

About Hay Day Ranch

Hay Day Ranch is built on the faith, hope and dream of Susan Hingt, a Virginia based teacher, horse enthusiast and child advocate. The Ranch is the realization of Susan's vision to use rescue horses in equine assisted learning to restore emotional ties and trust in both the horses and youth.

Susan has a certification of completion in equine assisted learning from the Greg Kensten OK Counsel Series; and mentoring and support generously provided by Wings of Hope Ranch. Hay Day Ranch also provides training to volunteer helpers.

Hay Day Ranch is located in the gently rolling hills of Goochland County, Virginia, just west of Richmond. The Ranch is home to rescued horses who are given new purpose; helping build trust and love in the hearts and souls of youth.



Our desire is to create an environment where God's unconditional love and acceptance is modeled to all who visit. We believe that by using horses, God provides hope and healing. Hay Day Ranch is a 501c3 nonprofit, faith based organization. We bring together horses and children so that each can learn to trust once again.

At Hay Day Ranch "Every day is a play day!"

About Equine Assisted Learning

Equine assisted learning and healing is the discipline of using horses as a therapeutic experience. There are many positive benefits for those who participate in equine activity programs.

Programs are hands on and participants don't feel they are involved in a therapeutic activity. Horses give immediate feedback to actions and body language through mirroring. Participants learn to "read" themselves through this mirroring and learn to act and react appropriately.

Participants learn how to observe, listen, lead and gently care for and communicate with a horse. Benefits include:

- Communication Skills
- Impulse control
- Patience
- Spiritual Connection
- Confidence
- Boundaries
- Perspective
- Trust



But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. (Isa 40:31)

Our Programs

Programs are geared toward children in the age range of 5 to 18 and families and include:

Introduction to horses is through touching, petting, feeding and brushing. The pace is set by the horse, adult leader and the participant and is unique to each participant.

Riding is introduced at a comfortable pace and may include just sitting on a horse or being led by the adult leader.

Learning to care for a horse is the participants way of "giving back"; brushing and light ranch chores is a chance to care and contribute to the wellbeing of the horse and the ranch; all designed to build confidence and skill.

Programs include a craft and snack time, with activities individually planned to meet the needs of each participant.



FAQ's

Are the horses safe?

Our highest priority is safety. Horses are selected for their training and temperament. We teach participants how to stay safe around horses.

How much does it cost?

Six-week sessions are \$60 per session. Programs are subsidized through generous donations of friends and sponsors of our mission and ministry.

What are the requirements to participate?

A parent or legal guardian can complete the New Camper application and release forms which are all available on our website.

What are the lessons like?

Participants usually mount/ride a horse on their first day, with learning about horse care, grooming, tack, etc. included with riding.

Partner With Us

Hay Day Ranch is an all volunteer organization that relies solely on the generosity of sponsors and volunteers for day to day operations and programs. Support the Hay Day Ranch mission and programs with your tax-deductible donation. Please be as generous as you are called to be.



Yes, I want to support the mission and purpose of Hay Day Ranch with my tax-deductible gift:

- Please accept my gift of \$ _____
 By check, payable to Hay Day Ranch
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Name on Card _____
Address _____
Exp. Date: _____ Type: AMEX_MC_VIS_DISC_____

Partnership Opportunities

Become a Volunteer

There are many ways to help as a Hay Day Volunteer. Complete the on-line application, return via email or send directly to Hay Day Ranch.

Make an In-Kind Donation

You can find a current wish list of needs posted online in the tab "How You can Help."

Be a Prayer Partner

Commit to prayer support-send an email to join the prayer team. All faith groups are welcome.

Refer a Child

If you know of a child or family who is facing conflicts or challenges, please tell them about Hay Day Ranch. Full information and all registration forms are on our website.

Join our Mailing List

Register online to join our contacts list for updates and other news from Hay Day Ranch.

Visit us online to view our current list of in-kind gift needs and volunteer opportunities or make a donation.

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How to Participate

Programs are held from late spring through late fall. Typical sessions are one and a half hours. We provide a waiting area for guardians during the session.

Registration and other required forms are on the Hay Day Ranch website. Complete forms with your 1st and 2nd choices for preferred day and time and return to us via mail.

Visit the Ranch

We'd love to have you visit the Ranch. Email for an appointment and come on out to meet the horses and learn more about equine assisted learning.



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Hay Day Ranch, where rescued horses are given new purpose and where kids learn to trust, build bonds of hope and love again through equine assisted learning.

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