



Spotlight On: The Riding Center

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The Riding Center is a ministry at the Yellow Springs Riding Center for physically and mentally disabled students. The 21 member Cedarville team goes to the Riding Center Tuesday through Thursday from 9:50-11:30 and Saturday from 8:45-11:15.

When the team arrives at the center, they get one of the horses and lead it into the arena, where the instructor, Carolyn Bailey, helps each student onto his horse. When all the students are mounted, Carolyn starts the lesson. Each student holds the reigns and directs the horse as much as possible. The team makes sure the horse stays under control. The students direct the horses through poles, walk over logs, and have the horse stop, go, and trot. After the lesson, the students feed the horse a treat and leave. The Cedarville team then un-tack the horses and let them out to their pasture, giving them an extra treat or two. The routine on Saturday is similar, although the team stays for two lessons instead of one.

Amada Joswig, team leader for the Riding Center, said she loves to be involved with this ministry because "the horses are such sweet, gentle animals. They faithfully plod along with the

students on their back. One day, I was depressed from classes and went out to lead the horses and they immediately cheered me up. I just think it's great for the disabled students to go out and interact with the animals. I'm sure it uplifts their hearts also."

One of Amanda's favorite memories happened one Saturday morning she volunteered. One boy who comes for lessons requires more help to mount the horse because of his disabilities. That day, the mom also brought her one year old daughter. Amanda was able to hold the daughter while the mom helped her son. "It was just special because it was something small I could do to make her life a little bit easier for that moment."

Pray the team shows Christ's love and witnesses for Him through service.

The Riding Center will be starting lessons soon after their winter break. They still need several volunteers to help, especially on Friday. Contact Amanda Joswig to get involved or for more information on the ministry.



Ministry Opportunities

Sonshine Club is a weekly after-school Bible program that takes place in every Springfield Elementary School. Volunteers are needed Monday - Thursday at various schools. For more information, please contact Vashti Mensah.

Forest Ridge Baptist Church needs four female volunteers for AWANA. Contact Mark Kwast for more information.

Greene County Residential Treatment Center for Boys needs more guys to participate. Contact Bryce Bahler if interested.

Ridgewood Nursing Center needs more volunteers. Contact Steve Clemons if interested.



"Shout for
joy to the Lord, all
the earth. Worship the
Lord with gladness;
come before him
with joyful songs."
Psalm 100:1-2

"Any life that
leaves us
unprepared
for death is a
foolish life."
Randy Alcorn

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