

Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center



Pumpkin Patch Update

We want to start by thanking everyone who came to the farm and that purchased a pumpkin this 2023 Pumpkin Patch season. Seeing you and your families enjoy the farm makes the late nights completely worth it. We also want to thank you all for being patient with us as we had the barnyard closed this year for construction. We took advantage of the already ongoing construction zone for the indoor arena and decided to rebuild the barnyard at the same time. All our current animals will be getting new pens and shelters. This will also allow more room for us to bring in other species. Please stay tuned on our Facebook page for updates on the barnyard and arena.

As many of you know Pumpkin Patch has always been a big fundraiser for Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center. The money raised throughout patch goes towards the care and feed of our horses, the property, playhouse maintenance and new components for the following years Pumpkin Patch. We are already discussing new and exciting things for the 2024 season!

Again, thank you for your business and support this 2023 season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas At the Farm

December 6th - 9th

6pm - 9pm

*Free admissions

Volunteer and Sponsor Thank You

Here at Grand Valley Equine Assisted Learning Center we are constantly in awe of the support our community shows us. From our individual volunteers, local high school clubs, to our local businesses we cannot thank you all enough.

To start we would like to personally thank our amazing volunteer staff for all the work put in this fall at the farm. Between our horse pen cleaners, our cashiers, our decorating crew, and those who helped harvest pumpkins we couldn't have done it without you. Fall is always such a busy time at the farm and your dedication to our organization is what keeps things moving forward. Thank you.

We also want to thank our sponsors that helped bring Pumpkin Patch to life. Fruita Thrift Store came in to sponsor the entire rebuild of our barnyard. Girardi's Towing, Katheryn Wilkinson, Dawn and Lewis Martin, Jay D and Suzanne Muller, and City Market all purchased and donated candy that was needed for Trick-or-Treat Street. Thank you all.

Last but certainly not least we want to thank the Fruita FFA and Fruita FBLA for bringing out their club members to help pass out candy during Trick-or-Treat Street. The kids really enjoyed having so many people there to collect candy and without you all willing to be there that wouldn't have been possible. Thank you all.

If you are wanting to become a part of our volunteer team please reach out to our volunteer coordinator Jordan Hamm at jhamm@gvealc.com or fill out the volunteer interest form located on our website.

Christmas At the Farm

Here at Moon Farm, we will be hosting our second annual Christmas Lights event this December 6-9 from 6pm-9pm. This is a free event to the public thanks to our amazing sponsors.

For this event our playhouse sponsors and staff will be decorating the property with Christmas lights and a light show donated to us in 2022 by the radio station. Visitors will take a hayride from the entrance gate to the light show where they will go on a walking tour through all the lights. Visitors will then take a hayride back to the entrance gate where they can enjoy a cup of hot coco and get pictures taken with Santa.

At this time, we still have playhouses available for adoption for this event. By adopting a house for \$100 you can come out to the farm the entire month of November to decorate the playhouse as you would like. During the event you are able to be there to promote your business and hand out business information to visitors, giving a lot of publicity. If you are interested in sponsoring a house, please reach out to Lewis Martin at lmartin@gvealc.com.

Volunteer Of the Month



Marty Ealey has been a vital part of GVEALC for several years now. Marty is not only a member of our board but also helps every Monday at Bingo, cleans stalls, and has been a cashier during pumpkin patch the last few years.

When Marty is not helping our organization, she is spending time at sporting events watching her 9 grandkids. She enjoys reading, knitting, and sewing. She loves cats, dogs, horses, and guinea pigs.

Marty, we want to thank you for all your support and help over the years.