

Brecht Stables & Dustin's Place

Therapeutic Riding and Western Riding Lessons

“Using today- to make a better tomorrow”

~Western Riding Summer Camp Packet~



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 and Times-

Please note which camp you are interested in

- Week 1 Summer Camp- June 18th through June 22nd, 2012
- Week 2 Summer Camp- June 25th through June 29th, 2012

Camp will start at 9am and will end at 3:00pm each day. If you would like to drop your child off early or pick them up early, there will be a \$5.00 per hour charge and Lynn Brecht MUST be notified at time of registration.

Price-

The price for the summer camp is \$275.00 for the entire week. If you sign up before March 1st, 2011 you can receive \$25.00 off. There is a \$50.00 nonrefundable deposit due at sign up and the remaining balance due the first day of camp.

What to Bring-

June in the south is known for being hot! Please dress your children appropriately and bring the following items. PLEASE bring your children in jeans and ready to ride in the morning.

- Extra pair of clothes
- Shoes with a leather heel such as riding or paddock boots
- SEI certified horse back riding helmet if you have one. We have extra helmets that your child may use.
- Sack lunch for each day with extra water
- Sun block

Schedule-

This schedule is tentative and we will try to stick to this schedule as closely as possible.

Monday- Thursday

9am- Camp Start- getting started and going over the schedule for the day

10am- Arts and crafts

11am- Learning parts of the horse and horse care

11:30am- Lunch

Noon- Brushing and riding the horses

2pm- untacking the horses and talking about our day

3pm- camp pick up

Friday-

Camp as normal, but the kids will be preparing for a special “Parents Hour” as well.
1pm- Parents Hour- snacks and water will be provided

- For \$5 you can buy a CD of all of the pictures that we will be taking from the camp session

Parent's Hour

Parent's hour is a time to celebrate with the parents and share what your children have learned during camp. We will provide snacks and water to all children and parents. Grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings- all family members are welcome to attend.

Please do not forget to bring a chair for you and your family members. We will gather as many chairs as possible, but can not be sure if we will have enough for everyone.

Child's Information

Childs Name: _____

Childs Age: _____

Parents Contact Information-

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

Emergency Contact Information-

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

Relationship to child: _____

Who can pick your child up from camp? _____

Any known allergies: _____

Medications: _____

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

What is your child's riding experience? _____

How many people will be attending the "Parent's Hour" event- not counting the child that is attending camp? _____

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 _____

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF FORSYTH
RELEASE OF CLAIMS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE INJURIES OR DEATHS

I (NAME) _____ of (ADDRESS) _____ being of lawful age, do on behalf of myself and anyone who accompanies me to or on BRECHT STABLES hereby represent and affirm that all of us have been trained and instructed in equestrian and equine activities. By requesting permission for any of us to work, ride, and/or be around horses, other livestock, farm and equine equipment, tack and barns (here in after "THE RELEASED ACTIVITY"), we certify that we are cognizant of all dangers inherent in horseback riding, farm activities and the released activity and of the basic safety rules for activities connected therewith.

We understand that Lynn Brecht along with its family members, employees and agents (here in after "RELEASED PARTIES") have accepted these representations, that each of us is knowledgeable about the released activities and that none of us look to them to teach safety rules or monitor any of my actions to prevent injury or damage for any of us. Each of us also understands that each of us is responsible for the safety and good operating condition of any tack and equipment any of us use regardless of where any of us obtain it.

Each of us understands and agrees that none of the released parties shall be liable in any way for any occurrence in connection with the released activity in which any of us participate which results in injury, death, or other damages to any of us or members of our family, our heirs or assigns, even if the occurrence is the result of negligence of one of the released parties, unless the occurrence is the result of willful or wanton negligence. Each of us recognizes and appreciates that the released activity is dangerous and that severe injury or possibly death may result to any of us from each of our participation. Each of us understands and appreciates that horses may act in any unpredictable manner and may become overly excited and do injury to any of us. Each of us understands that other riders may be inexperienced, reckless, or may act in an unsafe manner from time to time. Each of us understands and appreciates that the released parties do not guarantee the safeness of the riding ability or habits of any others around whom any of us may be, or the safeness of any of the horses being used in connection with the released activities by any of us or any other around us.

In consideration of any of us being allowed to participate in the released activity, each of us hereby personally assumes all risks in connection therewith, and each of us further releases the released parties from any injury or damages, whether or not the result of negligence (unless willful or wanton negligence) which may befall any of us. Each of us further agrees and undertakes to save and hold harmless the released parties from any claim (including without limitation, expenses of litigation and attorney's fees) by any of us, our family, estate, heirs or assigns, arising out of any of us participation in any released activities.

Each of us further acknowledges that any of us, while participation in the released activities, may be on property or premises not owned by the released parties. Each of us understands and agrees that none of the landowners may be held liable in any way for any injury, damage, or death that may result to any of us while on their property; each of us agrees to hold them harmless there from.

I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this affirmation and release on my behalf and behalf of family. I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital. I have signed this document as my own free act and explained it and will explain it to my children, other family members and any persons accompanying me. I have freely informed myself of the contents of their affirmation and release by reading it before I signed it. I understand that I and my family are, among other things, expressly releasing the released parties from any damages resulting from the released activities. This is a full and complete release, among other things, of any right to recover against the released parties for injury or death.

WARNING

Under Georgia law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for any injury to, or death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant of chapter 12 of title 4 of the official code annotated.

Signed this ____ day of ____, 20____ Signed _____

(Date) (Month) (Year)

Witness _____