



Friends of HPNJ

Friends of HPNJ Youth Council

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Organized to benefit the Horse Park of New Jersey

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HORSE PARK OF NEW JERSEY BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVES NEW GROUPS: Friends of HPNJ and Friends of HPNJ Youth Council

Recently, a few local people who are huge fans of the Horse Park of New Jersey got together to come up with ideas that would enable us to “give back” and find ways to help the park that we love so much to flourish.

On September 26th, 2011, the HPNJ Board of Trustees voted to approve our plan to form a group called: “Friends of HPNJ” to assist the park in various ways. We want to find ways to help increase profitability by increasing members, sponsors, donations and volunteers.

Also approved was the proposal for the creation of a sub-group of supervised youth members called the Friends of HPNJ Youth Council. We feel that setting up a Youth Council would help to get younger members to feel invested in the Park, bring in additional members with fresh perspectives and new ideas.

Do you love the park? Do you have ideas for clinics, educational programs and the like? Do you have skills or interests in certain areas that that you’d like to share? Do you want to get together with other members of our equestrian community? You have a voice and together we can help the park to thrive.

The mission of the Friends of HPNJ/Friends of HPNJ Youth Council is to help the Horse Park of New Jersey and it’s Board of Trustees. Our group reports to the HPNJ Board of Trustees.

The Friends of HPNJ/Friends of HPNJ Youth Council have agreed to present proposals for any new ideas to the board and to always get board approval prior to starting on any new projects. We will provide reports of the group’s activities for inclusion at

the HPNJ Board of Trustees meetings. This is an informal group, and not a separate organization. Any money raised in fundraising, etc. will flow directly through the Horse Park of New Jersey.

There’s no membership fee! All you need is an interest in the HPNJ!

We are currently collecting names for Friends’ membership. Sign up now to receive information about our first “meet and greet” social in January, 2012.

For more information or to join, contact:

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OPEN DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SHOW SERIES

SHOW DATE:

January 29, 2012
February 11, 2012
March 3, 2012
March 17, 2012
April 7, 2012

OPENING DATE:

January 1, 2012
January 19, 2012
February 1, 2012
February 22, 2012
March 8, 2012

CLOSING DATE:

January 19, 2012
February 1, 2012
February 22, 2012
March 7, 2012
March 28, 2012

SHOW SECRETARY:

Jane Cory

SHOW MANAGEMENT:

Horse Park of NJ
P.O. Box 419
Cream Ridge, NJ 08514
609-259-0710

**Mail entries to Horse Park of NJ – Please use Horse Park of NJ Entry Form
For more information, go to: www.horseparkofnewjersey.com**

RIDER EMPOWERMENT AND EQUINE CONFIDENCE COURSE

with Bill Richey

Have a spooking Horse?

Believe it or not, there is a cure. Think of it this way, if Arabs, Thoroughbreds, Warmbloods, Quarter Horses, Appaloosas, Paints and all kinds of horses can be trained to be police horses, there is no reason your horse can't be taught the same things. The fact is, training a horse to be "spook proof" is just another training method. Like all other training methods, it requires a working knowledge of techniques used in police training. And, like all training, with enough practice your horse will learn to trust you and "go forward" through whatever you tell them to go through with little or not resistance.

Here's how it works

Number One: Understand the Issue. How can you solve a problem when you don't really know what the problem is?

This clinic will give you a comprehensive understanding of your horses' issues regarding spooking. You will know why they spook, and more importantly, what they are thinking and what triggers their escape mechanisms.

Number Two: Know what to do about it. Once you have an understanding of what is really happening, you will then be trained on how to deal with not only the issues your horse has but other problems in the future with any horse. This clinic will teach you how to build your horse's confidence in you and most importantly teach the two of you to have trust in each other, and it all begins with understanding.

PowerPoint Presentation:

Friday 12/16/11 6:30pm – 9:00pm
\$25 includes light dinner at the Lamb House. Students \$15.

Advanced Reservations Required

Two Riding sessions:

**Saturday 12/17 or Sunday 12/18
8:30am – 4:30pm**

\$170 per rider (includes 1 auditor)
\$20 per auditor Advance payment
\$25 per auditor (adults) at door
\$15 for students
Hot drinks and lunch included

Entries close December 14, 2011

Copy of coggins required
Liability release form to be signed on day of clinic

If cancelled due to bad weather a full refund will be given

Registration form on HPNJ website:
www.horseparkofnewjersey.com

For any questions, contact:

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Centered Riding Mounted Lessons

at the Horse Park

Monday afternoons 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Centered Riding lessons at the Horse Park are open to all HPNJ members. The Horse Park receives all new membership monies plus all lesson fees paid by riders.

Centered Riding is an innovative way of expressing the classical principles of riding, using body awareness, centering, and imagery. Centered Riding is suitable for all levels of riders and encompasses all seats and styles of riding. Go to www.horseparkofnewjersey.com for pricing and additional details.

Centered Riding Unmounted Groundwork

at Rick's Saddle Shop in Cream Ridge

Twice a month – check HPNJ website for dates

Centered Riding groundwork consists of exercises that you do without a horse, using props such as exercise balls, mini trampolines, reins, etc. You will learn about body awareness and how that can help you enhance communication with your horse and improve your riding. Everything you do at these groundwork sessions is directly transferable to mounted work. Open to riders of all levels and all disciplines. \$10 per person. Walk-ins welcome but pre-registration appreciated.

For more information about Centered Riding Mounted Lessons and Unmounted Groundwork, contact:

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