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"Wish It, Dream It, Do It!"

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Dear Reining Hope Participants, Parents and Friends:

Plans for **Summer Youth Horsemanship Program 2017** are underway! We are offering an enhanced curriculum, challenging skill levels and additional educational opportunities. The **Summer Youth Horsemanship Program** is open to Reining Hope participants, volunteers and children in all the surrounding communities. Our staff strives to create an integrated experience for all who participate. We will explore:

COMPLETE HORSE CARE: Participants are assigned a horse they will work with for the duration of the youth horsemanship session. They will become familiar with their horse's breed, size, color, markings, conformation, age, etc., as well as grooming, tacking, bathing, farrier and veterinary needs of their horse.

HORSEMANSHIP: Participants will learn how to safely halter and lead their horse, as well as learn riding skills. Activities include saddle/tack & bridle fitting, identification of adaptive tack & equipment utilized with horses and when/how used with the horse. In addition, as age appropriate, participants will work to learn lunging and/or long-lining skills.

STABLE MANAGEMENT: Participants become familiar with the horse's daily needs. Activities include barn management skills, identifying nutritional requirements of the equine, pasture/paddock management.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: These may include arts & crafts, nature hikes, music exploration, carriage driving and, as available, presentations by guest speakers on topics such as equine care, wildlife rehabilitation, equine rescue & rehabilitation, Equine 4-H programs, etc.

******PLEASE NOTE:** There is only **ONE** week-long sessions (Monday – Friday) offered during the 2017 Summer Youth Horsemanship Program. A description of this session is attached including the age groups the session will serve and the maximum/minimum number of participants to be accepted for the session. *If the scheduled week fills (12 participants maximum) by May 15th, a second week will be scheduled (dates to be determined at that time).*

All instructors are PATH International certified instructors and members of the Reining Hope staff. Volunteers have been trained by the Reining Hope staff and are familiar with the needs of the program, horses and participants.

If you would like to participate in our Summer Youth Horsemanship Program, please complete the enclosed application forms and return them to Reining Hope with the 50% non-refundable deposit (half of the total cost of the session(s) you choose to attend) payable to "Reining Hope AEAAT LLC" by **JUNE 5th, 2017**. Please note that applications cannot be taken over the telephone. Confirmation of registration and balance of tuition invoices will be mailed out **after** June 5th. **PAYMENT IN FULL IS DUE NO LATER THAN JULY 1st FOR ALL REGISTRATIONS.** A wait-list is maintained in the event of cancellations – space is limited!

Hope to see you at Reining Hope Summer Youth Horsemanship Program 2017!

Sincerely,

Kristin E. Mason
Program Director