of the Upper Level riders share their journal entries from Kelly's exercise at Bradley Lake

Kelly Perline spent a week interning with us for her continuing ed hours as a Certified Equine Interaction Professional. Both HW groups had a ball with her tree exercise in our journals. Her enthusiasm was contagious and we learned a lot about ourselves during our trail ride lunch break by the lake. Kelly's experience as the assistant principal at an alternative school in VT, as well as in her own AAT made her a great asset to us. We hope she comes back again soon!

expanding everyone's education

Anja Pfeffer is a graduate student at Prescott College in the Equine Studies program. She came for a week long internship during camp and was a star! What a master teacher! We learned TTouch, WonHwaDo (a Korean martial art) and even a little German! Anja is returning this summer as staff and we can't wait to have her back. She spends her school year teaching Chinese, French, German and WonHwaDo in a high school in VT.



Exploring the Greater Yellowstone area on horseback is a great perk for our interns. Coyote Rock offers a pretty splendid view!



Anja's mastery of WonHwaDo helped us learn how to stay centered and be in better balance on our horses. It was fun to play with the exercises, but they were seriously helpful!



Anja shows students how to use TTouch to support their horse's comfort and well being

INTERN'S perspective

Hello. My name is Anja Pfeffer. I am a high school teacher in Bennington, Vermont. This past summer, I also started a Masters in Education Program with a Concentration in Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) through Prescott College in Arizona. During my application process, I was asked to think about where I would like to fulfill my practicum requirement. I began to inquire about successful EAL programs and very soon heard about the Horse Warriors™. When I contacted Priscilla about wanting to do a practicum or internship with her at some point down the road, she responded: "Can you come this summer??" Flattered by her instantaneous trust and inspired by her enthusiasm, I agreed to fly straight from Germany (where I had visited my family) to Jackson, WY, in order to be part of summer camp.

There truly are no words to describe how incredibly welcome I felt as soon as I arrived at the Diamond-fly. The two-legged and the four-legged students and instructors alike not only opened their hearts and minds but also invited me along on the journey of becoming a Horse Warrior. With each activity, I learned how deeply connected everybody in this program is; connected with their inner self, with their peers, their teachers, the horses, and the space. I witnessed and experienced the personal growth and transformational change that occurred through intentional partnering with horses, the reciprocity of care it entailed, and the creative ways in which Priscilla offered opportunities for reflection.

INTERN'S perspective

It was very hard to leave. Within less than a week, I had found a new family and a new purpose. I knew more than ever before how important and effective this work is - I saw it in the children's eyes and heard it in their voices. I could not help but think about how many of my students in Vermont need this kind of program desperately. The vision that Priscilla lives in all that she does has impacted me in the most profound ways.



I, too, want to build a program where humans and horses support each other in mutual growth and empowerment. Until I can do so, I have a lot to learn and I am deeply grateful to count Priscilla and the Horse Warriors among my most influential mentors. I cannot wait to return to the Diamondfly this coming summer and am looking forward to reconnecting, sharing more WonHwaDo and TTouch, and exploring new paths of mindfulness.

Thank you for all you are and do!!

~ Anja

STAR VALLEY PROGRAMS



Six new families joined us this summer for the initiation of our Star Valley extension programs. All together we added 17 members to the growing Horse Warriors™ family. And 4 of them are now on our Demo Team!



In addition to the program participants we also gained some new volunteers, a gymkhana judge, pasture donations from neighbors and friends, help with manure removal and some much needed advice on chickens!

We're excited to have them all back next summer, along with their friends!



2013 ENROLLMENT

Our 2013 programs are now open for enrollment:

Power Ponies™ ages 6-11

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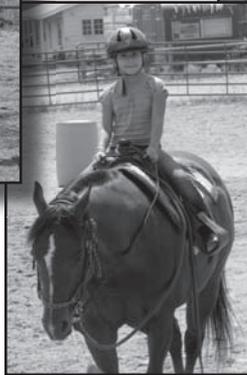
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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

CONNIE HELM

Why do I volunteer as a board member for Horse Warriors™? Because my dream growing up was to someday own my own horse. At the age of 40, my dream finally came true and for the last 20 years I have lived that dream.

