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Freshman Kentucky Trip



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Careers in Kentucky

On September 16th, 21 students from the Intro to Equine Industry class accompanied Mary Pardee and Kelly Theisen on a weekend trip to Lexington, Kentucky. The trip included a tour of the Kentucky Equine Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation Center (KESMARC), the Hagyard Equine Medical Institute, and the Darley Thoroughbred Farm. In addition to these scheduled tours students also experienced the Thoroughbred yearling sales and morning workouts, and finally explored the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games course.

As if seeing all of this was not eye-opening enough, the Lake Erie students had the opportunity to speak with people from a variety of careers. First was Kirsten, KESMARC tour guide and one of the facility's directors. Her job includes overseeing many of the horses that are treated at KESMARC. Her advice to the students was to always do your best and never settle for mediocre. The next inspiration was a Thoroughbred trainer. In the midst of a young Thoroughbred's breezing, she took the time to tell the students about morning breezing and advised that learning Spanish is useful for the Thoroughbred industry. At dinner on Saturday night, the students had the fortune of meeting and talking with Mary Pierson, the communications director of Pony Club Magazine. She recommended that students pursue internships, even unpaid internships, because they show initiative and responsibility and very often lead to desirable careers. Finally some of the students spoke to Kathy, a director at the Kentucky Horse Park. Not only did Kathy ask if any of the students could volunteer at the park for the World Equestrian Games, she also offered future internships to Lake Erie students.

This trip was full of opportunity and discovery for all of the students who went. On top of learning about possible jobs in the Equine industry and ways of attaining them, they also found that sometimes just being in the right place at the right time can open many doors, and for horse lovers, that place is Kentucky.

Calendar of Events:

2010

- ◆ Oct. 30-31
Jill Knowles
Clinic
- ◆ Nov. 6-7
IHSA Home
show
- ◆ Nov 12-14
Dressage Winter
Series

Pasture Field Trip



With fall on its way in and summer on its way out, farmers for the most part have put doing hay in the back of their minds as they work on bringing in other crops. At Lake Erie College the Pasture management class headed to the fields to see first hand where those bales of green are made, even though it is the end of season.

Jeff Burrows of Concord graciously went through different types of grasses/legumes, showed us a field where he makes hay for a local horse barn, and took us to see the equipment that he uses to get the process done.

Students got to see first hand that grass just doesn't turn itself into hay bales but that much time and energy is taken to get grass into a storable material to be fed.

Findlay Mini Prix

On September 24th and 25th four school horse were allowed to leave the property and travel to Findlay for the mini prix horse show. This allowed four students to show their talent. These students had to try out and show that they are prepared for this event. The four students that were selected were Senior Nicole Van Dyke on Willie, Sophomore Bailey Coulumbe on Skye, Freshman Katie Noonan on Skylar, and Senior Erin Daring on Dulce. Other Lake Erie students who participated in this show on their own horses were Senior Krystle Dahmar, Sophomore Jessica Rothberg, and Sophomore Courtney Newby. Courtney Newby took third, Bailey Coulumbe took sixth. On Friday for the Welcome Stakes, Nicole Van Dyke took first, Krystle Dahmar second, Courtney Newby third, Katie Noonan fourth. Saturday Nicole and Katie did well along with Erin Daring showing Dulce on Sunday.

New Hunt Field Bank

The bank on the hunt field recently received a much needed facelift. After many years of fundraising and planning by several current and former ICTA team members, the old decrepit faces have finally been replaced with 3 fresh new faces and proper striding. The project was funded by ICTA and facilities and designed by ICTA coach, Julie McElhaney. ICTA is ecstatic to be able to give this much needed update to the hunt field and hope that it is enjoyed by the equine program for many years to come. Many thanks go out to Megan Feltrup, Cori Garcia, Julie McElhaney, and all those who have supported and put many hours of work into this project. (Swanson)



New Faces at the Equestrian Center



Kelly Thiesen- New Equine Faculty

We are excited to have Mrs. Kelly Thiesen as Lake Erie's Instructor of Equine Facilities and Activities. Students in equine studies will experience Mrs. Thiesen's expertise in many of their classes such as: horse care practicum, facilities, intro to equine industry and riding classes. Mrs. Thiesen background includes: a Masters degree in education, 12 years experience as a public school teacher and two small daughters. Thiesen was certified in 2009 as a USEA Instructor Certification Program Level II. Some of her accomplishments are USDF Bronze Medalist ,Qualified self-trained horses at various levels for USDF Regional Championships. North American Young Rider Championships CCI** Gold Medalist. Harry T. Peters Trophy, USEA Area IV Intermediate and Advanced Rider of the Year Awards.

New Grad. Assistant Stephanie

Stephanie grew up in Massillon, OH. went to Jackson High School and then Olivet Nazarene University for college. She graduated with a B.S. in Mass Communications with a concentration in Film Studies. Stephanie started riding at the age of 8yrs in a variety of disciplines including Western Pleasure to Hunter Jumpers. At 15yrs she got her first horse, an appendix quarter named Mr. Jack Velvet, or "Jackson". He was three when she got him, finished his Hunter training and started him in Western Pleasure and Jumping as well (she planned for him to be an all-around horse). When she went to school she sold him. Her university didn't have an equestrian program but she was able ride at a local barn out there. She worked at an equestrian camp during college and got certified as a level two English/Western CHA instructor. Here at the EQ Center she does a lot of the office work, coordinating events and shows, that sort of thing. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact her in the eq center office.

Employment Opportunities

- ◆ Fieldstone Therapeutic Riding Center is looking for a part-time riding instructor. Contact the center if you are interested: 1-440-708-0013.
- ◆ Local dressage barn is looking for experienced, reliable barn person. Contact Lauren Tisdale at 216-288-8834 if you are interested.

For additional career opportunities, visit the Career Center in College Hall.