A STRANGE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER

Summer of 2018 has been somewhat strange, but at the same time, it was wonderful. Our summer camps were organized and led by Camp Co-directors, Hailey Lantz and Cathryn (Cati) Hermes. Both girls have been planning since the 2017 summer camp. They provided new activities and the campers and volunteers were very pleased with the results. We had many excellent young volunteers from local high schools; Turner Ashby, Broadway, Harrisonburg, and Blue Ridge Christian School. They were enthusiastic, responsible, and worked well with our special friends. Also, several of our dedicated volunteers returned and shared their experience with the new volunteers.

Hailey and Cati will be attending Blue Ridge Community College this year, but they are already making plans for the 2019 summer day camps.

So what was strange about the summer? The incessant and heavy rains were a concern. Therapeutic Riding has had very few sessions due to heavy rain and stormy weather. It seemed to hit every Wednesday evening throughout the entire summer. It was frustrating for our instructor, Kate Showalter, the riders, and the volunteers.
17th ANNUAL HORSEBACK RIDE-A-THON FUNDRAISER

BRING YOUR HORSE AND ENJOY THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL RIDE starting at Willow Spring Farm
18979 North Mountain Road
Timberville, Virginia

Sunday, October 7, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BREAKFAST and POST-RIDE MEAL (free-will offering)
Worship Service at 9:00 AM Riders start heading out at 9:30AM
Can choose 8.5 mile or 15 mile ride
PRIZES (most $$, youngest/oldest rider, coming greatest distance)
Overnight Camping Permitted Friday and/or Saturday with Advance Notice

NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES / PROOF OF COGGINS TEST REQUIRED
Download pledge sheets and permission forms from www.campstillmeadows.org
or call to have a packet mailed to you
Camp Office (540) 833-2072 or info@campstillmeadows.org

EXCITING NEWS

A grant has been awarded to Still Meadows by KOVAR. KOVAR is “a Virginia Knight of Columbus Charity established in 1971 to provide financial assistance to tax exempt organizations providing training or assistance to citizens with intellectual disabilities” (kovarva.org). KOVAR has provided much support for Still Meadows throughout the years.

This grant provides paving for the camp driveway from the edge of the present graveled drive to the pad at the barn. Hopefully the remaining drive will be paved at the same time. This year has been especially difficult because of the frequent and heavy rains which washed the gravel, leaving deep ruts. Transporting participants through the gravel has never been easy, but the rutted drive made it even more so.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

IN HONOR OF:
Aaron London
Amanda Claypoole
Daniel Lambert
Hailey Custer
Rick & Jane Smith

IN MEMORY OF:
Kayla Phillips
Roger Davis
YES, I want to make a DONATION to help support this center for persons with developmental, intellectual, and/or physical disabilities.

_____Donation of $1,000
_____Donation of $100
_____Donation of $50
_____Donation of $25

Enclosed is my $__________________ contribution.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
PHONE: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
FULL ADDRESS: ________________________________________________________________________________________
EMAIL: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

MAIL TO: Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp, 11992 Hollar School Road, Linville, Virginia 22834
(All donations are tax deductible!)

YES, I want to pay for a SCHOLARSHIP(s)

Because of extensive medical bills and/or other family situations, many families are not able to afford to send their sons or daughters to Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp.

Individuals and clubs are encouraged to provide a full or partial scholarship to enable a camper or rider to attend either a one-week camp session or an 8-week therapeutic horseback riding session.

Each program also provides the participant’s family with much needed respite that allows them to regroup physically and mentally.

Your tax-exempt gift will provide a full scholarship to a camper who would otherwise be unable to attend one of our programs.

_____Day Camp ($200) 
_____Therapeutic Horseback Riding ($225)
_____Partial Scholarship (Amount: $___________ Program ____________________

DONOR: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
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SPRING FIELD TRIP TO STILL MEADOWS!

Still Meadows was visited by three groups from Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, Stone Spring and Peake View Elementary Schools, and North Fork and J. Frank Hillyard Middle Schools. The trips included drawing and planting flowers, a hayride, a story in the tree house, meeting the animals, and playing on the playground. Packed lunches were eaten in the picnic shelter. They even enjoyed talking to our chickens and playing with “fake” chickens. Surprise, surprise...the weather was beautiful.

The visitors loved coming to Still Meadows, and we invite other special education resource classes to plan a visit in the Spring of 2019.
BRIDGEWATER LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

The Board of Directors sponsored a food booth in the 2018 Bridgewater Labor Day Celebration on September 3, 2018. We sold our traditional pork tenderloin sandwiches and white beans. We thank Jerry Miller and Larry and Mary Taylor who prepared the meat and beans. Several volunteers and directors worked in the booth selling sandwiches, beans, chips, and assorted drinks. Other directors and volunteers assembled the sandwiches, trying to keep ahead of the demand.

Before the evening was over, the sandwiches and beans were sold out. We thank all who helped make this another successful fundraiser. As usual, it takes a team to make any project successful.

Water balloon baseball on a hot afternoon was a favorite of all the campers.

Please remember Still Meadows in your estate and will planning so that future generations of special friends will be able to experience the healing power of nature.