



SPECIAL TROOPERS ADAPTIVE RIDING SCHOOL

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Good Morning STARS community,

3/17/20

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff here at STARS, I would like to share our plan for the coming weeks amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

We were fortunate to finish Session 1 and are now on a two-week break within our schedule. However, with the most recent recommendations we will be extending to a four-week break. Our schedule for the year does not allow much room for change therefore; it was decided to make Session 2 a FOUR-week session instead of six. Session 2 will begin the week of April 13 going through the week of May 4. The schedule of riders and volunteers for Session 2 will remain the same. Invoices will reflect the change making it \$120 tuition for the session. Please let Jerusha or I know if your plans to participate have changed. We understand this is an odd and challenging time to navigate through for the safety of loved ones.

During the four-week break, public access to the STARS facility will be limited. We ask all visitors call before coming to the Riding Center. The Volunteer training scheduled for March 23 is canceled. We are also cancelling the EAGALA networking group scheduled for April 25. All tack, equipment, and the facility will be sanitized to the best of our abilities during the break.

At this time, there are no concerns or confirmed cases amongst the staff and will continue day-to-day operations for as long as possible. All the animals still need our diligent care. Thankfully, there has been no evidence of COVID-19 being transmitted to or from animals. The herd, donkeys, and cats are all healthy and happy. They are the calm in the storm, enjoying sunshine and shedding. We will do our best to keep you updated on social media with uplifting horse photos!

We hope after the four weeks we will be able to resume as planned but with the changes to the nation occurring daily, we will do our best to keep everyone informed as needed. We welcome your questions/concerns so do not hesitate to contact the Riding Center.

Sincerely,

Brooke McBride
Executive Director