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Farewell to Joe

As many of you already know, Joe McKinley's last day at Mill Creek was August 31. Joe has been teaching students and training horses at Mill Creek since 2006 and he will be greatly missed by me and by his students.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say how much I appreciate everything he has done over the years, including teaching the many Horses in the Hood camps (as in the photo on the left). Joe was always the first to volunteer his help around the barn. He is truly a team player.

Thank you Joe, for all you've done and all the best in your future endeavors.

Cory Watkey

MANY THANKS TO OUR WONDERFUL HORSES IN THE HOOD VOLUNTEERS!



Glory Fioramonti (middle) with HHLA founder, Kathy Kusner, in the background.

We've had another successful summer of horse camps for inner city kids and Horses in the Hood camps couldn't have happened without our many volunteers. They include our dedicated student riders, Hayley Berman, Madi Weselis, Caroline Alford, Emma Dunn and non-Mill Creeker Rebecca, who gave up a week or more of their summer vacations to help out with this amazing program. We are especially thankful to our adult volunteers, Glory Fioramonti & Ted Ambrosini. Of course, the camps



Ted Ambrosini entertains the camp kids from Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary School.

wouldn't run without Mario Trejo to organize the horses and volunteers, Lorie Fee to handle the pizza party, photo developing and more, and Joe McKinley to capably teach the kids. Most of all, we'd like to thank HHLA Founder, Kathy Kusner, for making the camps possible.

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Horse Show Report

The Event at Rebecca Farm



Robyn took several Mill Creek Riders to this prestigious Event in Montana in July with impressive results. Jordyn Horwitz on Nicodemus (pictured left), took 3rd in the Junior Open Training Division; in the Junior Open Novice Division,

Tessa Robinson placed 1st on Chloe; Elle DeRecat placed 3rd on Pacino and Kathryn Johnson was 8th on Set Sail. All riders were on new horses!

Mill Creekers Shine at Shepherd Ranch Shows!

Ten riders went to the Shepherd Ranch Event in June and all riders placed well, including first place finishes for Joe McKinley, Paulina Montgomery, Lorie Fee and Sofia Guarachi!

In addition, Mill Creek riders garnered three first place team honors for the Training Level, Beginning Novice Level and Test Level Divisions. Complete results are available online at the address below.

Congratulations riders!

SHEPHERD RANCH H.T. II RESULTS
AUGUST 26 - 28, 2011

Rider, Horse & Division	Place
Lorie Fee & Good to Go: Beg. Novice Rider A	1
Monica Lehne & Jedi: Beg. Novice Rider B	3
Nicole Rodgame & Prince Charming: Novice Rider	9
Sofia Guarachi & Merry Go Round: Intro	5
Arienne Martin & Serena: Intro	10

Good Luck at the Area VI Championships!



Many Mill Creek riders have qualified for the Area VI Eventing Championships at Copper Meadows September 9 - 11. Cory wishes you all the best of luck and wants you all to know how proud she and Robyn are of all of you. However the show turns out, you've all had a great year and you should be very pleased!

More show results are available on the website on the Results page; upcoming shows are listed in the Calendar.

School Horse News

Bambino Will Be Retired

Cory is very sorry to report that our beloved Bambino has a torn suspensory ligament, which is quite serious in an older gentleman. He will retire to a large grass pasture with 20 other horses in Santa Ynez and hopefully he will be able to live a happy, comfortable life there.

Cory says, "The idea of not having Bambino here saddens my heart deeply and I know many of you feel the same." Bambino will be at Mill Creek for about another month before moving to his new home. Be sure to wish him a fond farewell!



Welcome New School Horse Pippy!

Pippy, who just arrived at Mill Creek, is a 12-year-old, 15 hand Appaloosa gelding. For those of you around long enough to remember Babble, Pippy is like a larger version of Babble. He is named Pippy because Pippy Longstocking's horse was an Appy!

Pippy is very generously on loan to us from Sabrina Miller, a trainer in Northern California. Pippy is a very nice horse and does well with the most beginner riders through Novice level. He is a little jewel!





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Barn News

Welcome!

- ◆ Mill Creek welcomes Kaya Callahan with her beautiful chestnut pony, Sonador.
- ◆ Rebecca Raede, with her horse Ramazotti, is visiting and training with Mette through the end of September. She will be competing in the Young Riders Championship.



Goodbye Bucky...

School horse Bucky sold to Michelle Gough, who will be moving him to San Francisco in September. Bucky is very lucky to have someone who loves him as much as she does, however we will miss his kindness. Congratulations, Michelle!

Video Tribute to Merry Go Round & Apollo

LuLu Shamberg & Jordyn Horwitz recently created a video tribute to their former ponies, Merry and Apollo. In the notes the video on YouTube, the girls note:

"The reason we made this video for the two ponies together is because we went through everything at the same time; our first events, first shows, first trainings, first national championships, pas de deuxs, lessons, hill work, bareback days...we were/are always a pair and so were the ponies!

Now they have moved on to two fabulous little girls who we are sure are going to go far on them...and if they are watching this we do wish the best of luck to you and just know that these are the most amazing ponies you could ever ask for..."

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The video can be found at http://youtu.be/DfYN_rHMB4A.

A Great Time was had by all at the Mill Creek Sleepover!

Close to 30 kids come out for our annual sleepover! We had tons of food provided by Cory and generous parents. There was pizza, salad, watermelon, ice cream and s'mores in the evening and donuts, bagels, strawberries & watermelon for breakfast!



Many games were played, including sardines and water balloon toss. Denis and Romeo joined in for capture the flag. Mario and Carlos and their families also showed their support.

Thank you all for making this a great success! And of course, extra special thanks go to Vivian, Lorie & Lindsay for organizing & supervising the event!

September 17 is Mill Creek Games Day!

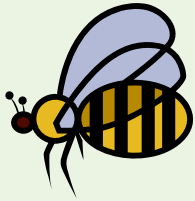
Bring your friends and family for our games day and potluck. Sign up for dishes on the bulletin board at the end of the L-Barn.

We'll have horse games for our current Mill Creek riders (pole bending, bucket race and more) and non-horse games for everyone (egg toss, water balloon toss, the Swedish balloon dance, etc.).

The fun begins at 3:30pm!

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Barn Tips



Proper Treatment of Bee Stings

This time of year, we see lots of bees around the barn. You may hear about all kinds of folk remedies for bee stings, but probably the best treatment is to immediately remove the stinger, followed by icing to prevent swelling.

You are having an allergic reaction to the sting if any of the following happens:

- ◆ Swelling beyond the site of the sting
- ◆ Difficulty breathing or wheezing
- ◆ Dizziness
- ◆ Drop in blood pressure

If you experience any of the above symptoms, *seek medical attention immediately.*

Blankets and Clipping



Winter will be here soon, so please make sure your blankets are clean - we like to use Diana Dover (818-674-8691) for cleaning & repair. Please be sure to write your last name in at least 2" letters on the inside chest flap of your blanket.

Please do not use heavy blankets until after your horses have been body clipped. If you clip at the end of September, you will need to clip again at the end of November. Our clipper is Ashley Taylor (805-558-5082).

Getting Your Horse on the Correct Worming Schedule

The worming schedule below is suggested by the equine veterinarians at Specifically Equine. Please note that they recommend worming every three months and varying the type of worming medication as follows:

November	Ivermectin (Such as Ivercare, Zimectrine, Equimax)
February	Benzimidazole (Such as Panacur & Safe-Guard - do not use the "Power" versions)
May	Ivermectin (Such as Ivercare, Zimectrine, Equimax)
August	Pyrantel (Such as Strongid, Exodus, Primex)



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