

Groundwork Classes Teach Life Skills



Horses are so much more than riding!

It was our pleasure to recently welcome a fine crew of teachers and students from Minnehaha Academy. They experienced a full roster of activities, starting with some cleaning stations in the barn (mucking stalls, cleaning tack, and scrubbing buckets). Billy and Buck were on hand to lend a listening ear over their stall doors for all of the hard workers!

In the arena each participant learned grooming, tacking, leading and ground driving. Games included the ever popular Pony in a Box (Klara excels at this game and did not disappoint). Skill building in the barn is always effective and a fun hands-on way to learn.



A picnic lunch was just the thing to top off the day while participants debriefed with our Education Manager and facilitator for the day, Michelle Haury. Gus and Diego were able to take time out of their busy schedules to hang out with the crew on the front lawn. One teacher remarked that she has never seen her students so calm as they were while hanging out with Gus. He has such a special gift.

EAL (equine assisted learning) is a hands-on experiential learning process that uses therapy



horses to meet the goals of various community groups. We can accommodate groups of various sizes, with and without diagnosed disabilities.

Barn life and horses are about so much more than riding. In fact, often there is significantly more interaction from the ground! EAL allows individuals to grow in communication, awareness, observation, focus, work ethic, self-esteem and self-confidence.

Talk to us about your group. We would love to welcome you!

[Learn more about EAL](#)



[Contact us to see if we might be a good fit for your group!](#)



Read about us in the Current Issue of Maple Grove Magazine!

What an honor to be profiled in the current issue of local publication Maple Grove Magazine! Months in the works and well worth the wait, this article beautifully captures not only our mission, but the various and eclectic ways that We Can Ride brings people together through the unique power of horses.

[Read the full article](#)

Welcome Mary Najjar, Client Engagement Coordinator

"I'm thrilled to be the newest member of the We Can Ride team! I grew up in Wisconsin and spent much of my childhood riding horses through our local 4-H club—an experience that was both fun and formative.

For the past 10 years, I've worked at a university, where I've loved supporting students and families. But, when I first visited the We Can Ride barn and met the staff, volunteers, clients, and horses, I immediately knew it was where I wanted to be. Everyone was so warm, welcoming, and passionate about their work. I am incredibly excited to be a small part of it!

In my free time (just kidding, I don't have any of that!) I love to spend time with my husband and three little kids. We love to be outdoors, travel, and spend time with family. I cannot wait to meet all of you!"

Mary has hit the ground running and is already an integral part of our team. This new position is dedicated to expanding our reach, assisting new clients in making the onboarding process as easy as possible, and maintaining excellent stewardship of our current clients and families.



Are you interested in becoming a new volunteer? Sign up for a New Volunteer Orientation Session to learn all about what we do, what roles we are looking to fill, and what might be a good fit for YOU!

Sign up for
New
Volunteer
Orientation

Are you a current volunteer looking to change your role? Sign up for a role-specific training session for leading, side walking, or barn aid positions.

Sign up for a
Training
Session

We Can Ride participates in several community events and partnerships throughout the year. These are single day commitments in which volunteers represent WCR and chat with participants.

Sign up for
an Event



THANK YOU

Your generosity and commitment enables us to continue providing life-changing experiences for our riders.

Thanks to you, we are able to offer therapeutic sessions that enhance physical, emotional, and mental well-being. Your contributions make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.

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