



Equestrian Therapy Program's
33rd Annual Ride-A-Thon

Saturday, October 24, 2026

10 A.M.-2 P.M.

22532 Bowsher/Grubb Road

Cridersville, Ohio 45806

Family Fun Activities

Admission And Food Are Free

Thank You for Joining Us for Our Major Fundraiser of the Year



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Dear Friend,

The Equestrian Therapy Program has been providing equine assisted activities and therapies for people with disabilities in our area for over 40 years! Our riders are sent to us through the therapy departments of local hospitals, through private physician referral, and through the classes of various area schools. During each session, we will average 68 riders a week receiving equine assisted therapy. We feel we are making a positive difference in many lives through equine assisted activities.

We know that you are besieged with requests from all kinds of charitable organizations. We all need to be informed about our giving. It is important to note that ALL of the funds and services donated to the Equestrian Therapy Program stay here in our own area to help our own people with disabilities. We have 4 registered instructors, 1 therapist certified in hippotherapy, 1 licensed social worker and a corps of more than 120 dedicated men, women, and teenage volunteers from the Northwest Ohio area.

We are proud of the work that we do, and we ask you to consider helping us in our efforts. All of our classes are held at Fassett Farm on Grubb/Bowsher Road; we invite you to come out to see them in action. If you can come, please call us at 419-657-2700 so that we can give you a schedule and directions. Thank you for your consideration!

Ride-a-Thon Activities: 10am— 2pm..... Rider's Pledge Rides, games, crafts, live and silent auction, and a lucky number drawing as well as a delicious lunch

**OUR ANNUAL RIDE-A-THON IS THE MAJOR FUND RAISER FOR OUR
OPERATING BUDGET. PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT!!**

Sincerely,

Michele Andrews-Sabol

Director, The Equestrian Therapy Program





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HOW YOU CAN HELP!!!

Our annual **Ride-A-Thon** will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2026. This year we have a goal of raising \$70,000 to help defray the cost of classes for our students. If you want to get involved, here's how you can help make a difference!

Pledge a Rider: Riders will be asking friends and family to sponsor their Ride-a-Thon ride.

50/50 tickets: Purchase 50/50 tickets from the office, rider or on the day of the event. Tickets sell for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.

Vote for your favorite horse!! Pledge for one of the horses who work so hard for us. The horse who receives the most money in pledges is voted Horse of the Year. If you are a rider, get a donation jar with a picture of your horse from the office so you can show the picture when you ask for a donation. It is best to get a flat donation (\$5, \$10, etc.) and collect the money at that time to save a return trip. You can also save your own change each week to vote for your favorite steed.

Donate items for live and silent auction: We are looking for unique and desired items of \$25.00 value or more for our Silent Auction – for example, gift baskets, sports memorabilia, “horsey” things and other items of value. We also welcome donations for the Lucky Number Raffle. Make sure we get the name and address of those who donate and deliver the items to the farm by September 12th, 2026.

Bid on auction items: Scan the QR code below to bid on the silent auction items. Or on the day of the event purchase tickets to enter the lucky number drawing.



If interested, check in the office for pledge sheets or other items you run out of, and

Thank You for your help in making this **the very best Ride-A-Thon ever!**





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HOW TO RAISE YOUR RIDE-A-THON PLEDGES

- 1) Start early and ask everyone!!!
- 2) Start by making your own pledge to yourself. If you are committed, the others you ask will see that and become committed, too.
- 3) Personalize your letters requesting support by explaining how The Equestrian Therapy Program has affected you.
- 4) Tell your sponsors why the Ride-A-Thon is important to you and the community.
- 5) Educate yourself about our Program and the participants.
- 6) Ask for pledges on payday.
- 7) Ask businesses and corporations if they have "matching gifts". If an employee volunteers here, or donates, the corporation matches the monetary value of donation.
- 8) Form a "fundraising team". Give them a name and make sure they come out on the day of the Ride-A-Thon.
- 9) Ask spouses, parents, friends and family members to help you spread the word and ask for donations.
- 10) Always Keep your Ride-A-Thon information with you.
- 11) Ask your employer, or a friend or family member's employer, to have a "Dress Down" Day at work. the amount of money that is pledged by workers to be able to dress down that day can be donated as a pledge for you.
- 12) A positive attitude will be 100% of your success.
- 13) Save your sponsor list for the next year!!!

