

Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center



Volunteer Of the Month:

*This month we want to celebrate an amazing volunteer:
Donna Knisely*

Donna has been a big part of our team. Donna has been a great help manning the ticket booth at the pumpkin patch for several years now. She has done a great job of helping clean and maintain our horse pens and has helped come up with the name "poop therapy". Aside from working at the farm Donna does a lot for her community through her church. She is very active in her grandkids sporting events and never misses cheering them on at a game.

We cannot thank you both enough for all of your hard work and continued dedication to our organization.



Update From the Farm

Thank you for being a part of our newsletter community! Your support is essential in making our vision a reality. Now, let's dive into some exciting updates about the farm and GVEALC.

Our barnyard is flourishing, all thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the generous sponsorship from Fruita Thrift Store. With their help, it's transforming into a wonderful sanctuary for the animals. We invite you to join our volunteer team and contribute to this fantastic project by participating in construction, painting, and pen cleaning. Together, we can create an even better home for these animals. Let's make a positive impact together!

As GVEALC transitions to its new home at the cherished Moon Farm, rest assured that the farm's essence remains unchanged. Our dedicated volunteers and staff are working tirelessly to revitalize some of the playhouses, with plans for fresh paint, foundation repairs, and roof maintenance. We are committed to keeping all the playhouses accessible to visitors, ensuring they continue to bring joy to everyone. If you'd like to be a part of this exciting process, please refer to the "Playhouse Adoption Section" for more information.

Thank you for all of your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

MORE INFORMATION FOR ALL EVENTS
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

August 19th

Side Walker Volunteer
Training and Mock
Sessions

9am-11am

August 26th

Volunteer Work Day

8am -11am

Horse of the Month

Charlie

Charlie is a paint horse that was donated to us out of Arizona where he lived and worked on a dude ranch. Charlie is one of the kindest and sweetest horses you will come to meet. He is the first to greet you in the field and the first to search your pockets for treats. Charlie has become a crucial member of our riding lesson program. We love our painted horse.



Homeschool Program

GVEALC has partnered with Colorado Agribusiness and Equine Science Academy to bring an equine management homeschool enrichment program to Mesa County. This program will service homeschool kids ages Kinder -5th grade. Kids will be learning all about horses and equine management. We will be discussing safety, managing a herd, feed and many other topics. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping give an in person demonstration please contact us at caesa@gvealc.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

We have a number of volunteer opportunities at the farm, these include:

Property maintenance

- Pulling weeds
- Trimming trees
- Cleaning playhouses
- Cleaning bathrooms

Barnyard

- Remodeling animal enclosures
- Cleaning pens
- Grooming horses

Pumpkin patch

- Decorating haunted maze
- Decorating property
- Growing and trimming pumpkins
- Running pumpkin patch daily

Assistance with school groups

- Christmas event
- Finding playhouse building sponsors
- Planning and creating light displays

*To become a part of our volunteer team please fill out our volunteer information form found on our website.

Playhouse Adoption Program

Moon Farm is well known for its 30+ playhouses on the property. Each of these houses are available through what we call an "adoption program." What does this mean? You or your company has the chance to adopt a playhouse for the year to help maintain, decorate for holidays and promote your business at all of our events. Each adopter will receive a sign to be placed in front of the building for business awareness for the entire year. Use this opportunity to help build teamwork amongst your employees with company workdays. For more information and to claim your playhouse please reach out directly to us at gvealc@gmail.com.