



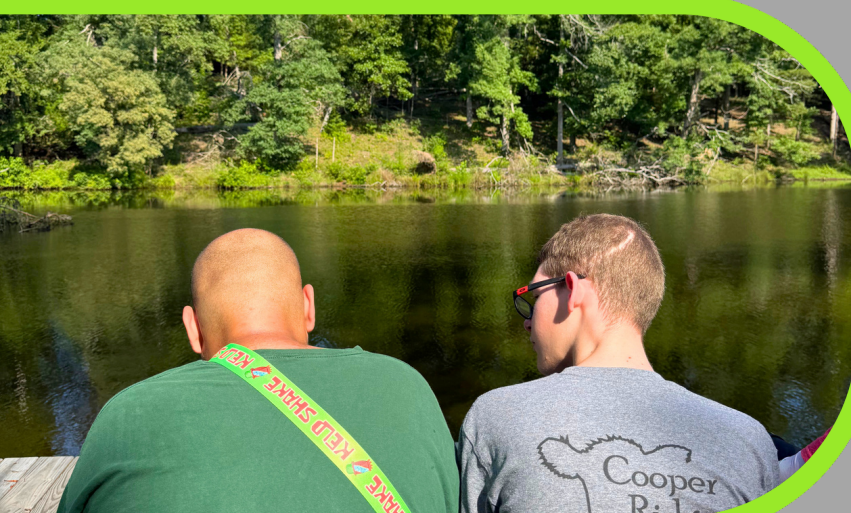
THE BARNYARD BULLETIN

August 2026

July Recap

July brought plenty of sunshine...and plenty of heat! To keep both our participants and animal partners safe and comfortable, we adjusted our activities to beat the summer temperatures while still enjoying all the fun and meaningful moments the farm has to offer. We brought ice to our smallest animal partners and made sure everyone had access to cooling fans and shady spots.

This month also brought exciting new beginnings as we welcomed our newest animal partners, our adorable chicks! It has been so much fun watching them grow and seeing their unique personalities begin to shine in such a short time. We can't wait to watch them continue to grow and learn more about life at Cooper Ridge!



Volunteer With Us!

Love animals, the outdoors, and giving back to your community? Join the Cooper Ridge volunteer team! From assisting with sessions to helping around the farm, there are plenty of ways to get involved and make a difference!

Click the link out to learn more and fill out a volunteer application now: **[Volunteer Information](#)**



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What's Happening at Cooper Ridge?

Looking Ahead

As many participants head back to school this August, our team is dedicating time to planning our fall program and events.

Mark your calendars for our annual Family Fun Day which will take place on 11/7/26. This special event gives our farm families the chance to spend a fun-filled day together enjoying delicious food, games, activities, and making lasting memories on the farm.

On November 30th, we'll host our first-ever Golf Classic, a fundraiser supporting our programs and our upcoming expansion. This exciting event will not only help raise critical funds but also introduce more members of our community to the life-changing work happening at Cooper Ridge Farm.

If you'd like to volunteer, become a sponsor, or help make either of these events a success, we'd love to hear from you! Please email friends@cooperridgefarm.org to learn how you can get involved.

Upcoming Fundraisers

We have two exciting fundraisers coming up this fall, and we'd love for you to join the fun while supporting Cooper Ridge Farm!

Inventory Clean-Out Sale- September 8-18

It's time to make room for new merchandise! For two weeks in early September, we'll be offering special sales on our current t-shirt inventory. Whether you've been eyeing a Cooper Ridge Farm shirt or want to add another to your collection, this is the perfect opportunity to grab one at a great price while supporting our mission. Local pickup will take place on Saturday, September 19th at our new property.

Name That Chick Fundraiser- October 4-11

Help us give our newest feathered friends their forever names! During this week-long fundraiser, you can submit the name of your choice for just \$5 per entry. At the end of the fundraiser, the name with the most entries for each chick will officially become that chick's name! It's a fun and interactive way to support the farm while becoming part of our newest animal partners' story.

Success Story

One of our participants recently began incorporating speech therapy into her weekly sessions at the farm, and it has been wonderful to watch her grow. She comes each week ready to work hard and eagerly looks forward to spending time with her speech therapist. In just a short amount of time, she has made meaningful progress and continues to build her confidence through engaging, farm-based activities. We are so proud of her dedication and can't wait to see all she continues to accomplish!

"The bond with a pet is as lasting as the ties of this earth can ever be."
-Konrad Lorenz

Did you know?
Cows only have one stomach, but it is split into 4 chambers & they spend hours chewing food a 2nd time called cud!

How Can I Help?

Donate Now!



