



Nipper Knolls Equine Center, Inc. Nipper Knolls, Inc.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PROGRAM NEWS:

We are extending our 2021 season to include the winter months dependent on volunteer availability and the weather.

Some guidelines:

- * Lessons will be based on a week to week schedule (not a 5 week session)
- * We will use the temperature of a predicted 35 degrees to have lessons. (this may change if we find the indoor runs significantly warmer than the outside temp)
- * Please let me know if you are interested in continuing lessons. We have some flexibility in day and time.

ALSO: We are looking to bring on a second certified instructor. If you know someone who may be interested please share our information and let me know. Thanks!

ALSO: Is there any interest in a horsemanship program designed to provide instruction from basic horse care to more advanced horse handling? This is not necessarily for children with special needs....it could be young adults or parents of our riders. Let me know...

HORSE FUN FACTS: Did you know?

Thoroughbred race horses celebrate their birthday on January 1st of each year. This is to keep the racing age categories consistent throughout the year...regardless of the horse's actual birthday. It's also why most breeders want their foals (baby horses) born by Spring of each year. The closer to January the more potential to have an edge on the competition.

Sonny had his 29th "race" birthday but his real birthday is March 13th.



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Mission Statement

Promote the benefits of Equine Assisted Activities & Therapies(EAAT)

Provide the facility, equipment, horses & support personnel required to perform EAAT

Provide assistance for retraining of abused/neglected horses and integrate into the EAAT whenever possible.

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The Alfred Z. Solomon Veterans Program:

This 8 week program offers horsemanship through driving instruction, free of charge to the veteran. We are partnered with Saratoga Peer to Peer Connection. Lessons are weekly and provided on a one to one basis. Veterans can bring a loved one to share in the experience. Please ask David if you have questions or know a veteran who may be interested.

VOLUNTEER NEWS:

We can't **THANK** our volunteers enough for the dedication and generosity that you continually give to the program. We've said it a hundred times... **without volunteers... there would be no program.**

FUNdraising:

Amazon Smile: We are a registered non-profit 501 c 3 to receive a % of your purchases (at no cost to you). Please use Amazon Smile and chose NKEC.

Virtual Basket Party...We are planning on having a 25 basket virtual party in February. Details will be updated as the event developes.

Telescope Patio Set Raffle: \$20/ticket with 75 tickets to be sold. Live drawing when all tickets are sold. This is set is an \$800 value. Let me know if you would like to purchase tickets or if you would like to sell tickets...thank you

We would LOVE to sell 20 more tickets!!!

Please spread the word to family and friends.

Purchase tickets though Paypal via our website.



If you are interested in helping out with an event or have a great idea for fundraising;

Please contact Roxanne Peck.

518-642-9453

Horse Updates:

Max remains on stall rest and limited activity for a torn tendon in his left hind leg. We are hopeful he will return to lessons in the Spring.

Luke underwent surgery for a tumor in his left front hoof. He is home and recuperating with stall rest and limited activity. We are hopeful he will start with lessons in the summer.

Quincy and **Frankie** are being ridden regularly and doing well. Both are looking forward to lessons.

Sonny remains retired from the program but being ridden regularly and enjoying life.

Looking forward to a GREAT 2021

Cathy and David