

GRAND VALLEY EQUINE ASSISTED LEARNING CENTER

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8am-12pm

September 9th Farm Workday:
8am-12pm

September 23rd Opening Day of
Pumpkin Patch: 10am-7pm

September 30th Vendor Fair:
10am-7pm

October 28th Trick-or-Treat
Street: 11am-7pm



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Our monthly volunteer recognition this month goes to our favorite dynamic-duo, Hope and Faith Welage. Hope and Faith have played a major role in the success of our farm. They have not only helped to keep our barnyard stocked with 4-H animals, but they are always first to jump in and grab a paintbrush.

Aside from all the work both girls put into the farm they are both active members of the community. They both show livestock in 4-H through the Appleton 4-H Club and play volleyball.

We want to thank both of you ladies for all your continued help and support at the farm! We appreciate everything you do for us.

Updates From the Farm



To start, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers working daily to help build our dream. Between our daily stall cleaners, our barnyard construction crew, board members and our Hippotherapy session teams we could not do this without you. For more information on how you can be a part of the team please see the “Volunteer Opportunities” section.

We have been working closely with the builder for our indoor arena to ensure the arena is completed before winter sets in. We have a completion date of October 31st. With that said construction will be going during the month of October. Our barnyard will be fully open, we will just have some additional moving parts. We appreciate you all being patient with us and excusing the mess. This indoor arena will be a major addition to our facility and therapy program, so it is essential we get it completed before winter hits. This will allow us to be able to service our clients all year round, which is something we have not been able to do since moving to this facility. Thank you to our amazing sponsors and donators for making this project come to life.

The Pumpkin Patch is right around the corner! Opening day will be September 23rd. We will be open daily from 10am-7am until October 31st. Our entry fees are \$7 per person ages 5 and up. Your ticket will give you full access to the farm, barnyard, haunted attractions, hayride, and pumpkin fields (pumpkins sold separately). In addition, we will be hosting a vendor fair on September 23rd where we will have crafts, information booths and food booths. To reserve your booth space please email Jay D Muller at jaydmuller@gvealc.com.

The last bit of news we must share with you is our partnership with the Walgreens Donation Program. When you shop at your local Walgreens you will receive the opportunity at check out to select a donation amount which is given to our organization. The funds from this program will go towards our indoor arena and property maintenance to keep the Moon Farm side thriving. Thank you in advance for your donation and support!



“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”

-Elizabeth Andrew

Our volunteers are the main backbone of our organization, without your help we would not be where we are today. With that said we do have some opportunities at the farm to join our volunteer team.

We are in the prep/ setup phase of our Pumpkin Patch event. We will be having two workdays this month to really rally together and get some work done. We have construction in our barnyard to complete and decorate our haunted attractions. Please see the events section for date and time details.

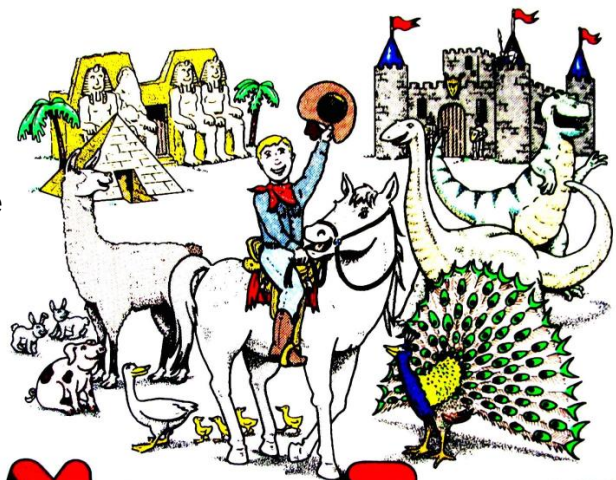
Once we are open for Pumpkin Patch, we will be needing extra help running and operating the farm. We have several positions available each day including pumpkin sales, entrance cashier, bathroom/ playhouse cleaning and barnyard supervisor.

To become a member of our volunteer team please refer to the “Get Involved” section of our website where you will find the volunteer paperwork.

PLAYHOUSE ADOPTION PROGRAM

Those who have been to the farm before know how big of a staple our playhouses are to the farm. As a team we have been working hard to preserve these beloved playhouses. This includes cosmetic and foundation work to keep them safe for families to enjoy. We have started an adoption program to help with the workload of these houses. Your adoption sponsorship would also give you the house of your choice to be decorated for Halloween and our Christmas Lights event. Your money will go towards purchasing the needed materials for your sponsored playhouse. Each available house is priced at an adoption rate of \$200 which covers your sponsorship through the rest of the year.

For more information or to adopt your favorite playhouse please contact Lewis Martin at 970-712-9648 or lmartin@gvealc.com.



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