

Updated Camp Fair Schedule:

Summer Camp Convention
Solon Community Center
March 3, 2012
10:00am-2:00pm

2012 Summer Activities Expo
Orange Middle School, Olentangy
March 5, 2012
5:30pm-8:00pm

Miami Valley Summer Camp Fair
Wright State University
March 10, 2012
11:00am-2:00pm

WPC Summer Camp Expo
Westerville North High School
March 14, 2012
5:30pm-8:00pm

Summer Camp Adventure Fair
Cincinnati Museum Center
March 25, 2012
10:00am-3:00pm

Equine Affaires
Ohio Expo Center Youth Pavillion
Columbus, OH
April 12-April 15, 2012

Don't forget to stop by and visit if you are in one of those areas. Bring a friend who is interested in camp, and you'll both get a limited edition t-shirt!

New Activity this summer: Mountain Biking??
Check back in next month's newsletter for staff announcements!!



Meet This Year's CITs!

It is always pleasing to see how excited potential CITs are when they are first notified of their official acceptance. The step from camper to counselor in training is a big one but we have every confidence in these young people and look forward to working with all of them.

Andrea Farr, Chagrin Falls, OH, 4th year at Falcon
Eden Saltzman, Pepper Pike, OH, 10th year at Falcon
Emma Whisman, Versailles, KY, 3rd year at Falcon
Erika Kess, Orange Village, OH, 6th year at Falcon
Gavin Markowitz, Silver Lake, OH, 4th year at Falcon
Halle Kaplan, Galena, OH, 6th year at Falcon
Jacob Honick, Gahanna, OH, 7th year at Falcon
Jessica Stahl, Shaker Heights, OH, 7th year at Falcon
Jordan Sprunger, Gahanna, OH, 10th year at Falcon
Kathy Masaryk, Shaker Heights, OH, 5th year at Falcon
Katie Selhorst, Chagrin Falls, OH, 4th year at Falcon
Macey Tam, Brecksville, OH, 2nd year at Falcon
Nina Rodrigues Cranberry Township, PA, 6th year at Falcon

From the Director

Emily, Nici, Tali and I will be in Atlanta from February 20-24 for the American Camp Association national conference. It is energizing to be surrounded by your peer professionals and to share with each other. Helping children reconnect with nature is a major topic track of the conference, as it is with a growing number of educators nationwide. I will represent Ohio as part of a panel discussion titled: Children and Nature, How Public Policy Decisions are Helping and Hurting Environmental Literacy. As a long time member of the ACAOhio board of directors, (now known as the Council of Leaders - got to love the consultants who get paid for these ideas...), my main role is as chair for legislative affairs. Beyond the directing of Falcon, part of my larger vision for camping is to help connect more schools, camps and health professionals in a collaborative effort of year round services. All of us have similar goals ---to help young people grow in meaningful and healthy ways--we just have some different ways to help them get there. Any parent or alumni in a professional field where they might be of assistance, please feel free to offer your thoughts. In the meantime, remember to tell your friends about Falcon and join us for the summer of 2012.

--Dave

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Nickers and Neighs

Snow is everywhere at camp and the fields have numerous hoof prints. In the spirit of the holidays, we have heard from some of our equine friends. Katie Selhorst and Emma Whisman have been showing. Katie showed at Chagrin Valley Farms in the lower jumping division, and took a couple 3rds and a 2nd. Emma continues to show at various disciplines, winning blues along the way.

Unfortunately, we had to retire Jake. Our wonderful paint gelding injured his neck. After reviewing the x-rays it was determined that as a youngster Jake took a bad fall, dislocating a portion of his neck. Somehow or other, he recently did the same - so for now Jake is a life sized lawn ornament!

While all of us are in school with our heads buried in books or i-phones, Dr. Tina has been stopping by to check on the herd that is at our farm to make sure everyone is healthy. Horses need to be checked 24/7, whether a horse resides outside or inside a stall. The horses appear to have grown a "Bigfoot" coat and greet Tom happily when he pulls up with their daily delicious round hay bales. Gracie, Diva and Ladybug keep the herd moving with Woody being the overseer gelding.

-Emily

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Presenters subject to change.

Clinicians already confirmed...

General Trainers...

<p>Craig Cameron Linda Parelli Mark Rashid</p>	<p>Stacy Westfall Guy McLean Jonathan Field</p>
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Plus...

<p>Andy Marcoux (Driving) Aaron Ralston (Trail & Ranch Horse Training) Larry Kuyper (Team Penning & Sorting) Todd Flettrich (Dressage) Brenda Imus (Easy Gaited Horses) Connie Combs (Barrel Racing)</p>	
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And many more to be announced... ©2011 Equine Affaire, Inc.

Equine Affaire is a very distinguished festival revolving around all things horse related. There will be shows, competitions, things to purchase, and many horse experts of various disciplines. We will have a booth to talk about our camps, and the horse programs we offer. We would love to see you there, and if you have any friends in the area who would be interested in Equine Affaire, or hearing about camp, please send them our way!

Equine Affaire is April 12-15, 2012 at the Ohio Expo Center in Columbus, OH. We will be located in the Youth Pavillion. We hope to see you there!

Check out who has registered recently!

Lauren Timm
Jocelyn Ting*
Jackson Shorey
Julia Shorey
Everett Shorey*
JJ Owens*
Mailys de Demandolx*
Alex Sharkunov
Marguerite Ireffin
Emily Bailey
Evelyn Lewicki*
Michael Otts
Henry Gilmore
Benjamin Schattinger*
Drew Ridenour
Anna Nash
Morgan Reed*

Exciting Updates

At the recent Ohio Camping Conference, Dave was surprised to receive the Buckeye Award, an extremely prestigious award saved for those with "outstanding service and leadership" in the camping world. I was proud to see Dave recognized for the efforts and hard work he puts into the industry, both toward our little corner of it at Falcon, and the greater ACA and beyond. Congratulations, Dave!

--TALI



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