A couple of years ago, circumstances provided an opportunity for my two beloved horses to be loved, respected and enjoyed by the children, staff and volunteers of the Horse Warriors™. It was a natural progression for me



to remain connected with Bella and Doc through volunteering and also expanding my personal connection with the Horse Warriors™.

Connie's background as a professional counselor has been invaluable to us in our Family programs!

I cherish the friendships I've formed with

the staff and adult volunteers, but even more, value the time I can spend interacting and working with the children in the program. Being a part of their growth gives me great satisfaction and joy. Plus, I still get to hang out with "my" horses!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

HANNA PETERSON

Why do I volunteer as a board member for Horse Warriors™? That's easy, I was excited about a program that empowers children and young adults through horsemanship. I have been on or around horses my whole life and when I was asked if I would be interested in a non-profit that encourages family values, kindness, and consciousness through horses my interest was piqued. Then after meeting with Priscilla and hearing her passion and the success this program has had with children in my community, I was sold.

Horse Warriors™ teaches compassion and wisdom by having its participants

do such things as community service, public speaking, and teaching and learning with horses. I watch these children and young adults and think how blessed am I that they are a part of my community.

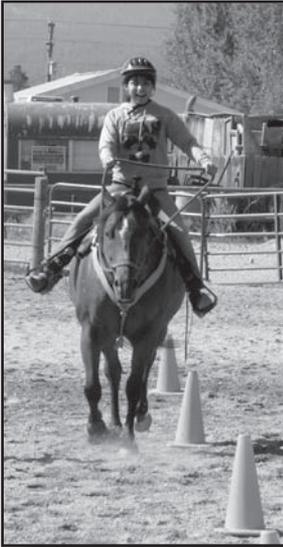


Hanna is also an excellent relay team member for the Winter Carnival games at the Diamondfly!

why we care

Horse Warriors™ is a program that Ed and I hold very dear. The impact that Horse Warriors™ has on young lives and families goes beyond the tangible. The life lessons and self awareness that are offered by our equine partners in the program are beyond measure. With patience they teach us that anything is attainable, and with continued practice we can do whatever we set out to do. The horses offer the gifts of themselves and their uniqueness. They allow us to search inside of ourselves so we, too, find our special gifts. They offer us the confidence to reach our full potential, and over and over instill that ability to do so. That is what Horse Warriors™ means to us, and that is why we are involved with Horse Warriors™.

-Marne and Ed Holstein



I always enjoy seeing the change in a student when working with him or her at Horse Warriors™. It is always great to look back at your students and see the growth throughout the summer. As an instructor, I saw a lot of growth this summer. I found that I was

proud of myself, but more proud of the kids and parents that I had the opportunity to teach. I like being involved in Horse Warriors™ because I have the opportunity to make myself proud, but I have the greater opportunity of making others proud of their accomplishments.

-Betsy Palmer, Instructor

I like being involved with Horse Warriors™ because I'm intrigued by a horse's size and expressions. I'd stop by the side of the road where the horses were in pasture. As I walked to the fence so would they. I'd talk to them and they'd listen... so it seemed. I felt like I should say, "Thank you and goodbye," before I left.



