

## Session 4 Newsletter -2018

Session 4 saw the official end to summer and the beginning of fall. With it, we have school schedules changing and new students starting. You may see some new faces around your lessons as new students start, or existing students start in new times. It's a great opportunity to make new friends! We'd also like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families.



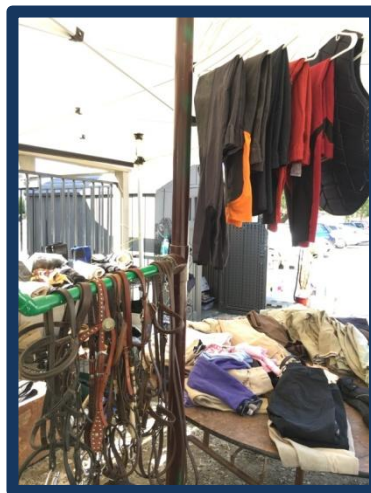
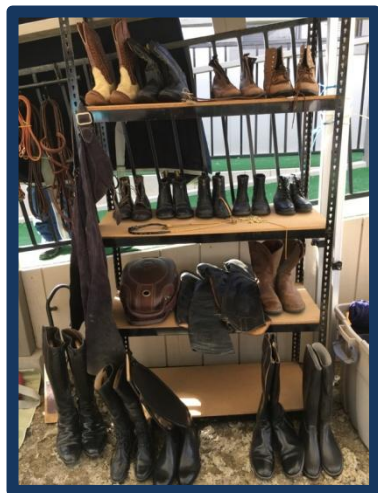
*Friends Lindsey and Torrey, ready for their Sunday lesson*

One of the fun aspects of our lessons are the arena props we use, such as bean bags, stuffed toys, and sensory rings. Along with being fun and engaging, they also allow students to work on fine motor skills, sensory processing, multi-step planning, and communication skills.

One recently donated prop that has been a great asset in communications is our new chalkboard. The chalkboard has found many uses in lessons. For some students, it's a visual map of their lesson plan, allowing them to understand what's expected and help to execute it. For students with auditory or verbal challenges, it's a way to increase communication between them and their lesson team. Many thanks to our Sunday volunteer, Deb, for donating this great tool!



As you may know, our average lesson costs over \$140 to provide, while our fee to riders is much less than that. Along with grants and generous donors, one way we fundraise to help cover the difference is with our twice a year tack sale.



Pictured above is just a small sample of the amazing inventory we've had in the past – all of it donated! Which means 100% of the proceeds go directly into the program. If you have family or friends who may have quality horse items to donate, or maybe need some quality items for the equine in their lives, let them know about our next tack sale:

**Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm at the TR Offices & arena**

It's also a good place to pick up riding shirts, pants, even boots for your rider. In fact, in the first picture of this newsletter, Torrey's outfit is almost entirely made up of items from the tack sale! Come check it out!



*Support the tack sale  
and keep me in treats  
year round! . . . and shoes,  
and grain, and a clean bed.  
All that good stuff!*





The holidays will be here before you know it. Helmets make a great gift for almost any rider. No more searching the helmet box for just the right fit, or for your favorite color; no more adjusting chin straps. When it's yours, it's right every time! There are a wide range of helmets out there, and one for nearly every price point. If you're interested in purchasing a helmet for a rider and aren't sure where to start, ask any instructor – we're here to help.



***There's also some very special people we'd like to send a big "THANK YOU" to: our program donors and sponsors! Without their generosity, all the daily wonders that happen in the program – wouldn't! Thank you so much!***