



"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." ~Anne Frank~



STAR VOLUNTEER E-NEWS

Hello STAR Friends!!



Are you all ready for warmer temperatures? I hope it's sooner rather than later!! It certainly has been a long, cold winter!! The Spring Session is starting up and we are excited to welcome back riders and volunteers who took the Winter Session off!!

NEWS FLASH!!!!

STAR was recently honored as the **winner** of East Tennessee Public Television's (ETPtv) Inaugural **'Be More' Award for Local Service!!** The Awards Luncheon was Thursday, February 25th and PBS "History Detectives" host, **Wes Cowan** announced the winners. STAR was one of three finalists along with the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries and the YWCA Knoxville. We are humbled to have been included with such worthy organizations. Several representatives of Knoxville area non-profits were in attendance as well as the sponsors for the event. This is such a testimony on how **YOUR** dedication and commitment to STAR impacts our entire community!!! We are so grateful to all of you for making STAR a beacon of light in Knoxville!!

Volunteer Hours Pay Off . . . Literally!!

STAR would like to extend a sincere thanks to **Alexiss & Larissa Lackey** and **Perceptics, LLC**. With the volunteer hours that Alexiss and Larissa accumulated during our Fall Session as Junior Vols, **Perceptics, LLC** paid out \$100 per volunteer hour which totaled \$5,000.00!!!! Needless to say, we were extremely surprised to hear that we would be receiving a check for such a large amount!!! We are very thankful to **Perceptics, LLC** for offering such a wonderful program to the community and are even more thankful to the Lackey family for dedicating their time to STAR!!!

Spring Break Reminder!

If you plan to be out of town during your Spring Break, remember to find a sub! STAR will continue to have classes and it is **extremely important** that you find a replacement. Sub-Lists can be found above the name tag boxes in the barn!

Welcome New Vols!!

STAR would like to welcome all of our new volunteers!! We had another great turnout for Volunteer Training!! Thank you so much for choosing STAR as your way of giving back to others!! We are glad that you are apart of our team!!



Horse Highlights

Kandy and Dakota have arrived!! They both have a wonderful demeanor and are adjusting well to their new home. They are quickly learning their jobs at STAR and we are hoping to add them in to our Spring Session. STAR is in the process of looking for homes for **Gilbert** and **Breeze**. Gilbert is owned by STAR and

Breeze is leased. STAR just wasn't the right fit for them, but they are great horses. They should do very well with one handler and lots of love!!! If you or anyone you know is interested or would like additional information, please contact Jennifer at equine@rideatstar.org.

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Training And Session Information

- Orientation is Saturday, March 6th through Friday, March 12th.
- Spring Session begins March 13th and ends May 30th.
- Open House is Wednesday, March 31, 4:30p.m.-6:30p.m.
- No class on Easter Sunday, April 4th.
- Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 5th through April 11th.



Volunteer Tips!

- Shedding season is here and our equine friends will require some additional care. Please remember to use the shedding blades during the grooming process. Only volunteers are to use the shedding blades and remember to stay away from the horse's face and legs. Be cautious when using the blade over any other boney areas of the horse. The hair **should not** be swept up with the other dirt or manure on the floor. It needs to be separated and put into the hair buckets at the back of the grooming bays.
- **NOTE:** Make sure to give your rider time to process instructions. Don't expect an instant response. It may take several seconds so please be patient and give the rider a chance to react.