

Upcoming Events

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<u>SEPTEMBER</u> 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!



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/



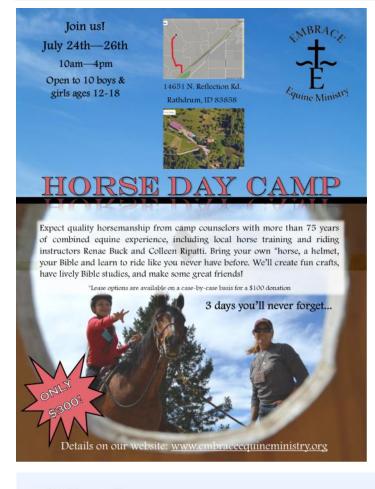
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Rosie and Deuce, 2019 © EMBRACE

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 strengthened age, but EMBRACE mv relationship with God. I would most definitely recommend it to other people. It was a good learning experience and lots of fun."



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*





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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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!