When I got the offer to help with feeding and checking them, I jumped at the chance! By helping I got to observe more behaviors, and our interaction, though it seemed small, was quite personal for all of us! They all are great listeners, so I could tell them when my arm wouldn't work as usual after surgery, and their observation saying things didn't seem quite the same would be acknowledged. Skippy would walk me out to other horses and back to the gate. We all became pretty cool friends and I could turn my apprehensions into respect for them. I even miss them thru the winter when they leave the Hole for the Diamond-fly. I feel trusted by Priscilla that she lets me help take care of the horses. That's flattering. And I've come to realize once an animal is penned up away from his wild environment, it takes a lot of effort to keep him healthy, fed and safe. Priscilla has always allowed my questions and provided me answers I can thoroughly understand. This makes me feel good about what I learn around the horses. At volunteer trainings, I learn how the horses help people speak to each other and actually listen to each other. That's pretty cool! Their size seems intimidating but their eyes and ears (perceptiveness) make them a significant creature to respect and share trust with! They are so fun to be around! Oh yeah, I also found out that as I learned about them, I had to express myself, so they could learn about me! And helping others is a really good feeling to live with!

- Sue McKnight

why we care

There is no easy way to sum up all the love and appreciation I have toward this amazing program. Literally, confidence and courage grows in students right before my eyes. In all programs, students overcome challenges and do things they didn't think they could do, whether it's getting



Canyon to lope, or riding Hawk for the first time. The horses know when to give, and how to give. and they do so with care. Students (and all of us!) learn so much about being mindful, about how our energy impacts those around us, and about our power. Programs like Horse Warriors™ and people like Priscilla come

into your life for a reason. I don't underestimate that, and there isn't a moment that passes in the summer that I don't think about how happy and lucky I feel to be connected to all of it.

The lessons and the joy that this program brings to all involved is immeasurable. To pair writing and art with horses and nature is genius. This past summer we were lucky to have Anja come and teach us WonHwaDo and T-Touch, and then again we gained wisdom from our other guest teacher, Kelly, who came and did an amazing energy and personal reflection art project with us in the field. Having different people from all over the world come and share their gifts is just one of the great things about Horse Warriors™. This program provides such a special, safe, new experience for kids and young adults. I wish there was something like this when I was growing up! There is no place I'd rather be, and no one I'd rather learn from than the students and staff in Horse Warriors™. I miss you Buzz and company!

-Kelly Barr, Instructor

why we care

What I love most about Horse Warriors™ is the smile that Graine puts on my beautiful daughter's face. It has helped me learn to trust again, slowly, and to communicate. We will be forever grateful for the friendships we have made. I was, and continue to be, blown away by the horse's ability to sense my feelings. AMAZING sums Horse Warriors™ up for me!



-Heather Zamora

My heart fills as I duck under the fence
to approach our herd
They meet me in the middle, anticipating
the fun day ahead
The warm, familiar smell of grass and hay
and horse all mixes together
Passionate kids and passionate staff
joining with passionate,
connected animals
Challenges
Reflections
Growth
New perspectives
Hard work that leaves
your muscles sore,
but your heart stronger



- Kelly Barr, Instructor and Former Intern

why we care

I have an immense amount of respect for the work Priscilla does through Horse Warriors™. Her teachings go beyond horsemanship; Priscilla gives youth the fundamental tools and guidance to make a difference. This is a wonderful program with even more wonderful horses. Working with Priscilla and Horse Warriors™ was an incredibly satisfying experience and I'm very thankful they've let me stay involved!



- *Alexandra Harden, Instructor & Former Intern*

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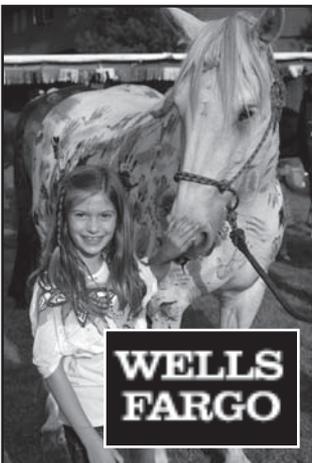
Thanks for our Discussion Groups!

St. John's Episcopal Church came to our aid once again, letting us meet in their Library for our Monday afternoon discussion groups. We are very appreciative of the lovely, quiet space to explore questions about our lives and to find creative and thoughtful outlets for our self-expression.

