



4STEPS Therapeutic Riding Program

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Dear Riders, Parents, and Caregivers and Volunteers,

It's time to start planning for our 2020 riding season. All your 2-legged and 4-legged friends at 4STEPS look forward to serving with you and fulfilling the needs for recreational riding and equine assisted learning activities in the coming year. The Early Spring Session begins the week of March 3rd.

Help us plan our 2021 sessions by completing the attached registration forms and sending it back to the office. A Program Calendar is also attached. Please keep for your scheduling.

All participants should update their application and physicians referral form.

Go to our website at www.4stepstrp.org and print one out.

PLEASE MAKE SURE IT IS ON FILE BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE SESSION. THANKYOU!

SESSION POLICIES: The Participant's manual can be found online at www.4stepstrp.org

Lessons take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays mornings and afternoons. Call the office, email or message on FB to reserve your special time with our AMAZING horses and staff.

Recreational Riding for Special Needs (mounted) – Our goal is to place all students in a group-lesson atmosphere so that the participants can develop peer groups and friendships at the farm. Our program offers skill-based instruction in which students learn progressively, at their own pace ultimately obtaining the goal of independence in the saddle.

Fee - The cost of a regular 6-week riding session is **\$240**. Because we know that it is a hardship for families to pay for multiple participants, we offer siblings a reduced rate. **PLEASE** call the Program Director (PD) for family rates and to discuss agency group rates.

Equine Assisted Learning Activities (unmounted) - Offered for those individuals who are unable or unwilling to horseback ride but still enjoy spending time with the horses and learning about horsemanship. Program includes grooming, feeding, learning natural horsemanship and spending quality time with the animals and staff. **Fee** - The cost is \$180 for a regular 6-week session.

HORSEPLAY Adaptive Summer Camp (Offered when grant funding is available) - HORSEPLAY offers a safe and integrated horse experience for children with disabilities and their families. Horseplay camp varies depending on availability of funding. The immersion in nature with horses is a unique experience and allows for families to be together in an tribe of other families and caregivers. Please contact the PD for more information.

MAKE ARRANGEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN ADVANCE. All services require registration and payment up front to reserve spots. Riders unable to pay the session fee should contact our PD for assistance in obtaining tuition assistance. If you are working with an agency to provide for funds, we will give you an invoice upon request.

Inclement Weather and Adverse Conditions - If the weather is adverse for conducting lessons on your scheduled lesson date or time the instructor may cancel the lesson. However, the weather on the Eastern Shore is often different in one place than in another. Lessons may be cancelled if the conditions at the farm are adverse, therefore if the weather where you are is inclement do not assume the lesson will be cancelled.

Make-up Lessons. Makeup classes must be scheduled during the current session or arranged otherwise with the instructor. Makeup classes will be offered subject to availability of the instructor, horses and staff.

**4STEPS THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM
REGISTRATION FORM 2021**

Participant's Name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____ Early Spring ____ Late Spring ____

Please designate preferred day and time. We will try to accommodate your preference. If you have a problem scheduling during these times call to discuss other possibilities.

PAYMENT INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION FORM: \$ _____

Military Monday (for Veterans only) _____

Tuesday AM _____

Tuesday afternoon (after school/work) _____

Wednesday AM _____

Wednesday afternoon (after school/work) _____

Thursday AM _____

Thursday afternoon (after school/work) _____

Saturday AM _____

Saturday afternoon _____

SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTED Yes ____ No ____

If you would like to be considered for a tuition assistance, please provide the information below.

Describe your need for assistance:

Describe how the participant will benefit from equine assisted activities:

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4STEPS Program and Administrative Calendar 2021

Winter Break and Program Planning Jan 1 – Mar 1 No Lessons		
New Participant and New Volunteer Orientation Sat. Feb 27 11AM – 1PM Volunteer Training March 14th Sunday 1:00 – 4:00pm Planned activities include safety procedures, role playing, and ride rewards		
Early Spring 1	Mar 1 – Apr 12	
Late Spring 2	April 13 – May 24	
Saturday May 8 Mother's Day Open House Tribute to our Moms, our Friends, and our Families		
Early Summer 1	Jun 1 – July 19	Recess no riding July 2-8
Late Summer 2	Jul 20 - Aug 16	Abbreviated 4-wk session
Sunday August 22 End of Summer Volunteer Appreciation Tribute to our volunteers Please help make this a special day for our hard working and dedicated volunteers!		
Back to school Recess and Fall Planning Aug 17 – Sept 27 No Lessons New Participant and New Volunteer Orientation Sat. Sept 25th 11AM – 1PM Volunteer Training Oct 10th Sunday 1:00 – 4:00pm Planned activities include safety procedures, role playing, and ride rewards		
Early Fall	Oct 5 – Nov 15	
Halloween Walk-Ride-a-thon October 26-30		
Late Fall	Nov 16 – Dec 31	No classes Thanksgiving and Christmas

