



Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center

Volunteer Of the Month:

This month we want to celebrate two of our amazing volunteers. Husband and wife team, Mel McConnell and Harold Welage. Mel and Harold have spent countless hours at our facility working to revamp the barnyard and remodel some of our playhouses, all while both serving on our board of directors.

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



Update From the Farm

We want to start by thanking you for signing up and receiving our first newsletter. We wouldn't be able to be what we are without our amazing community support. With that said, let's get into some details regarding the farm and GVEALC.

We are making huge steps towards bringing our therapy center to the Moon Farm. We have completed our outdoor arena, hay barn and are preparing to break ground on our indoor arena. Our therapists are working hard to get us accredited with different insurance companies, opening up more options for our clients.

While GVEALC is moving to the ever loved Moon Farm that does not mean the farm will be changing. Our amazing volunteers and staff are working to bring a fresh face to some of the play houses. This includes painting, foundation repair and roof repairs. We fully intend to keep all of the play houses open for visitors to enjoy. If you would like to be a part of this process please see the "Playhouse Adoption Section" for more information.

Again, thank you all for your support and help in making this a dream come true.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MORE INFORMATION FOR ALL EVENTS
CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

July 3, 2023

Bingo at Gold Mine Bingo
7pm \$10 buy in

July 8, 2023

Volunteer work day at the farm.
8am -12pm

July 15, 2023

Moon Farm Memories Book Signing at
the farm
10am-5pm

July 22, 2023

Moon Farm Reunion and book signing
at the farm
10am -5pm

July 23, 2023

Side Walker Training at the farm
4pm-7pm

Horse Of the Month

SUEDE WAS DONATED TO OUR FACILITY BY KATHI BLEDSOE. HE WAS PREVIOUSLY TRAINED FOR AND COMPETED IN REINING COMPETITIONS. SUEDE HAS BECOME ONE OF OUR GO-TO HORSES. HE IS ALWAYS CALM, LOVING AND SURE FOOTED. SUEDE HAS HELPED A FEW CLIENTS THROUGH SEIZURES AND WAS THERE FOR EXTRA HUGS IN THE END. SUEDE WILL ALWAYS HOLD A SPECIAL PLACE IN THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO WORK WITH HIM.



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 starts end of July)
 - 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.