

Become a Participant

Individuals who are age four and above, and who have a diagnosed physical, cognitive, or psychological disability are welcomed to apply to participate in the Rocking Horse Ranch program. The application process includes an in person evaluation, a medical information sheet that must be signed by the applicant's physician, and a participant information form. A scholarship application is included for those students who are low-moderate income. All students are required to pay a deposit at the time their application is submitted. Final admittance into the program is based on the evaluation by our staff to be sure that we can safely and effectively accommodate each prospective student.



General Information



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Our History

Rocking Horse Ranch Therapeutic Riding Program, Inc. was founded in 1991 for the purpose of providing equine assisted activities to children and adults with disabilities in eastern North Carolina. Our instructors facilitate independence within a framework tailored to each participant's specific needs and strengths, while stressing safety for all participants.

The benefits of therapeutic riding are well documented and numerous. Improved gross and fine motor skills lead to better functioning in everyday activities, which increases self esteem. Equine assisted activities also increase attention span, problem solving skills, and social skills to name a few benefits.



Jacob's Ride

I climb up on my rocking horse
And head out for the sky
To distant lands where I can speak,
And I don't have to cry....

...to make my wishes understood,
Where I can be a child,
Just like the other "normal" kids,
If only for a while.

There, on my horse, the world is mine,
My future opens wide;
And if you look into my eyes
You'll find you see inside...

...the little boy, with hopes and dreams,
I was supposed to be;
Because up on my rocking horse,
At last my soul is free

*Written for Jacob & his "rocking horse" Patch
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Equine Assisted Activities Benefit a Wide Variety of People with Disabilities

These are just a few diagnoses:

- ADHD
- Angelman Syndrome
- Aspergers Syndrome
- Autism
- Birth Defects
- Brain Injuries
- Cerebral Palsy
- Chromosome Disorders
- Developmental Delay
- Down Syndrome
- Emotional Impairment
- Learning Disabilities
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Seizure Disorders
- Speech Disabilities
- Spina Bifida
- Spinal Cord Injuries

