Silver Buckle Youth Equestrian Center

MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



We will miss you!!

Kaydence

Kaydence, SBYEC barn hand, who has been with us for two years is moving on to a new full-time job. We will miss him, but we're also so grateful for the time he spent here. He was initially hired as a barn hand, handling feeding and caring for the horses here. Since then, he expanded his skill set (and his value to us!) significantly. Kaydence drove the tractor regularly to drag the arena, dispose of manure and perform other tasks. He built many fences on property, constructed shelters, helped with getting water running to the restroom area and stepped in to help wrangle children at our summer camps.

We wish you the best at your new job. And we will see you when you come back to volunteer! Thanks for being a part of our team!



SBYEC Revamps the Arena!

You may have noticed some BIG improvements in the arena at SBYEC lately! We've replaced the footing! Previously, it was only dirt, and with a lot of effort, we've now added sand. The horses, riders and instructors are enjoying it - it's way less dusty and provides much better support for the horses. All of this had to be done on our shoestring budget, and so many people came together to get the project done. Private donors (you know who you are!) and boarder donations made the sand purchase possible. Thank you so very much for your contributions! We absolutely couldn't have done it without you.

In addition to these financial contributions, lots of volunteers came together and contributed their time (and muscle!) to leveling the base of the arena before the sand came in. The Rein & Shine 4-h Club wielded shovels, pick axes, rakes and more in their efforts to level it. They did a fantastic job! Pictured above is Rami (a 4-h dad) and Kendra (a long-time boarder at the Buckle). Thank you for your assistance with this project and many others!! We appreciate you beyond measure.

- SBYEC Board & Management



Student Highlight

Luci & Dixie

Luci has been riding at the Silver Buckle for one year. In January, the Trotter family made a big leap and bought a horse for her! Welcome Dixie, a cute little pony-sized Haflinger. The pair are bonding and learning new things together. They participated in our trail clinic and jump clinic. They've started cantering together on and off the lunge line, and are progressing quite quickly!

Luci is a member of the Rein & Shine 4-h Club and plans to show and participate in other 4-h events this year. She also plans to do jumping and some gaming someday... she wants to try all of the fun things! Best of luck, Luci, and great job!

Events Corner

March 22nd: Critter Club
April 11th: Spring Farm Friends (move-up students... we're handing out ribbons at this event!!)
April 25th: Pilates, Ponies and Pinot Ladies Event! (Bring your mat, hang with the horses and enjoy some wine with friends!)