<https://cooperridgefarm.org/donate>

Corporate Sponsorships



<https://cooperridgefarm.org/corporate-opportunities>



Amazon Wishlist

<https://shorturl.at/zSiL1>



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Beyond The Barn

In this section you'll gain an inside look at Cooper Ridge and the world of Animal Assisted Interventions, while learning how our work creates meaningful change through education and outreach.

**Have you listened to our latest podcast episode yet?
Click the link to the right to listen now!**



Why Is Enrichment Important?

At Cooper Ridge Farm, our animal partners do much more than simply live on the farm. They play an important role in helping our participants learn, grow, and build confidence. Just like people, animals need opportunities to stay mentally stimulated, physically active, and engaged with their environment. This is where enrichment comes in.

Enrichment is an essential part of animal welfare and is just as important as proper nutrition, veterinary care, and a safe place to live. By providing a variety of enrichment activities, we encourage our animals to express their natural behaviors, reduce boredom, and maintain happy, healthy lives. An enriched animal is more confident, curious, and eager to interact, creating meaningful experiences for both the animals and our participants.

What Does Enrichment Look Like at Cooper Ridge Farm?

Enrichment can take many forms, and our participants often play an active role in providing it! Some of our favorite enrichment activities include:

- Agility courses and climbing structures that encourage our goats and other animals to jump, climb, explore, and interact with participants in exciting new ways.
- Treat and puzzle boxes that encourage natural foraging behaviors by having animals think to discover their favorite snacks.
- Large Jolly Balls that provide opportunities for playful kicking, pushing, tossing, and exploring.
- Self-grooming stations with scrub brushes placed throughout the farm, allowing animals to scratch and groom themselves whenever they choose.

These activities help strengthen the bond between our participants and animal partners. As participants help build obstacle courses or hide treats, they are also developing communication, problem-solving, motor, and social skills in a fun and meaningful way.

At Cooper Ridge Farm, every enrichment activity supports our mission of promoting the well-being of both our participants and our animal partners. When animals thrive, they are better able to do what they do best...connect with people and make a lasting impact, one interaction at a time.

Podcast Link

Spotify:

<https://shorturl.at/OXO2O>

Apple:

<https://shorturl.at/EiqAN>





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Golf Classic Information

Come along with us as we tee up for an incredible event that will support the individualized therapy programs that we have here at Cooper Ridge!



West Lake Country Club
November 30, 2026

Teams Still Available!

Register your team today and join us for a day of fun while making a positive impact!

What does your registration include?

- Player gifts
- Lunch & beverages
- On-course games and contests
- Access to raffles and a silent auction

Every team registration and sponsorship directly supports Cooper Ridge Farm by helping fund our programs and our expansion to a new property. Your participation makes it possible for us to continue providing meaningful animal-assisted services to those we serve.

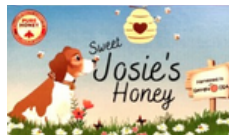
Why Sponsor?

Gain valuable exposure within the community while connecting with golfers, farm families, and the participants whose lives are impacted by your support. It's a meaningful opportunity to showcase your business while seeing firsthand the difference you're helping make.

Thank You Sponsors!



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Golf Classic Info

Months Until
The Golf Classic:

4



Tickets/ Sponsors

<https://cooperridgefarm.betterworld.org/events/1st-annual-cooper-ridge-farm-gol>



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Meet The Team



Participant Spotlight: Kayden

Meet Kayden! This is his second program with Cooper Ridge Farm, and we have loved watching him grow during his time with us. In such a short time, Kayden has shown incredible progress and built confidence. He loves playing with the giant ball and stacking blocks, and he always looks forward to visiting the chickens during his time here!

Animal Partner: Qandy

Meet Qandy! She is the daughter to Quinley, and the niece to our youngest cow, Qiwi! Qandy actually arrived at the farm before her mom, and when the two were reunited, it was a moment we'll never forget. From across the farm, Qandy called out for her mom and ran straight to her side! Qandy is a gentle girl who loves her training sessions and takes her treats so gently! She really is as sweet as candy!



Volunteer Spotlight: Cambrey Wood

Meet Cambrey! This is her second program as a volunteer and we are incredibly thankful for the time, dedication, and heart she brings to our farm family. With years of service in the Army, Cambrey brings valuable experience in leadership, organization, and managing projects of all sizes which are all skills that shine through in everything she does here at the farm. She works hard without being asked, takes initiative, and brings a steady presence that both our team and animals appreciate. We are so grateful to Cambrey and appreciate the impact she continues to make!



Upcoming Events

August 5
Farm Closed

August 17
Fall Registration

August 21
Summer Program
Ends

August 24- Sept 7
Farm Closed

September 8
Fall Program Begins



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