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The Hoof Beat Monthly

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October 1, 2006



Riding the Trail at 2006 Trail-A-Thon. A good time was had by all!!!

Volunteer Needs

Thanks to everyone who came out and helped at the 2006 Trail-A-Thon!!! We couldn't do it without all our wonderful volunteers!

Be a part of something special every week by helping with the regular classes! Classes are Mondays at 5:30pm and 6:45pm at Legacy Stables, Tuesdays at 10:30am, 5:00pm, and 6:15pm at CSU, Wednesdays at 5:30pm and 7:00pm at CSU, and Thursdays at 5:30pm at CSU. There are also a number of other volunteer opportunities that don't involve muckin' it up in the barn, if that's not your area of expertise! Email us at ridewith-free@yahoo.com or call 970-221-0646 to let us know you want to join in! [Click here](#) for more info, including class schedules, other needs, and the necessary paperwork!

This Month's Spotlight

Friends of FREE Appreciation Dinner!!!

Join all the Riders, Volunteers, Donors, and Friends of FREE for an Appreciation Dinner on Friday, November 17 at the Anheuser Busch Tour Center. The Clydesdale barn staff will be keeping the barn open 45 minutes longer than normal until 6:30pm for FREE to tour! There will be entry to the tour center dining room after the tour at 6:30 followed by a buffet dinner and recognition and awards. We would LOVE to see you there!!!!

Many thanks to all who made the 2006 Trail-A-Thon possible!

• The Andersons Thank FREE

We wanted to write a letter to Front Range Exceptional Equestrians and tell them what a wonderful time Scottie had at the Trail-A-Thon. He had so much fun being outside with the other kids and volunteers. Scottie loved the horse he rode, Apache'.

He has really come out of his shell since he's been riding at F.R.E.E.. You see, Scottie has downs syndrome along with autism. He started riding 5 years ago and the love of horses has opened him up to a whole other world. His speech was very delayed, and now he is talking. Scottie had been afraid to go into crowds, even small crowds, and now he is able to be around large groups of people, like the ones at riding class.

We haven't even mentioned the physical benefits. All of these classes have increased his balance and strength. The Trail-A-Thon is his favorite thing to do each year. He loves riding the horses outside and just hanging out with his peers and all the volunteers. It is like having an extended family. All of the horses in this program are amazing and so gentle with the riders. Thank you for all that you do to make this possible. Scottie truly loves all of you.

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- **A Note from Charlotte, 2006 Trail-A-Thon Coordinator**

We had several major sponsors this year: Bayhill Homes, Neighborhoods United, Ray Martinez, Realty Executives, Saturn, First community Bank, Veronica Ray, DDS, Lucia's, and Innovation Designs all gave money or in-kind donations.



Susan Moore of K99 radio provided on-air coverage and brought hergorgeous arabians to the event for all to enjoy. The Larimer county Sherriff's Posse and Larimer County Sherriff's Explorers kept us safe and motivated. The posse left another event to come ride with us and provide inspiration. Albertsons provided all food - hot dogs, brats, chips, and condiments. We raised a record amount - over \$5000 - and a great time was had by all. Thanks also to Nancy Day for trailering in her horses, Jeff Slota and the Allman Family for making sure the program horses arrived on time, Mike and Cristina Humrich for trailering in the ramp, and to Ryan Lundt's mom, Brandy, for making so many cookies! Rick Butler entertained us all with a magic show. Thanks to everyone!

- Charlotte West-Pietenpol

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Rider Highlight

How long has Cody been an Exceptional Equestrian?

Cody has been riding for about four years.

How has therapeutic riding helped him?

It has improved Cody's motor skills. It has also made him comfortable near a big animal and helped him interact with other kids.

What is the most enjoyable part of our program?

Cody likes most of all to trot and he also likes to talk to the walkers.

Who is Cody's favorite horse? Why?

Cody likes Gumbio because he does not cause problems the way Rio did.

Who is more impressive, the horses or the people who make it possible for us to ride?

The people who make it possible for us to ride.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the program?

It's a wonderful program with all the people involved in making it work including the people who bring the horses.

Upcoming Events

- 📅 Oct. 24, 7:00pm: Board Meeting Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00pm. It will be located at Christ United Methodist Church at 301 E. Drake (1 block East of College on Drake). We invite and encourage anyone who would like to attend to come share ideas, give us input, or just hang out and meet everyone!
- 📅 Oct. 28, 11:00am: Boxelder Trails 4-H club invites riders, volunteers, and their families associated with FREE to their annual Fun Day on Saturday Oct 28. The costume parade will begin at 11 AM with games and potluck meal to follow. Some of the horses will participate in the parade and stick horses are available. The event will be at Nancy Day's place north of Wellington.

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Wish List

Thank you to everyone who is helping whittle away at this list!!! And don't forget, we gladly accept monetary donations to purchase items on our Wish List. Here is what we would still be grateful to receive:

- ✓ Hay
- ✓ Equine Sr. Feed for Marvel and Freddie
- ✓ Vetwrap - especially green and blue
- ✓ Set of Long Lines and Longing Cavasson
- ✓ Two Large Horse Halters and Lead Ropes
- ✓ English Stirrup Leathers and Safety Stirrups
- ✓ Western Stirrups with Trapaderos
- ✓ Snaffle Bits
- ✓ 15-17in. Western Saddle
- ✓ Pens for Class Use
- ✓ File Folders (2 prong on both sides, 1/3 cut)
- ✓ Polaroid Film
- ✓ Color Ink Cartridge for HP Deskjet 932C Printer (HP Cartridge 78)
- ✓ First Class Stamps (ongoing)
- ✓ Also be on the watch for an adopt-a-horse program coming soon!

If you would like to donate to assist with some of our needs, please e-mail us at

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To remove your name from our mailing list, please e-mail us at ridewithfree@yahoo.com.

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