

From: Sliver Creek [silvercreek@canufly.net]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2006 12:30 PM
To: Undisclosed-Recipient;
Subject: In the News at Silver Creek...as seasons change...



5025 Bovina Cut-off Road
 Vicksburg, MS 39180
 601-638-8988

In the News

www.silvercreekarena.com

"Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby, to be picked up and laid down like a game of solitaire. It is a grand passion. It seizes a person whole and, once it has done so, he will have to accept that his life will be radically changed."
 Ralph Waldo Emerson

August 21, 2006

As seasons change...

We always need to reflect for a moment...as the education(s) received from our own living histories become the building blocks of our futures, and, those memories created become everlasting pictures painted in our minds to review at will.

So, a quick review of what I like to remember as the 'Summer of 06' is in order before we unveil the next season's calendar.

Last report, we looked at the successful clinic conducted by the outstanding coaches from Auburn University. Unreported to date were the educational clinics conducted by renown showman Sean Zimmerman, putting some last minute 'show shine' on our youth group before going to the district 4-H competitions...which, by the way, resulted in most all of Silver Creek's youth team qualifying for State Level advancements...which, by the way, resulted in considerable placings in the top 12 of the state and even one huge First Place win for our group. The fact that we made it to that level of competition and stood in that company speaks highly of our efforts to educate and even more highly of the efforts of the youth group and their families to 'go and show' what we are doing. Family clinics through the summer included an introductory clinic to Fox Hunting, conducted by Keenan Garcia. And, a Mexican-American Festival that entertained us with a troupe from Ki Allen's Wild West Show followed by Mexican music, truly authentic Mexican food and a bull fighting demonstration complete with Matadors in gold braided capes...:>)

The highlight of the summer, in my opinion, was the daily summer camp that continued through out the summer. This was the first year of the daily camp that was designed to better accommodate the numbers, and also allow a working student program for our regular campers. Anyone viewing our daily schedule was truly impressed with the amount of work accomplished daily by our working students. Most importantly, all involved have plenty of those everlasting pictures painted in our minds. An overnight camp out was the final treat of the season...memories of the 'Summer of 06' will truly last a lifetime for all of us. To recap it in a short paragraph is almost criminal, but to get it all in would require a 'novel'....:>)

As we plan for the upcoming season, we are discussing several new venues. Critiquing our programs and interviewing our members have led us into more ways to enjoy our equine friends and expand our educational programs. In the making are plans to instigate a 'Living History Horse Show', propagated by our students, depicting the involvement of

the horse through out American history. In addition, we will be offering 'Precision Games', designed to teach the equitation skills of precision movements in competitive games, some individual and some involving team work with 'drill team' skills added. Watch for our announcements of commencement...:>)

We should have more time for communication and website admin now that daily camp is over. As we catch back up, I will try to get our calendar for all upcoming events and clinics updated as soon as possible.

With each note, I try to thank Mary Jane Wooten for her unselfish sharing of the Silver Creek facility with all of us. And special congrats to her on her achievement and Conservation Award presented for her diligence in maintaining the hayfields and creek banks. Please try to remember to help us maintain the facility, conserve the utilities such as water and electrics and deposit all trash in containers. Our rates are directly proportionate to the maintenance and utility bills, so let's all try to be as conservative as possible...:>)

Surely the record heat wave can't last much longer...with our students and families settling into a regular school year schedule, we are structuring our lesson schedules at this time...please contact us for your preferred time...:>)

A special thanks from me to all of you, staff, students, parents and friends for assisting in every way through out the summer...and for your thoughts and prayers for my family...and for Silver Creek's own Mr. Leon and his family...:>)

Come learn with us...bring your friends:>)

Missy Theobald
Director of Education
Silver Creek Equestrian Club
www.silvercreekarena.com
601.638.8988 office
601.415.4456 cell
silvercreek@canufly.net email