



# December 2009 Newsletter

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- We have scheduled our annual Christmas Caroling party for Friday, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> 5-8:00pm. Everyone is invited, so please mark your calendar. We will go Christmas Caroling at 5:30 and return to the barn for refreshments. Bring a friend and the whole family. Please RSVP so we can plan a great party!
- We are also offering an overnight camp on December 11 along with the Christmas party. The cost is \$150 and the kids will ride, feed, sleep over the barn, enjoy a bonfire and many interesting horse stories. Please let us know if you are interested and leave a \$50 deposit to reserve your spot.
- We do a lot of our communication through email. Please let us know if you feel like you are not receiving the emails or have a change of email address.
- With the time change it will be getting dark earlier, so we will work very hard to get in the ring on time, to get the riders off and horses put away before it's dark. Also, please remember to dress for the cooler weather. It is usually much windier and colder at the farm than in town. Please wear layers, i.e. tights, sweatshirt, gloves, jacket, etc...so your child is comfortable riding in the colder weather.
- Please remember to always wash your bit after riding, and as the weather turns cold be sure to warm your bit before putting on your bridle. Ask if you don't know how and we will be glad to show you.
- Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and helpers. We will be having a fun day for all helpers soon. More info to come!
- Christmas Riding Day Camp, December 21-23 and 28-31. \$85.00/day. We must have 5 riders in order to have a camp. We will have cross country & dressage camps for intermediate and advanced riders. Beginner and intermediate riders will be lunged, play games, and go on trail rides. Everyone eats lunch together. We have lots of interesting and informative "horse talk".
- Please email our camp forms to anyone on your email list. Even if they don't have kids, they may have nieces, nephews, friends, etc that might be interested. Our riding school and camps are unique. Even the top camps in the country don't have the caliber of school horses, instruction, and facilities that Silver Lining Farm has. Remember out of town friends too. We have overnights! Word of mouth is the best advertisement. The recession will downsize many vacations, a week of day or overnight camp may be a wonderful alternative.
- MAKE UP LESSONS - Please remember that we have a 30 day make up policy. If you must miss a lesson or if your lesson is cancelled for any reason, please contact us to reschedule. In order to be able to make up your missed lesson, we must be notified at least two hours before the lessons begin. Please call the barn 634-1229 and leave a message or send an email [silverliningfarm@yahoo.com](mailto:silverliningfarm@yahoo.com). It takes our staff two hours to prepare for lessons.
- Put names on checks... Please write your child's name on your tuition check and what the check is for, i.e. camp, lessons, gloves.
- Parking is located on the left side of the driveway as you come on to the property, across the driveway from the Big Barn, and at the Little Barn. Parents, Please do not drive your vehicle on or around the farm to catch and/or turn out horses!! This is for safety, erosion and health reasons!! Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- Dorothy Maxfield will be here during the fall and winter for dressage and jumping lessons. Please let us know if you would like to sign up for a lesson. Dorothy is a very accomplished horsewoman and national judge. She winters in the southeast teaching. Mimi takes lessons from Dorothy. Mimi feels that Dorothy is one of the best trainers in the country. She has ridden for the United States and earned her gold medal in dressage. Look on the bulletin board in the office to learn more of Dorothy's accomplishments.
- BLANKETS - Please be sure when you remove horses blankets to fold them neatly with the outside of the blanket on the outside; so if it starts raining the blankets don't get wet. Also if you remove horses blankets because the day gets warmer, please fold them neatly and hang the blanket on the closest blanket rack to your horses pasture. Be sure and fold it so that the horses name is seen from hanging on the rack.
- We have Gift Certificates available. They make great birthday and Christmas gifts, etc.... and don't forget Leases make a great gift!! It's the gift that keeps on giving. Please let Mimi know if you are interested in leasing or purchasing a horse. Leasing information...For only \$250 you can ride three more times per week besides your lesson day. If you cannot make it during the week, riding two different horses on Saturday or Sunday works too. You feel like you own a horse without the big commitment. People that ride two or three times a week are amazed at their progress. Even if you only get two rides in besides your lesson, you are getting your moneys worth!!

- Parents – We are very interested in discussing your child's success and accomplishments with you; however, please call, email or make an appointment to answer questions, discuss and/or explain something. The Instructor's and staff are preparing for lessons one hour prior to lesson time and one hour after lessons. Safety comes first. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- ***Tuition is always due on the 1<sup>st</sup>*** and late after the 5<sup>th</sup>. A personal check is our bookkeeper's preferred method of payment. There is an automatic late fee of \$25.00 for tuition received after the 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a Returned Check fee of \$30.00 on all returned checks. **MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO SILVER LINING FARM**. Please remember that tuition is due in full for the month. If your lesson day is missed or falls on a holiday, you can make it up within 30 days. However, the full amount is still due.