



*Spring 2006*

*Kent Special  
Riding Program*

*Open House  
KSRP Celebrates 30 Years!*

Join us on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> for an Open House at the barn to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> year of operations! Since 1976, KSRP has served over 5,000 riders of all ages and abilities, providing high quality therapeutic and recreational horseback riding instruction to physically, mentally, and emotionally challenged individuals in Kent and surrounding counties. KSRP strives to maximize the potential of all individuals involved in the program in a safe and stimulating environment.

*Learn about our program*

*Meet the horses*



*Volunteer opportunities*



*Meet the students*

*Light refreshments*

*Renew old friendships*

*Recognition Ceremony*

*Watch program classes*

**Looking for Volunteers!**

Volunteers participate as horse leaders or side walkers. Time commitment is 2-3 hours, once a week for 6 weeks. The next Volunteer Training session will be **April 10** at 7:00 pm at the barn. The training session and experience with horses are helpful, but not required in order to volunteer. If you are interested in helping out, please call Connie at 891-8243.

# Meet Some of Our Program Horses



Eagle is a 27-year-old Arabian and is the newest member of our KSRP family.

Prince's wonderful size and temperament have made him one of the most-used horses in our herd. He is an 11-year-old Welsh-Percheron.



Dancer is an Arabian who came to us in 1996 when he was 11 years old.

Mandy is a 7-year-old pony who joined our herd last August.



Jamie is a 26-year-old Arabian who has been with us for 7 years.

Ruby is a 19-year-old Percheron who joined us in 2001.



Harbor is a 23-year-old Arab-Appaloosa who came to KSRP in 2000.

Tango is a 19-year-old Morgan-Quarter Horse who joined us in 2003.



Carter is a 23-year-old Appaloosa who has been with us for 2 years.

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## Work Day!

Please come help us get ready for another great year at KSRP! Work Day is **April 15<sup>th</sup>** from 9-3. Free lunch will be provided. Dress for the weather and bring gloves, shovels, rakes, tools, etc.

### *2006 KSRP Schedule:*

**Volunteer training: April 10**  
**Work Day: April 15 9:00 - 3:00**  
**Spring Session: April 17 - May 27**

**Volunteer training: June 12**  
**Summer Session: June 19 - July 29**

**Open House: July 8**

**Volunteer training: September 11**  
**Fall Session: September 18 – October 28**

**28th Annual Ride-A-Thon: September 30**



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