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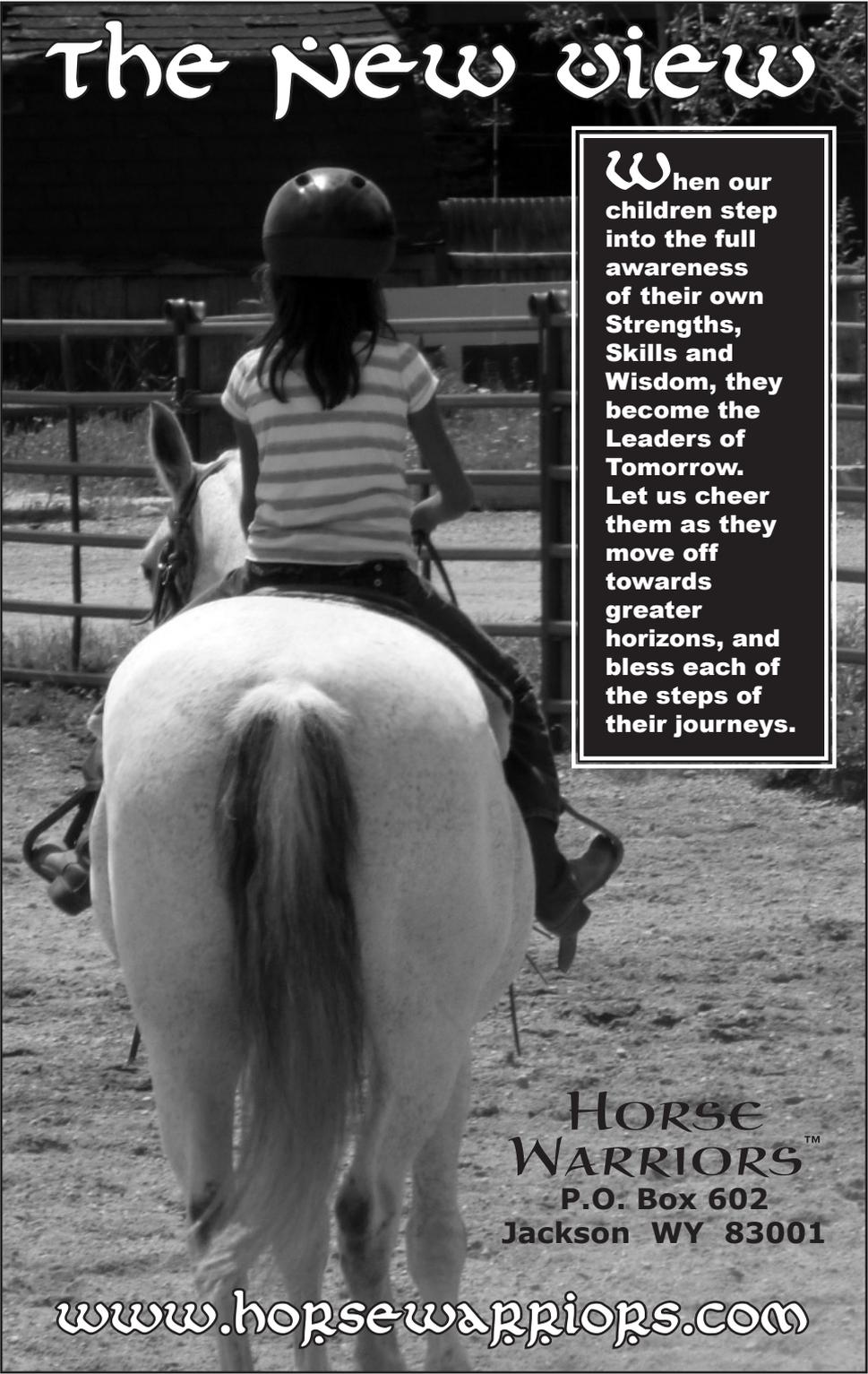
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