



# SERRANO CREEK RANCH EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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Once again, the "citizens" of SCR have shown their altruism in their willingness to step up to help others in a time of need. We should be proud of the efforts so many played in the evacuation of the horses from the canyons during the recent Silverado Fire. Special appreciation goes to Lee Schwoebel for being a true leader in directing the effort so seamlessly. She was first on the scene and the last to leave that night. Along with the efforts of the following folks. Well done!!!

#### **The Haulers:**

Marc Hedgpeth  
Brown Jaynes  
Konrad O'Daly  
Blaine Reilly  
Allison Statz  
Leslie Thomson  
Casey Bailey

#### **Stable Concierges:**

Marc Alexander  
Laurie Alexander  
Sherin Brunker  
Shannon Escalante  
Lois Plowman  
Meghan Salisbury

...and anyone we may have accidentally missed!

We took in 43 horses from a combination of Santiago Canyon Stables, Step' N Style Ranch, and a private barn in Silverado. We can go beyond our equine capacity numbers in the event of an emergency such as this one.



#### **Holiday Photo Booth**

It's time to celebrate and capture cherished memories of the Holidays via our first ever equine "photo booth." The front side of the D Barn (alongside the front arena) will be decorated for the

## 2020 HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

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# SERRANO CREEK REMINDERS



## SCR Winterization Update

Winterization has begun! The workers have completed all the stalls in the back area of the stables, and they are currently working hard on the central pipe corrals. If you have not already, please turn in your winterization form as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need a form, feel free to stop by the office.



Reminder, this year's winterization is different

than other years, as it is a requirement to ensure that every stall meets the Water Quality Best Management Practices.



Once every stall has been completed, there will be an opportunity for boarders to add any additional scoops of DG or Birds Eye Gravel while supplies last. If you are interested in adding extra scoops, please contact the office.

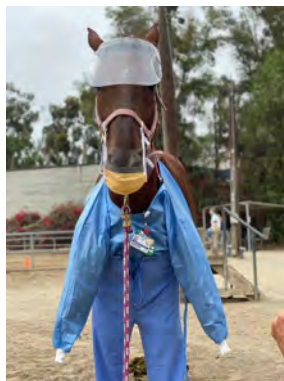
## Muck Buckets in the Rain

As the rainy season approaches, please remember to leave your muck bucket turned over before it starts to rain. If you plan on cleaning your stall during the rain, the muck bucket must remain under a cover until it stops raining or until one of the workers picks it up.

Holidays during December. Please stop by and take a picture of your favorite equine friend or friends (BYOC: bring your own camera.) The decorations will be left in place, barring bad weather (rain/wind) until Christmas. Please enjoy and be safe. Remember, social distancing is required.

## Virtual Halloween Costume Contest

Congratulations to our two participants; Kaitlin Yamamoto with Dakota, the horse nurse, and Shannon Escalante with Trax, the colorful piñata. Look at these fantastic and creative costumes, way to be original! Please stop by the office to claim your prize. Thank you for taking the time and participating in this year's SCR Virtual Halloween Costume Contest.



## Barn Etiquette Series: Riding on the Trails

We are truly fortunate to have beautiful trails that boarders can enjoy, so close to the barn. We ask that you be mindful of our neighbors and others while using the trails. Please always remember to stay on the trail, preventing

GETTING OUT ON THE TRAIL, ALLOWS YOUR HORSE TO SEE, FEEL AND SMELL NEW THINGS AND YOU AN OPPORTUNITY...



TO GET CLOSE TO NATURE



horse manure from ending up on the sidewalks. You should alert the office staff if you see an excess amount of horse manure out there so that the workers can clean it up and maintain our neighbors' happiness.

When riding in the park, we also ask that you stay out of the children's play area and stay on the trail wherever possible. When riding on the trail, there is no trotting, loping, cantering, or galloping. Besides it being dangerous, it also raises dust, which prompts complaints from the neighbors. We share the park with the community, so stay alert of other activities going on. Bikes, kids, and dogs can appear unexpectedly! Please be courteous to residents, regardless of their demeanor.