The \$1,000 Club (How To Raise \$1,000)

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| 1) Sponsor yourself for \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| 2) Ask 2 family members to sponsor you for \$50.00 each | \$100.00 |
| 3) Ask 10 friends to sponsor you for \$20.00 each | \$200.00 |
| 4) Ask 10 co-workers to sponsor you for \$10.00 each | \$100.00 |
| 5) Ask 5 neighbors to sponsor you for \$20.00 each | \$100.00 |
| 6) Ask 10 people from the community to sponsor you for \$20.00 each | \$200.00 |
| 7) Ask businesses where your family members work to sponsor you for \$50.00 | \$50.00 |
| 8) Ask 5 businesses in your area to sponsor you for \$20.00 each | \$100.00 |
| 9) Ask 4 businesses, doctors, hair salons, etc. that you frequent to sponsor you for \$25.00 each | \$100.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,000.00 |





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Rider Pledge Form

\$50 minimum pledges to ride that day



Name: _____ Address: _____

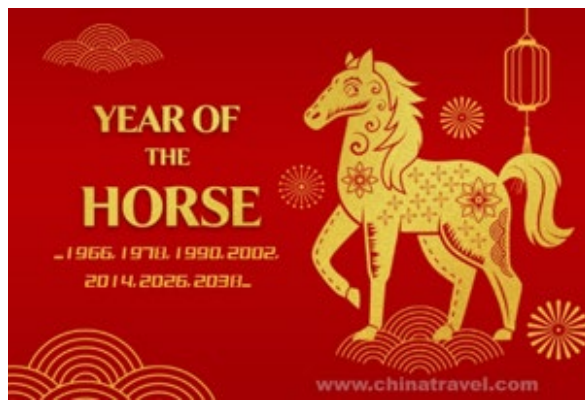
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

I hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against the Equestrian Therapy Program and/or Fassett Farm while taking part in this event, or as a result thereof.

Signature: _____
(of parent or guardian if rider is under 18 years of age)

<u>Name of Sponsor</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Pledge Amount</u>
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RIDE-A-THON REVIEW October 24, 2026

First organized in 1993, the Ride-a-Thon has become the major source of funding for The Equestrian Therapy Program. The idea came from instructor, Jeannette Wood, who thought that it would be a way for adult riders to get an extra day of riding, have fun, and raise money for the Program to help keep fees down.

That first effort resulted in \$3,308.00 being raised to defray costs for the riders. They rode during regular class time, and usually rode outside whenever possible, until there came to be so many visitors and cars that that was no longer a safe option.

The Ohio Horseman's Council held a trail ride as a fundraiser for three years. Their riders met our riders at the reservoir, then came back to the farm for a luncheon in the woods – unless it rained, in which case the arena was utilized.

In 2004, young riders joined the adults for the first time in getting pledges and riding. At first, food was provided by Jeannette and other volunteers.

Then local businesses began to fill the gaps in everyone's stomachs – Brown's Restaurant in Wapakoneta and Lee's Famous Recipe in Lima. For many years now, Cenovus has stepped in to become our lunchtime "ace in the hole", providing delicious hot sandwiches, chips, drinks and cookies for all comers.

In the 30 plus years the Ride-A-Thon has been in existence, it has continued to grow. We have a goal of raising \$70,000.00 this year to help defray expenses. We are once again producing a program booklet, which allows local businesses to support the Program by submitting their sponsorships.

Throughout the history of the Ride-A-Thon, changes and improvements have enhanced the experience for all who participate. We thank the riders, their families, the volunteers, the ETP staff, our sponsors and the people and businesses of Lima and the surrounding counties of Northwest Ohio who support us so generously, thus making our mission of providing equine facilitated services to people with disabilities.

Thank You for your help in making this the very best Ride-A-Thon ever!



