



Spring 2007

*Kent Special
Riding Program*

Spotlight on Volunteers!

KSRP would like to recognize a special volunteer. **Vickie VanderBunte** has volunteered with KSRP for several years, and recently moved to Indiana. We were very short-handed on Saturdays last Fall, and **Vickie** drove to KSRP from Valparaiso, Indiana *three times* to volunteer on Saturdays! We sincerely appreciate Vickie's dedication to our riders.



photos courtesy of Kit Kolenda

Each rider at KSRP requires 1-3 volunteers working directly with them to provide a safe riding experience. When we don't have enough volunteers, the riders receive less riding time. Please help us recruit more volunteers. We have brochures and flyers available to post at your work, church, school, etc.

Spring Volunteer Training!

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 9** 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. **Please call at least a week before the training so we can mail you information you will need before the training.**

Thank You Mary Free Bed!

KSRP would also like to recognize the **Mary Free Bed Fund** for a very generous grant given in support of the program. This grant will help us to continue to provide high quality therapeutic and recreational horseback riding instruction to physically, mentally, and emotionally challenged individuals in Kent and surrounding counties. Thank you very much Mary Free Bed!

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Work Day!

Please come help us get ready for another great year at KSRP! Work Day is **April 14th** from 9-3. Free lunch will be provided. Dress for the weather and bring gloves, shovels, rakes, tools, etc.

2007 KSRP Schedule:

Volunteer training: April 9
Work Day: April 14 9:00 - 3:00
Spring Session: April 16 - May 26

Volunteer training: June 11
Summer Session: June 18 - July 28

Volunteer training: September 10
Fall Session: September 17 – November 3

29th Annual Ride-A-Thon: October 6



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