



Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp

NEWS FROM THE HILL

Janet Maasch, founder

Volume 16, Issue 2

FALL, 2018

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.

RESOURCE TEACHERS...Remember to put Still Meadows in your plans for Spring, 2019. We offer field trips with a hayride through "John's Woods", a barn session meeting our animals, nature discussions and stories in the wheelchair accessible tree house, and MORE. There is no charge and handicap bathroom facilities are available in each building.

WISH LIST FOR STILL MEADOWS

ANIMAL FEED (rabbit, horse, cat, donkeys, Llama)

Sponsorship of T-SHIRTS for ride-a-thon riders.

WATER TROUGH

COMPUTER PAPER for office documents.

GIFT CARDS (Costco, Walmart, Farm, Choice)



VOLUNTEERS...MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC

Sunday, October 21.....2:00-4:00 p.m

Still Meadows Picnic Shelter

Food provided by the Still Meadows Board of Directors and staff.

We invite any group that has a member with a special need to use Still Meadows for your activities. Picnic in our shelter and enjoy the fantastic view of the valley. Handicap accessible bathrooms are available.

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

Tax ID # 54-1857340

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 _____)

Tax ID # 54-1857340

DONOR: _____

PHONE: _____

FULL ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

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



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



Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp
11992 Hollar School Road
Linville, Virginia 22834
(540) 833-2072

www.campstillmeadows.org

Email: info@campstillmeadows.org

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
HARRISONBURG, VA 22801
PERMIT #36

TO: OR CURRENT RESIDENT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jodi Haas
PRESIDENT

Mary Ellen Chewning
TREASURER

Jordan Fisher
VICE PRESIDENT

DIRECTORS:

Gwen Carr
Bonnie Smiley
William "Bugs" Vaughan
Teresa Wine
Jonathan Green
Everett "Whitey" See

ADVISORY BOARD

Jerry Miller
Arlene Reid
Tim Moubray

STAFF

Diana Umbel
Operations Manager
Ashley Burgoyne
Animal Care

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.