

Upcoming Events

JULY 2019

-Teen Horse Day Camp
 Fundraiser, ages 12-18

-FBEAP Certification
 Seminar by Unbridled
 Faith; July 19-21

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SEPTEMBER 2019

-EMBRACE Staff Retreat

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Horse Day Camp Debut Large Success

By Samantha Means



EMBRACE's first horse day camp fundraiser began with a whirlwind of excitement and sunny skies. The freshly dragged arena demanded fresh hoofprints, and the group of joyfully anxious girls in glittery t-shirts and their horses were eager to oblige. The air was full of the delightful aroma of horse manure, organic bug spray, wet sand, candy and sunshine.

Nine girls between the ages of seven and eleven came together with two common purposes: Jesus and horses. Unlike most horse camps, EMBRACE decided to do their debut camp more like an equine vacation Bible school. What did that look like exactly?

For one, "We pray before we play, and we pray before we send them on their way," said Colleen Ripatti, one of the lead horsemanship instructors for EMBRACE. Before any bit of instruction was given to the girls they dedicated the camp to Jesus Christ. Before the girls went home for the

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day, they thanked Jesus for keeping everyone safe and for the fun. A character trait, based on a Bible story, was emphasized throughout each day of the camp. Everything the girls did, from groundwork to horsemanship, to the craft, to a trail challenge, they were reminded of and encouraged to demonstrate the trait they were learning about that day.

The story of David and Goliath demonstrated strength and courage, the story of the apostle Paul's conversion illustrated trustworthiness, and the story of Esther impressed upon the girls the power of gentleness. As the camp progressed, every girl grew in each of these character strengths as they worked with their horses, and each other.

"It was like a 3-day EMBRACE session," said Renae Buck, another lead horsemanship instructor. "It was awesome!" Girls who had never been off of a lead line were independently riding their horses through complex trail challenges by the end of the 3-day day camp.

EMBRACE is hosting another Day Camp for teenagers, boys and girls, ages 12-18 for any who are interested. The camp will take place July 24th, 25th & 26th. In a similar format, participants will learn groundwork, horsemanship, trail and do a Bible study and age-appropriate craft. Visit our website for more information about horse camp and how you can sign up!

GOLDEN MOMENT

"What Are You Doing?"



(L to R) Renae, Brea (on Brea), Harmony, 2019 © EMBRACE

Each month the Post will feature a favored photo from one of our many horse sessions.

4TH OF JULY DEADLINE!

We are hosting a Faith-Based Equine Assisted Philosophies Certification Seminar, July 19-21! **The registration deadline is July 4th** and this is the **ONLY** opportunity to get certified in 2019! We need ten committed participants or we will have to reschedule for 2020. If you register and we are unable to get the required number of people, you will receive a 100% refund.

The certification does not expire, no continuing education is required, and you get hands-on experience and direct counsel during this three-day seminar! Want more info? Visit: www.unbridledfaith.org/seminars/



Faith-Based Equine Assisted Philosophies Certification Seminar

Take your ministry, organization or practice to a whole new level with an equine therapy certification...

Want more information? Want to register? Visit www.embraceequineministry.org/equine-therapy

\$895 per person
\$795 group rate (3 or more)

Seminar Dates:
July 19, 20 & 21



"As the founder of authentic Equine Assisted work, EAGALA, and the O.K. Corral Series, I highly recommend Elaine Averill-Davis' Faith Based Equine Assisted Philosophy Seminars, and her Stable Guide series if you want to do Faith Based work of any kind." - Greg Kersten



Seminar Location: 14651 N. Reflection Rd. Rathdrum, Idaho 83858




Rosie and Deuce, 2019 © EMBRACE



ROSIE'S TESTIMONY

"When I first got here, I thought I was going to die. It wasn't good. I had several anxiety attacks, but then everyone made me feel very comfortable. I realized I need to advocate for myself, and show more respect for myself. I needed to say when I was uncomfortable and anxious and they helped me work through that. I also grew up in a Catholic home, so religion was kind of ruined for me at a young age, but EMBRACE strengthened my relationship with God. I would most definitely recommend it to other people. It was a good learning experience and lots of fun."

Join us!
 July 24th—26th
 10am—4pm
 Open to 10 boys & girls ages 12-18



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HORSE DAY CAMP

Expect quality horsemanship from camp counselors with more than 75 years of combined equine experience, including local horse training and riding instructors Renae Buck and Colleen Ripatti. Bring your own *horse, a helmet, your Bible and learn to ride like you never have before. We'll create fun crafts, have lively Bible studies, and make some great friends!

*Lease options are available on a case-by-case basis for a \$100 donation

3 days you'll never forget...

ONLY \$300!

Details on our website: www.embraceequineministry.org

Horse Day-Camp, Ages 12-18!

Join us for an excellent opportunity to make friends, learn horsemanship and explore a side to riding you may not have experienced before. Bring your horse and your Bible!

This camp is excellent for both beginners and advanced riders. Simply go to our website to register!

All camp staff are volunteers, and proceeds from the camp will go toward future training opportunities for our staff in 2020!

If you have any questions contact our camp coordinator, Colleen Ripatti.

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WHEN do we need you:
 Thursdays, March—November 2019
Serving women from UGM
 11am—4:00pm

Tuesdays, March—November 2019
Serving youth in substance abuse recovery
 11am—4:00pm



WHO are we looking for:
 2 Horse Session Leaders
 2 Craft Leaders, supplies & projects provided
 2 Childcare wranglers, kids ages <1 to 4 years

Call our volunteer coordinator, Becca Ward: 208-920-3422
 or fill out a Volunteer Application on our website!
Volunteers Make the Difference

WE NEED YOU



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BECOMING PARTNERS

Each month one of our staff will provide a horse training tip and reflection.

Patience Has a Purpose | By Renae Buck



Sully the Mustang, 2019 © EMBRACE

Patience is a lesson I've struggled with my whole life! Horses have helped me understand how important it is. I have a new mustang a few months out of the wild. He's very human sensitive. The poor guy doesn't understand all the demands I'm putting on him. He's afraid, anxious, confused and in a whole new world.

I'm finding a new level of patience is needed to reach this mustang. I could force him, but I want him to accept the things I'm asking him to do on his own. There is balance in horse training, and patience, feel and timing are key to a good partnership and a

happy, willing horse. Releasing a horse at the time of true surrender, takes patience! Sometimes the wait is excruciating, and sometimes they give themselves quickly. This reminds me of humans! God waits so patiently for us to submit ourselves to Him and choose partnership with Him.

We experience consequences for poor choices just like horses do while training. Unlike humans, God's timing and feel is always perfect. His patience is unending and carries divine purpose! He waits for us!

While handling your horse this month remember God's patience and extend patience to your own horse.

Training tip for the month:

Wait for two signs of release: a soft eye, a bend, or step your way, a cocked leg, a deep sigh, a lick and chew or yawn. Then look for a few more, waiting patiently. Then you will obtain deeper partnership and connection with your horse. Patience has a purpose!