

Brecht Stables & Dustin's Place

Therapeutic Riding and Western Riding Lessons

“Using today- to make a better tomorrow”

~Therapeutic Riding Summer Camp Packet~
~Additional paperwork needed for Sleep-away
Camp~



The History of Brecht Stables and Therapeutic Riding

Brecht Stables & Dustin's Place was founded in name of my son, Dustin with Down Syndrome.

I was brought up with horses and used to spend the summers with my grandparents, who raised, trained and raced Standardbreds, also known as Harness Horses. I learned about self worth and respect by growing up with horses. I thoroughly enjoyed every second I had at the race track and with my grandparents- I learned more then I could have ever imagined.

Once my son was born, we found out that he had Down Syndrome. Like many parents of children with special needs, I blamed my self for his disability and went through many life lessons within my sons first year of life. I felt helpless and turned back to my horses to help me ease the confusion and try to understand what I was feeling.

As Dustin grew, it was very apparent that he had the same amazing bond with horses that my grandparents had seen in me so many years ago. Dustin was very afraid to get in the saddle, but once he learned that he was not going to get hurt, I now have to fight with him to get him back down on the ground.

I sat one day after quitting my previous job and it just clicked... why not match my passion of horses with my love for children with special needs? Soon after, "Dustin's place" was born.

Therapeutic Riding started in Europe in the 1950's. The achievements of Lis Hartel have been coined as the founding movement of Therapeutic Riding all over the world. Hartel, who not only became the first woman to win medals in the 1952 and 1956 Summer Olympics in Dressage, she was also paralyzed from the knees down as a result of Polio.



Therapeutic Riding can help children and adults with all types of disabilities and can help improve balance, posture, trunk strength, self confidence, small and large motor skills, speech skills and hand eye coordination.



Summer Camp Information

Dates for camps-

****PLEASE MARK WHICH CAMP YOU ARE INTERESTED IN****

- Teen Social Group- Wednesdays 6pm-7pm April 11th-May 16th, 2018 \$300 for the session. Spot not held till paid in full.
- Sleep Away Ranch Camp 1- June 10th-16th, 2018
- Sleep Away Ranch Camp 2- June 16th-18th, 2018
- DAY CAMP- 6737 Concord Rd Cumming, GA. M-Th, 9-3 and Fri 9-12 \$350
Take \$50 off of day camp if paid in full by May 1st, 2018
 - July 9-13, 2018
 - July 16-20, 2018
 - July 23-27, 2018

Price for SLEEP-AWAY CAMP-

Tennessee Ranch SLEEP-AWAY Camp is \$1900. If you sign up before March 1st, 2017 you receive 30% off and April 1st, 2017 for 10% off. Rent of payment is due May 1st, 2017.

*A nonrefundable amount of \$500 is due before April 1st to hold your child's spot in camp.

* Please email lynn@brechtstables.org for additional paperwork

Experiential sleep away camp for kids and adults with special needs. We are a clinically informed camp where therapists, special ed teachers and nurses are your campers direct staff. We work with parents and camper's current therapist to achieve preset goals throughout the camp week. We have treatment teams each night to assess how the day went and write discharge summaries.

While the campers are learning how to shoot the yellow minion monkey jumpers with a bow and arrow, how to be a proper knight, taking hiking trips to find Big Foot and learning the stories of the great Native Americans on the rock formations and shooting blow darts at the pop-able paint balls or a 3-man sling shot over the bunk house with their friends, we are adapting every activity so the campers can be successful, make lasting friendships and improve self-confidence.

What to Bring for DAY CAMP-

- Extra pair of clothes
- Shoes with a leather heel such as riding or paddock boots (old tennis shoes can be substituted)
- Sack lunch for each day, including a lot of water

Child's Information

Childs Name: _____

Childs Address: _____

Childs Age: _____ **Childs Disability:** _____

Parents Contact Information-

Name: _____ **Cell/work/home:** _____

Emergency Contact Information-

Name: _____ **Cell/work/home:** _____

Relationship to child: _____

People allowed to pick my child up: _____

Any known allergies: _____

Medications: _____

Is your child potty trained _____ **Need help with buttoning/unbuttoning** _____

Is there anything extra that you would like us to know about your child?

What is your child's riding experience? _____

What size tee shirt does your child wear? _____

I allow pictures to be taken of my child _____

I *DO NOT* allow pictures to be taken of my child _____

Would you like to join our mailing list?

Please fill in your email address _____

