



February 12, 2017

REINS Riders and Guardians –

The 2017 riding season is approaching and we are beginning the final registration process. Thank you for your pre registrations. Your participation in REINS is important to us. We share so many memories of classes and milestones reached with each rider, instructor and volunteer. Our instructors, volunteers and Board members are looking forward to an exciting program this year and hope you will continue to be a part of this great program. We encourage you to carefully read all policies in full as there are important changes.

This will be our third year at the site leased from Majestic Crossing Dairy, LLC. And we have been busy continuing to make improvements. The arena is located on County Highway O between the Sheboygan County Airport and Highway 32. The address is W 2649 County Trunk O, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin.

About the 2017 program:

- For 2017, the program will run for 10 weeks.
- The classes will start the week of June 12th, 2017 and end the week of August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- There are only two openings remaining after pre registration. So, if you are not pre registered, you will want to register quickly to avoid being part of the waitlist.
- We will be billing for the 10 week season.
- You will need to indicate on the registration forms the weeks you will be attending for scheduling purposes only. Deposits will be refunded at the end of season if no more than one lesson is missed without 48 hour prior notice.
- We will be offering classes on Wednesday and Thursday.
- We will be offering classes that focus on therapeutic riding skills for riders having a disability at 2:45, 4:00, 5:15 and 6:30 on Wednesdays and 10:00, 11:15, 4:00, 5:15 and 6:30 on Thursdays. .
- There will be limited private lessons offered for those who need individual instruction. These lessons must be requested specially and approved; they will be 30 minutes in length and scheduled earlier in the day.
- The cost will be \$40 for a 50-minute group therapeutic riding class and \$50 for a 30-minute private lesson. The actual cost for each participant for a weekly class is about \$120. REINS, Inc. is able to subsidize the majority of this cost through the generosity of individual and corporate sponsors as well as foundation grants and proceeds from fundraising events. Our rider fees cover less than 30% of the actual cost.
- Our Instructor will be completing an evaluation with each participant prior to first lesson.

Attached/enclosed are the registration forms, liability forms that need to be signed, medical information forms and scholarship application forms. Please mail the completed forms to our post office box or send electronically to our email address along with your \$50.00 deposit if you aren't pre registered. Medical forms may be returned after the other forms but must be completed before June 1, 2017.

**Important facts and dates to remember**

- Completed application forms due by May 1, 2017
- Scholarship Applications due by May 1, 2017
- Minimum rider age of 4 years old by June 1, 2017
- Maximum rider weight – 200 pounds if needing sidewalkers for balance with a maximum weight of 220 pounds if rider is well balanced and sidewalkers are not needed. These limits are subject to horse availability, instructor evaluation and volunteer availability.

We are looking forward to working with you this summer. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Reins, Inc. Board of Directors