### AT A GLANCE: SCR Trail Rules

- When on trails, keep two horse lengths between horses
- No riding in the housing tracts
- No trotting, loping, cantering, or galloping in the park and behind the residences
- No ground working of horses in the park
- We recommend a "buddy system" for trail riding at any time
- Stay out of the children's play area

### Serrano Creek Park Tree Removal

Crews are currently working on removing dead trees, stumps, and roots in Serrano Creek Park. The work will last through November. For the duration of the project, large portions of the park will be closed depending on the cutting work location.

### SCR IMPORTANT HOLIDAY DATES

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| November 26   | Thanksgiving  | Feeding Only<br>Office Closed                |
| December 24   | Christmas Eve | Cleaning & Feeding<br>Office Closing @ 12 PM |
| December 25   | Christmas Day | Feeding Only<br>Office Closed                |
| January<br>01 | News Years    | Feeding Only<br>Office Closed                |

## Professional Services Directory



### Leslie Thomson

Western Lessons  
& Training  
(949) 295-4807

### Silver Stirrup Riding Academy

Beginning English, Western, and  
Camps  
(949) 354-3603

### MKO Performance Horses

Western & Barrel  
Training/ Lessons  
(949) 351-4706

### Heart & Soul Horse Care

Western Lessons and Horse Care  
(949) 246-2466

### Tom Betts-Aranda

Dressage Lessons  
(949)291-8262

### Brave Grace

Equine Inspired Growth and Healing  
(949) 371-6240

### New Flight Counseling

Equine Assisted EMDR  
(949)793-9264

### Simple Horses Sense

Equine Assisted Counseling  
(714)468-2512





## TO ALL SERRANO CREEK RANCH BOARDERS

It's that time again! For the past several years, Jan, Megan, and I have collected money for the Workers at Serrano Creek Ranch to give them a special holiday gift from all of us here. We also supply a special Holiday Card that you can sign with your personal message to them. This is great way to acknowledge all of their hard work and give them a special holiday gift from everyone at the stables.

On Sunday, November 29, 2020, we will have a table set up in front of the office between 9 am and 3 pm with coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, and donuts to make it easier for you to sign the Holiday Card and donate to their fund. This year will be a little different; Megan, Jan, and I will be wearing masks and gloves. We ask that you wear a mask too. We will be complying with state mandate rules, including maintaining a distance of 6 feet from one another.

These wonderful workers go the extra mile to take care of our horses every day, on the weekends and all holidays. They do an excellent job caring for the grounds and the arenas as well. They help boarders and horses in their time of need.

If you miss us on this day, you may still donate by placing your donation in an envelope marked "Workers' Holiday Fund" written on the envelope and drop it in the slot at the office. If you are writing a personal check, please make it out to Lois Plowman.

In late December, the amount received will be counted and split evenly to all the workers here at Serrano Creek Ranch.

100% of the donations goes to the workers; please donate.

Thank you,

Lois Plowman



# TOYS FOR TOTS

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS! PLEASE HELP BY DONATING NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS AND SPORTING GOODS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

TOYS FOR TOTS IS A PROGRAM THAT DISTRIBUTES TOYS TO LOCAL CHILDREN IN NEED DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. WE WILL BE COLLECTING TOYS ON SATURDAY DECEMBER 12 FROM 7AM-11AM AT LESLIE THOMSON'S TRAILER! (IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THIS DATE YOU MAY LEAVE YOUR TOYS IN THE SERRANO CREEK RANCH OFFICE, WITH LESLIE THOMSON, OR WITH LAUREN JENNRICH)

PLEASE HELP US GIVE THESE KIDS AN AMAZING CHRISTMAS!

Located at Serrano Creek Ranch  
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For more information please contact Blaine Reilly 949-274-0973



**\*\*We will NOT be collecting toys after this date. If you are unable to bring them before or on the day we are collecting, please take them to any local fire station. We are so excited to be helping the community out. Thank you!!!!!!!**