

FEBRUARY 2018

FOLLOW YOUR DREAMS FARM NEWSLETTER

WE NEED YOU

Show season is coming!



Are you interested in competing this year? Well come

join us! We have several opportunities to get you started from summer camps, barn shows to local and rated shows. We are gearing up to compete in Pleasure, showmanship, gymkhana and 3 phase events for 2018. If you have questions or

would like to give it a try please message Heather at FYDFarm@gmail.com. Watch for our upcoming "show" meetings on March 10th at 3-4pm.



Ice cream after Oakrise

MISSING THE FARM?!

January 2018 dubbed worst month in years!

It's the middle of winter and we are a hit or miss with most lessons. The arena too icy, sub zero temps, raining or snowing; have put most lessons on hold. Err! This past weekend was a tease for some who finally got to enjoy a little in the saddle time. Others were not so fortunate due to time or scheduling constraints. We are almost thru it but what a tough month, the worst in fact in years! News reports put this one of the coldest months in over **100 years**; our fiscal reports shared the same sentiments since opening. To those of you who

have helped out **I LOVE YOU!!!** It means so much this time of year chipping waters, shoveling, frozen hydrants/doors, bucketing water, dragging, blanket changes, turnout, the chores were endless! This was one of the hardest winters to date! Some of you have been a god sent and I thank you so very much! I do see a light at the end of the tunnel, I hope... January is generally our slowest month and then it starts to pick up into our typical whirlwind like season! We are already posting our summer camp themes and dates online,

SUMMER CAMP IS NOW ONLINE!



Finally a nice easy way to register for Follow Your Dreams Farm summer camps! This year we transitioned over to online riding camp registrations in an effort to make things easier for everyone. After you submit the registration I receive a notification and send over updated emergency contact forms for 2018 and confirmation that the spot is reserved along with which horse or pony they will have. This will be on a first come first serve basis and held with a 50% non-refundable deposit.

show schedule out soon (we are awaiting a response) and additional fun dates will be posted online and on our Google calendar. Be sure to follow as things will come up quick.



Photo of Thomas roping off Orion

SHOW AND SPONSORSHIPS MEETING MARCH 10TH



Summer camp herding cows

That's right you read it "**SPONSORSHIPS**" and it's happening this year! First meeting will be March 10th from

3-4pm here at the farm to discuss show season the season will shape up, expectations, and sponsorships! Those who wish to compete come to our first meeting to get a packet and ask questions.

New lessons prices have been posted but not our show leases or multiple lesson deals. We will get this posted shortly so everyone has time to plan accordingly we have one place we are waiting to hear back from. Those who wish to compete are encouraged to come; snacks and drinks will be provided.



"Success is a journey, not a destination"



Jake riding Oreo

Some Fun Exercises

This year's focus will be on goal setting, knowing your horse, and the mental and emotional part of competition. Some students had a small taste of this on their last lessons but a few fun exercises to practice in the meantime will help! Set up for a successful ride, in fact the "best ride ever". Make it a point to strive for this every time you work with your horse. Try to practice how soft you can be, no reins, no stirrups, and the horse hair challenge! Can you control your horse with a single piece of hair?! If you can see me ASAP for a prize!

Please check out our website at www.FollowYourDreamsFarmLLC.com:

Lots of new updates and great information will be posted there, tips, videos, our social media pages, and events on our home page or Google calendar. Did you know that you can get notifications for events? We are trying to make a one stop shop for everyone to simplify communication. There are some additional resources we are still looking at such as email "mail chimp" or similar applications that may offer some help. Stay tuned!

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COMICS

By Leslie E Bowen off of Facebook



Upcoming News

Show schedule
 Available *show* leases and multiple lessons discount
 Sponsorship and show meeting March 10th 3-4pm
 Google drive sharing and record keeping
 New farm forms will be available to everyone on our
www.FollowYourDreamsFarmLLC.com website

HORSE JOKES



Q. What did the horse say when it fell?

A. I've fallen and can't giddy up!

Q. When does a horse talk?

A. Whinny wants to.

Q. What do you call a horse that lives next door?

A. A neigh-bor.

Q. Why can't horses dance?

A. Because they have 2 left feet.

One of my favorite poems hope you enjoy it as much as I do

DON'T SELL YOUR SADDLE

Don't give up on dreams.
Take time to see 'em through.
There is no magic recipe,
hard work makes 'em come true.

Even when you're struggling,
your friends will stick like glue.
Don't ever sell your saddle,
your dreams won't give up on you.

