



Backside News

JUNE 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JUNE 14TH-
GROOM ELITE 101
ASSESSMENT

JUNE 15TH-
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JUNE 17TH-
MAY RECOGNITION
PARTY & GROOM
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JULY 8TH- JUNE
RECOGNITION
PARTY 5:30PM

JULY 22ND- TU-
TOR TRAINING 2PM

JUNE CENTER HOURS:

**MONDAY-
FRIDAY
11:30 A.M.
to
8:00 P.M.**

2nd Annual Horsemen's Golf Scramble

Written by: Melissa Johnson

On Tuesday, June 8th, The Backside Learning Center hosted the 2nd Annual Horsemen's Golf Scramble at Glenmary Country Club. The event was a big success! The number of participants doubled from the previous year and the Learning Center raised almost \$3400.

Although the Horsemen's Golf Scramble was geared toward horsemen participation and community building between the Learning Center and horsemen on the backside of Churchill Downs, the golf scramble was open to the public to participate.

The event lasted approximately seven hours; however, the time and effort to produce the event took months of hard work. Emily Dingman, the Program Manager of the Learning Center, and I began planning this event in December 2009. The event began with registration and lunch at 11am and the

golf tournament officially began at 12:30pm with a shotgun start. The event concluded that evening with a raffle and a short awards ceremony acknowledging the winning team, losing team, contest winners, sponsors and donors.



The cost to participate was \$100 per player with four players to a team. Although this may seem that the entry fee would contribute greatly to the funds raised during the event, it does not. Fifty percent of the entry fee went to the golf club to pay for the green fees, golf cart rentals and lunch.

Without the generosity of the event's sponsors and donors, the golf scramble would not raise nearly

enough funds to make it a worthwhile investment of time and energy. Signs with the logos of our sponsors and donors were posted throughout the event to acknowledge them and the Learning Center encourages everyone to thank our sponsors and donors by utilizing their products and services. See page 2 for sponsor recognition.

The Learning Center hopes to continue this event next year with the 3rd Annual Horsemen's Golf Scramble. However, to make the workload easier, the Learning Center will actively seek volunteers to become members of a planning committee for the event. Committee member roles will consist of sponsorship and donation solicitation, event promotion, event planning and support. If you are interested in becoming a member of the planning committee for the 3rd Annual Horsemen's Golf Scramble, please contact the Learning Center.

Moving Forward: The Learning Center Creates a Board of Directors

Written by: Jennifer Hoert

The Backside Learning Center has established a Board of Directors. The members of the Board are: **Kevin Lavin, Jan Margerum, Sarah Rankin, Michael Rehm, Darren Rogers, Fred Snyder, and Sally Troutman.** We recently completed the strategic planning process through which we identified our vision, mission and core values.

Vision:

Enhance the lives of equine workers by providing education, life skill resources and community.

Mission:

We consistently offer:

- Relevant learning experiences.
- Diverse social opportunities.
- Personal and professional development.

In a caring, respectful environment.

Core Values:

We are committed to:

- Living our Vision and Mission.
- Being responsible stewards of

all resources.

- Fostering an enjoyable environment.
- Delivering on our promises.

I hope that you find, as I have, that these statements align with what we have been striving to do since our inception and make it easier to share our story with others as they are clear, concise and informative. They give us our purpose, tell us what services we are to provide, and define the environment we are to create.

2nd Annual Horsemen's Golf Scramble Photos



Thanks Oxmoor Toyota!



Special Thanks to the Sponsors of the Golf Scramble:



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Double Hole Sponsor



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LEARNING CENTER WISH LIST:

- Any book for adults written in Spanish
- Bilingual books
- Audio books with accompanying texts, particularly shorter or easier books, poetry or adult-appropriate learning-to-read books
- Spanish-English dictionaries
- Soccer shoes (size 8, 8 ½, 9, gently used is fine)
- Soccer balls
- Class supplies, especially notebooks, binders, pencils, dry erase markers
- 2 Updated GED textbooks in English
- 2 Updated GED textbooks in Spanish
- 10 Pimsleur Inglés: English for Spanish Speakers with Audio CD textbooks
- Popcorn & oil packets for theater popcorn machine

Team Notes

Written by: Kevin Oberhausen
The Learning Center is looking to fill the following volunteer positions. Please contact us if you or someone you know may be interested in filling these positions.

Computer Teacher:
We need someone to lead our Wednesday evening Computer Class at 6:00p.m beginning immediately. *This individual must be bilingual in both English & Spanish.* Person must have a good knowledge of computers, although material is not overly complicated. Lessons will include basics of how to use a mouse and keyboard, navigating webpages via search-engines, setting up email accounts, sending photos through email, searching media (videos, news), etc. Must have the skill to present

material and balance lesson plan to reach students with varying ability level.

Citizenship Instructor:
We need a dedicated volunteer who can lead a citizenship class. A background in Spanish is preferred but not required.



This volunteer will be trained and we hope to reinstate this program by mid-July. This class was taught last year on Tuesday evenings, but we are willing to change the date and time based on the availability of the volunteer. Topics include general American History, American

Government, the Naturalization Process, Oath of Loyalty, the Pledge of Allegiance, etc.

English and GED Tutors:

If you haven't already, let us know if you're interested in becoming an English or GED tutor. While we can't guarantee you will be matched with a learner immediately, we will set up appointments between students & volunteers as the demand for this service dictates. Volunteer must be flexible and understand that students are sometimes unreliable. Volunteer must be punctual, professional and enthusiastic to teach. The next tutor training is July 22nd at 2:00p.m.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Contact Emily Dingman at the Learning Center if you're interested in volunteering.

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER:

If you would like to write an article for the newsletter about a class or student you teach/volunteer with, please contact the Learning Center. We would love to have your contributions!

DATA ENTRY: Volunteer needed once per month to update student and volunteer hours for soccer, movie night, guitar and other programs in Microsoft Access. Experience with Microsoft Access preferred but we can train.

DINNER COMMITTEE:

We would like to plan a fundraising dinner tentatively scheduled in December. This would be the first time we have ever had the event. We need a committee to plan and organize the event. Time commitment: monthly

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND TIME!

meetings starting in September and any additional planning/promoting as necessary.

LADIES DAY AT THE RACES COMMITTEE:

We will once again be hosting our Ladies' Day at the Races in November. If you are interested planning for this event let us know and we will put you on the fundraising committee. Meeting dates have not been finalized.