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February/March 2021 Newsletter

“Show Team” Update

The horseback riding “Show Team” recently held their annual end of the year/beginning of the new season party at the Teen Center. We were careful to comply with Covid-19 protocol and it was a fun celebration.

Each year at this event the teens write their individual goals for the upcoming season on 3x5 cards. We have 4 categories to consider-school, family, spiritual and horseback riding. I assure the teens that I will be the only person that sees their goals, this will enable me to encourage and help each teen to reach those goals. I was very impressed with the goals that were listed and that these goals reflected mature attitudes.

Later in the evening parents were invited to join us for the yearly awards, again with social distancing and Covid-19 protocols in place.

We began by acknowledging the captains from the previous year and then presented awards. The “Spiritual Leadership Awards” are presented to teens who have matured over the year, have helped lead the lessons and add meaningful or thoughtful conversation during discussion times.

We also have the “Jannie Award”, this award is given to the hardest worker. The teen that receives this award is always finding chores in the barn and works diligently to complete those tasks.

The “Taylor/Amanda Award” is for perseverance. A teen is selected who perseveres and continues to ride even though horseback riding can at times be very difficult. Afterwards, the mother of the teen that received this award mentioned to me that this teen had written to “Highlights™” magazine for a section describing personal fears. The girl was encouraged when she received a response from the magazine. I was unaware of this when I gave her the award but was so excited to see how God had used this magazine’s response to encourage and reward this girl. God is awesome and helping teens is awesome!

The “Handy Helper Award” is for a teen that shows leadership ability and eagerness to work with new/beginner riders, teach riders how to saddle a horse and give riding lessons. This person also has the potential to be selected as a Captain for the upcoming season.

For a fun award there is the “Most Falls Off Award”, no explanation needed! We have rules at Show Team, if you “fall off” you have to make me brownies, so appropriately brownies were made for this teen.

The “Most Improved Award” also needs no explaining. This year was extremely difficult to select only one individual, there was so much improvement with many of the riders.

The teens are eager to begin riding as soon as the weather breaks. We are praying that we can have a great year together riding horses and learning more about God and ourselves.

Dorothy Davidson, Executive Director

Art/Talent Show-March 20
Teen Center-16 Watson St., Unadilla-Approx. 1 pm

Details-Talent Show

We have 20 openings for the talent show portion. There will be designated time slots for 4 groups of performers. A performer’s group will consist of the performer and family members. The families will be able to watch during practice and performance time. The 4 groups will have a designated section of the auditorium to occupy for the round of 4 performers. Once all the 4 performers have finished, the individual groups will have an opportunity to go downstairs and see the Art Show portion or leave the Teen center. When the center has been vacated and cleaned the next group of 4 performers and families will be allowed to enter. NOTE: Preregistration is required by March 15th with Dorothy Davidson-432-3343. Music must have “appropriate lyrics” and approval.

Art Projects- must be submitted by March 16th to Dorothy Davidson or Mike Knowlton. Contact Dorothy at 432-3343 and leave a message. Please put your Full Name, Age and Title on the Art Project. Please also have it in a “displayable form”.

Praises-

- Staff, volunteers and teens are remaining healthy.*
- For necessary funds to remove the Teen Center steeple.*



Prayer Requests- To think outside the box for the Joker Run, Talent/Art Show and summer events.

- For funds to replace the roof at the Teen Center after the first step of steeple removal is completed.*
- For Ministry leaders to think creatively about spring and summer programs so that teens would continue to participate.*

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Executive Director**

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**Walton Campus Life - First Baptist Church, 55 Townsend St.,
Walton-Tuesdays-6:30-8:20 pm**

**Teen Center-16 Watson St., Unadilla-Mondays-3:30-5:30 pm and
Thursdays-6:00-8:00 pm**