



Spring 2008

*Kent Special
Riding Program*

Behind the Scenes at KSRP

KSRP operates three 6-week riding sessions each year, but a lot goes on the other 34 weeks of the year. We'd like to introduce you to some of the events and people involved in keeping our horses healthy, happy and well-fed during the year.

Hay!

Our hay crew loads about 1500 bales of hay each year into the hay loft to feed our herd of 12-15 horses.



Amy Plets gathers up the chaff after loading.



Lee Yeiter supplies a wonderful quality hay and even helps us load it!

Fence Work



Jon Hoeksema helps with hay and fence repairs. Repairing and maintaining fences is a never-ending job.

Feeding



Amy Plets, Deb Schumacher and Trevor, Fran & Josh Vrona feed the horses twice a day.

Trimming



Andy DeBoer trims their hooves every 6-8 weeks.

Dental Work



Dr. Duane Fitzgerald works on Cody's teeth.

Chiropractic Care



Dr. Jean Romanik performs a chiropractic adjustment on Jamie.

New Windows!

Last Thanksgiving, Instructor Brenda Alters submitted a Thanksgiving Wish to the Grand Rapids Press asking for six windows in our classroom and tack room to be replaced. Some were broken and all were letting in the dampness and cold. Kathleen Higgins stepped up and, after seeing the condition of the remaining 4 windows, decided to donate and install 10 brand new high quality windows! They are now in place and look wonderful! Better yet, the tack room and classroom are now more protected from the weather. Thank you, Kathleen, for such a wonderful contribution to KSRP!

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Volunteers!

Thank you to the many new volunteers who worked with KSRP this summer. Many of you found out about us through the Buyers' Guide. 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 14** at 7:00 pm at the barn. If you are interested in helping out, please call Connie at 891-8243.

2008 KSRP Schedule:

Work Day: April 12 9:00 - 3:00

Volunteer training: April 14

Spring Session: April 21 - May 31

Volunteer training: June 9

Summer Session: June 16 - July 26

Volunteer training: September 8

Fall Session: September 15 – November 1

30th Annual Ride-A-Thon: October 4



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