



4STEPS Therapeutic Riding Program

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Dear Riders, Parents, Caregivers, Resource Coordinators and Volunteers,

It's time to start planning for our 2024 riding season. 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 5th.

Help us plan our 2024 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. Contact the office to reserve your special time with our AMAZING horses and staff.

Adaptive Riding (mounted) – Our program offers skill-based instruction in which students learn progressively at their own pace ultimately obtaining independence in the saddle.

Fee-The cost of a 6-week riding session is \$240; 4 week abbreviated summer session \$160.

Because we know that it is a hardship for families to pay for multiple participants we offer siblings a reduced rate. Call for family rates and to discuss agency group rates.

Equine Assisted Learning Experiences (unmounted) – This program is unmounted where the participant is guided through activities with horses. There are different kinds of equine programs and they have different goals for the people involved. *Fee - The cost is \$180 for a regular 6-week session; \$120 for 4 week abbreviated summer session. The cost for summer camp will be determined based on grant funding.*

HORSEPLAY Adaptive Summer Camp (offered when grant funding is available) - A safe and integrated horse experience for 4STEPS families. HORSEPLAY varies depending on availability of funding. The immersion in nature with horses is a unique experience and allows for families to be together in a tribe of other families and caregivers.

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 apply for tuition assistance. If you are working with an agency for funding we will provide 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. Please call the office to make arrangements.

**4STEPS THERAPEUTIC RIDING PROGRAM
REGISTRATION FORM 2024**

Participant's Name _____

Phone _____ email _____

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.

Early Spring ____ Late Spring ____

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 ___

To be considered for tuition assistance please provide the information below.

Describe your need for assistance

Describe how the participant will benefit from equine assisted activities

Mail to:

4STEPS Therapeutic Riding Program, 5367 Sixty Foot Rd, Parsonsburg, MD 21849

4STEPS Program Calendar 2024

Please keep for planning

Winter Break and Program Planning Jan 1 – Mar 5 No Lessons

New Participant and New Volunteer Orientation Saturday February 25 11AM–1PM

Volunteer Training Saturday March 25 1PM– 4PM

Planned activities include safety procedures, role playing, and ride rewards

Early Spring	Mar 5 – Apr 13	6 weekly lessons
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Late Spring	April 16 – May 25	6 weekly lessons
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Saturday May 11 Mother’s Day Open House

Tribute to our Moms, our Friends, and our Families

Early Summer	June 4 – June 29	4 weekly lessons
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Summer Recess (July 1- Jul 8) no lessons

Late Summer	Jul 9 - Aug 3	4 weekly lessons
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HORSEPLAY Summer Camp 1 (August 13 – 15)

HORSEPLAY Summer Camp 2 (August 20-22)

Volunteer Appreciation Thanks to our Volunteers Sunday Aug 4

Please help make this a special day for our hard working and dedicated volunteers!

Back to school Recess and Fall Planning (Aug 23–Sept 30) No Lessons

New Participant and New Volunteer Orientation

(Saturday Sept 22nd 11AM – 1PM)

Volunteer Training (Saturday, September 28th 1:00 – 4:00pm)

Planned activities include safety procedures, role playing, and ride rewards

Early Fall	Oct 1–Nov 9	6 weekly lessons
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Halloween Walk-Ride-a-thon Fundraiser (October 26-31)

Late Fall	Nov 24 – Dec 31	6 weekly lessons No Lessons on Thanksgiving and Christmas Days
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