



# Gallopin' Greetings

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## YEAH SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!

During the Winter quarter we had some fun events here at Spring Willow Farm. We started out the season with our Winter lecture series. A four week set of Saturday lectures on various horse related topics, the most popular of which was on jump course building. The Farm also hosted two AAPH meetings, one in January and one in March.

At the January meeting we had a horse herd behavior observation activity, using our own horses, and at the March meeting we had a saddle fitting. Finally, and probably the most fun, we hosted our Spring Un-mounted Horse Show on Saturday, March 25th. The students enjoyed participating in a variety of classes on foot, from Steeplechase to Izzy Dizzy. After an enjoyable first quarter, we are ready to move into our Spring quarter where we have many other great events planned.



Above: un-mounted horse show participants showing off their horses. Right Rebecca Mitchell during the target class



## SPRING TIME ACTIVITIES

At the end of April we are offering a Mix & Match 2-Phase. This is an open competition and we already have some outside riders entered. Some school horses are available for lease to students that qualify and will be selected through a lottery system for each SWF student that enters. On the same day as the 2-phase we'll have our spring tag sale. If you have an item to sell bring it by before the sale. In the past students have been able to find some good bargains.

In May we are running a turnout seminar and our Spring student horse show. It is mandatory for students that haven't completed one, to do a turnout seminar, in order to participate in the spring student show. We are offering our Spring show a bit earlier this season in hopes not to interfere with summer plans and holidays. Please remember there won't be lessons for any of the school horses the Friday before and the Monday after the student show. As usual students will need to get horses ready for the show on Friday afternoon and after the long weekend of work we let the horses have Monday off. Look for entry forms when we get closer to the show date in the main barn.

In June our second open event the first of three Field Day Competitions will take place on Sunday the twenty-sixth. Like the Mix & Match 2-phase this activity is also

available to qualified SWF students. Ask your instructor if you are eligible. Also on that day we will host the farm barbeque for students and their families. So please make sure you mark your calendar for it. That is all we have set for the second quarter calendar so far.

Even though we aren't having a Summer Horsemanship Program in June this year we have started taking deposits for the July and August sessions. The space is limited so please reserve your space. Downloadable forms will be available soon on the website and hardcopies will be in the information center in the main barn.

An updated list of added activities can be found on the "Farm Happenings" page on our website so please check the website regularly.

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### Leadline Corner



Leadline lessons are starting up again for spring. If you haven't heard from Adri yet please call farm to schedule a time.



## Signup for our Summer Horsemanship Program Now

July 17th –21st & August 14th – 18th

### General Information

- \* Time 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Mon to Fri.
- \* Fee is \$325.00 per week per student
- \* Must be able to ride in a group lesson.
- \* Limited spaces available for each session.
- \* Students will be assigned a horse for the week.
- \* Must be registered in SWF horsemanship program.

### Daily Activities Include

- \* Daily mounted & un-mounted horsemanship lessons
- \* Stable maintenance
- \* After lunch games
- \* Horsemanship videos
- \* Un-mounted Horse Show
- \* Incentive Awards



Deposit of \$50 is needed to reserve a space  
Forms available soon online & in the Main Barn aisle

### Barn Bulletin Board

- \* 4/17-20 Sch. Vac. Horseplay Day's
- \* 4/23 Mix & Match 2-Phase
- \* 4/23 Tag Sale
- \* 5/6 Turnout seminar
- 5/20 & 21 Student Horse Show
- \* 6/25 1st Field Day competition
- \* 6/25 Farm barbeque

### Open Competitions

**Mix & Match 2-Phase  
Sunday 4/23/06**

**1st Field Day Competition  
Sunday 6/25/06**

School horses available for lease to SWF students  
*Ask your instructor about eligibility*  
Volunteers also needed

### SWF Tag Sale

Sunday 4/23/06

(Same Day as Mix & Match)

Used riding clothes

SWF 30% commission on each item

10am to 2pm

## Barn Updates/News.



- 1/15 & 3/19 AAPH Meetings January meeting was very interesting watching the behavior of the horses when interacting together. At March meeting we had a wonderful saddle fitting Demo with Linda Chita (owner of The Mane Place tack shop in Uxbridge)
- 1/14 & 28 2/11& 25 Winter Lecture Series Went very well with good turnout of students at each one.
- 2/20-23February school vacation Horseplay Days We had enough participants to run three out of the four days that were offered.
- 3/15 Irvings 27th Birthday YES *Irvy Baby* is 27 and is still one of our favorites. There were a few other horse birthdays in March. Allegra, Joker, Nina, & Jelliy's B-day is on 4/5/06
- 3/25 Un-mounted Horse Show Students were the ones doing all the work while their horse watched and wore the ribbons. Always a fun afternoon of running and jumping. See picture on front page.



## Apparel Order

Orders will be accepted until Saturday 4/22  
payment must accompany all orders

Order forms available in main barn aisle

Jackets Warm-up pants

\$55.00 \$38.00

These jackets and warm-up pants are fleece lined with nylon shell made by Rennoc. Great for spring, fall & work well when layering in winter.

When ordering keep in mind pants run on the small side





# Horsemanship Program's 2006 Annual Registration & Release Form

Fun & safety while learning horsemanship!

Spring Willow Farm Owned & Operated by The Palmer family at 18 Blackstone Street Mendon, MA 01756

## READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY; SIGN IT ONLY IF YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND IT!

### "WARNING"

"UNDER MASSACHUSETTS LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM INHERANT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PERSUANT TO SECTION 2D OF CHAPTER 128 OF THE GENERAL LAWS"

An annual registration fee is required when participating in the SWF Horsemanship Program. Fee must accompany this form when beginning the program or by the first lesson of each riding season (January 1st to December 31st) with return students.

**Registration Fees:** \$25.00 per student or \$40.00 per family

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D/O/B (if under 18 yrs. ) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #'s (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian info if different from above:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency if I can not be reached please contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Authorization

In event that the above named student requires emergency medical treatment on account of any accident or injury which may occur in connection with activities at Spring Willow Farm, the authorities at Spring Willow Farm are here by given authority to provide all such medical treatment for the above student including administration of anesthesia.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Parent or Guardian is required if under 18 years)

### RELEASE

I recognize the inherent risks involved with equine related activities, riding, handling and learning to ride in particular. In taking lessons at Spring Willow Farm, I assume any risk of injury and further, I voluntarily release Spring Willow Farm's owners (David and Lorna Palmer), it's instructor (Adrianna Kerr) and agents from any responsibility on account of any injury I or my child or ward may sustain while receiving instruction or while involved with any activities in connection therewith and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Spring Willow Farm, it's owner's David and Lorna Palmer. Its Instructor (Adriaana Kerr) and agents on account of any such claim.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Parent or Guardian is required if under 18 years)





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Horsemanship!*

We are  
online!



## Website up date

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Our website is on line now.

**[www.springwillowhorsefarm.com](http://www.springwillowhorsefarm.com)**

Some of the features it has are:

- Info on our program policies
- Current rates & services
- Bios on instructors (still working on this page)
- School horse pictures & info
- Links to other websites
- Forms to download
- Bulletin board
- Schedule up dates
- Pictures of SWF events