



The Saddle Light Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship

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Official Newsletter for Saddle Light Riders, Volunteers & Supporters

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The Saddle Light Center is a non-profit corporation created in 1991 to help disabled people reach their full potential.

Our mission is to provide equestrian therapy for children, teenagers and adults with neurological, orthopedic, learning, emotional or other disabilities.

Our goal is to inspire our riders to accomplishments previously considered beyond their capabilities.



EquestFest 2021

A Rootin' Tootin' Day of Family Fun!

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 • 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Helotes Fairgrounds

12210 Leslie Rd., off Hwy 16 in Helotes

COME OUT
& HORSE
AROUND!



- Pony Rides/Petting Zoo • Games
- Two Tons of Steel Band
- Artisan Crafts
- Face Painting • Air Bounce •
- Food • Silent Auction • Pistol Packing Paula
- Performance by:

The Guadalupe True Women Drill Team

Tickets

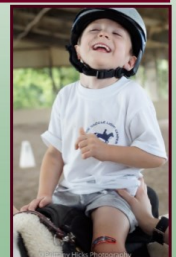
Advance: Adults- \$10; Children (ages 5-12) -\$5
At the Gate: Adult- \$12; Children (ages 5-12) -\$7
Activities \$1 ea & Pony Rides \$3 ea

To purchase in advance go to: www.thesaddlelightcenter.com



EquestFest is our annual festival benefitting

The Saddle Light Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship. The funds raised support our horses and equestrian programs.



We are currently in the middle of our summer session! Sessions will be held in the indoor arena when the temperature exceeds 90 degrees. We encourage all volunteers and riders to wear cool, breathable clothing, sun protection, and stay hydrated! We will provide sunblock and bug spray. Drinking water will be available in the barn & outside of the covered arena.

Summer Session concludes on August 13th, and we'll go on a three-week End-of-Summer Break. During this time we will still need volunteers to help with our daily barn chores. Sign up sheets will be available in the barn soon! **Fall Session will commence on September 7th.**



Current Covid Guidelines:

We are following the guidelines set forth by the state of Texas as much as possible. Vaccinated individuals do not need to wear masks—however we do ask unvaccinated individuals to wear a mask, and all volunteers working “hands on” with riders do need to wear a mask if the rider is unvaccinated. We encourage everyone to continue to practice good hygiene and social distancing!



The Saddle Light Center has been named as one of the **Top Rated Non-Profits by Great Non-Profits!** We were able to receive this distinction based on reviews by our volunteers, riders, and their families. Thanks to everyone who helped us achieve this designation again!

We are also pleased to announce that Saddle Light has been recognized as an **EQUUS Foundation 2021 Guardian**. The purpose of the Guardians program is to encourage equine organizations to be transparent and accountable to the public through the disclosure of their equine care and use practices. Achieving this designation was a very extensive process and one we are very proud of! In fact, there are only 2 other organizations providing Equine Assisted Services in Texas that have received the same designation, one in Aubrey, TX and the other in Ponder, TX. You can learn more about the EQUUS Foundation by visiting their webpage: www.equusfoundation.org/guardians



We have been accepted by SAMA, **San Antonio Metropolitan Area Public Sector Campaigns**, which encompasses Bexar County Charitable Campaign, City of SA Charitable Campaign, Combined School District Charitable Campaign and SA Water System Charitable Campaign. Anyone working for these entities can now donate to us. Each organization has a brochure with listings of agencies that qualify for employee campaigns. We are listed in each brochure as **8036, The Saddle Light Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship**—please look for us if you work for one of these organizations!

As you do your back to school **shopping**, don't forget you can support us by shopping with **Amazon Smile!** Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>



Six members of the **Caterpillar CSR Committee** came out and removed all corner feeders and cleaned them and the surrounding area, which gets very dirty and attracts flies. They also cleaned the stall gates and blanket racks and repainted them. We thank them for their help sprucing up the barn!

On April 23rd, April 30th and May 8th, veterinary technician students from the **PIMA Medical Institute in San Antonio** came to SLC to practice their skills for their certification by **Thomas Easley, DVM** and Veterinary Program Director. The horses were happy to oblige!



On Thursday, April 22nd, a group from the **Navy Medicine Training Center, Boat Team 2** at Ft. Sam Houston, came out at 9: 00 am and painted the rails and gates in the covered arena. They did a great job and the arena looks extremely sharp now!



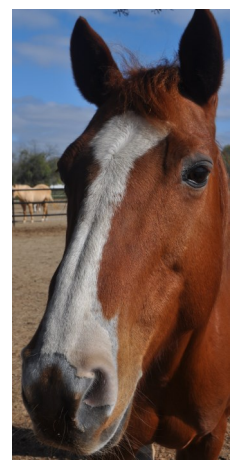
On April 10th, a group of students from the **Reagan High School Key Club** came to the stables and spent 4 hours cleaning water buckets, corner feeders, gates, blanket racks, and all 4 of our large floor fans. We appreciate their hard work!



Mark your calendar for the **Big Give, September 23rd!** Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to pay for a financial audit by a CPA, which will allow us to apply for additional state and federal grants.

Thank You

We received a \$15,000 grant from the **Najim Charitable Foundation** for our Saddle Club Scholarship Fund. We are so thankful to them for their continued support of our organization!



We're looking for dedicated and committed volunteers for a not so ordinary volunteer opportunity... working with the Saddle Light horses and the children & adults who benefit from equestrian therapy!

We need over 120 volunteers each week to provide chores such as rider assistance by spotting, side walking, or horse leading, as well as horse care and barn chores. We also have opportunities for groups that want to fulfill a specific service project (great for church groups, college clubs, work teams and more).

Volunteer hours are from 3 pm to 9 pm Monday through Friday. Most volunteers sign up for either a 3:00 to 6:00 shift or 6:00 to 9:00. We also need volunteers to assist with barn chores on Saturday and Sunday mornings and afternoons. Contact us for more info—(210) 651-9574 or volcoor@sbcglobal.net.

No experience necessary! We will teach you what you need to know.

Volunteer training dates: 8/14/2021; 09/18/2021; 10/16/2021 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.



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