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SWITCH WILLO STABLES NEWSLETTER



WELCOME!

Whether you've been a part of our barn family for many years or you are new to Switch Willo, we are so very glad to have you here! Congratulations to all of our riders who have just finished an incredibly successful show year and best of luck as we start our new season on December 1.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- DEC 5-23: FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT LOCAL FOOD PANTRY
- DEC 8-11: THANKSGIVING SHOW/WACO
- DEC 17: 5:00 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE BARN
- DEC 17-18: IEA SHOW/SALADO
- DEC 25: BARN CLOSED



DID YOU KNOW?

We find wonderful ponies and horses to lease or buy for riders of all levels. Why lease or buy? It's the best way to get more riding practice because (once approved by a trainer) you are able to hack your horse outside of lesson times. We currently have several very special SWS ponies and horses who are looking for new partners. And we have a large network of resources for quality horses if one of ours isn't a fit. We encourage you to reach out to lessons@switchwillo.com to find your best match!

HORSE SHOW CLINICS A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all who attended our Horse Show Clinics held on August 6th and November 12 at the Williamson County Expo Center! We had a fantastic response with attendees saying they learned a lot and are now excited to start showing! Our Centex shows will start in March/April 2023, so now is a great time to add "Go to show" to your goal list. It's never too soon to go to a show--there are divisions for all. And you don't have to be a "perfect" rider. The whole idea of showing is to compete, learn and have fun.

Pictured below are SWS riders and parents who braved the cold at our November Clinic. Thank you again for attending!



HALLOWEEN PARTY--THERE ARE NO WORDS!

To say Halloween 2022 was INCREDIBLE is not enough. Thank you to ALL of our riders for putting so much creativity, work, and time into your costumes. You completely blew us away! We had 25+ entries in the Costume Contest and more than 100 guests. The weather was spectacular, the horses were angels and we had so much fun. Next year we'll order more food, we promise! Congratulations to our Overall Costume Winner Elle Locke with her partner in crime Mariah. Check out photos and reels at <https://www.instagram.com/switchwillo/> to see all the costumes!

IEA TEAM NEWS

Congratulations to our IEA Team Capital City Equestrian on a great season! Team members are Abi Cunningham, Brie Cunningham, Chloe O'Connell, Cole Marshall, Elle Locke, Ginger Lilie, Grace McCarty, Hadeel Salman, Katherine Siemes, Lauren Slade, Lily Marshall, Lydia Vine, Magnolia Hance, Maya Graziano, Natalie York, Reese Wilson, and Soleil Fullnick. Good luck showing on Dec 17-18!



FOOD DRIVE

We'll be collecting items through Dec 21st as a way of giving to our community. Look for labeled bins in the Camp House and Main Barn. Food items include canned beans/vegetables/fruit, oatmeal, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, canned soup or soup packets. Also spices like cayenne, garlic salt, dried herbs, cinnamon, cumin and chili powder. Canned tuna fish, salmon, and jerky are excellent shelf-stable proteins and much appreciated. Finally, baby wipes, formula, baby shampoo and baby soap as well as feminine hygiene products are always needed.

SWS CHRISTMAS PARTY

- Saturday, Dec 17
- 5:00
- Kids bring a gift to exchange (\$20 limit). Can be an ornament, a toy, game--does not have to be "horsey".
- Eli Smith will be cooking so you know it will be delish.
- We'll have games, a campfire, s'mores, and yes, karaoke!
- Raffle--if you attended last year you know that the Christmas Raffle is incredible! You'll receive a raffle ticket for attending and an additional ticket for bringing a Food Drive donation with you to the party.



FALL PHOTO GALLERY



2023 USEF Horse Show Schedule

December 8 – 11	Thanksgiving Show	Waco, TX
January 19 – 22	Blue Ribbon Winter	Waco, TX
March 15 – 19	WEC Winter Spectacular XI	Ocala, FL
March 22 – 26	WEC Winter Spectacular XII	Ocala, FL
April 4 – April 8	Pin Oak Charity Horse Show II	Katy, TX
April 12 - 16	Pin Oak Charity Horse Show III	Katy, TX
May 3 - 7	Great Southwest Round Up	Katy, TX
May 10 - 14	Fiesta Classic	Katy, TX
June 15-18	Blue Ribbon Summer Festival I	Waco, TX
June 22-25	Blue Ribbon Summer Festival II	Waco, TX
July 26 – 30	Ocala Summer Series Week 8	Ocala, FL
August 2 – 6	Ocala Summer Series Week 9	Ocala, FL
September 20 - 24	Southwest Showdown	Katy, TX
Sept 28 – Oct 1	GSEC Fall Classic	Katy, TX
October 19 - 22	Monster Mash	Katy, TX
November 8 - 12	Great Southwest Autumn Classic	Katy, TX
November 15-19	Final Chase	Katy, TX