



More Ways to Help

Volunteering

You can support us with your time and expertise. We can use any talent that you have! We invite you to help in any way that is comfortable. Phoning, typing, and helping at fund-raisers are much appreciated. And there is always barn work to be done: mucking, leading, side-walking, mucking, fencing, mucking. It's a very rewarding exercise program!

Equines are healers of body, mind, and spirit. Help us spread the joy that comes with knowing these animals.

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Thanks for your interest in membership.

Annual memberships run from May 1 through April 30. Members get:

- 10% discount on lessons, weekend and summer workshops, and summer camps
- An active role in barn government
- An invitation to the annual Members Meeting.
- Blue Rider Messenger newsletter

Most importantly, members are the pulse of our organization, keeping the communication open about how better to serve our community.

Putting Your Membership Dues & Contributions to Work

Blue Rider is a 501-C-3 Not-For-Profit Corporation, and your contributions are tax-deductible. Better yet, they are put to earnest good use in improving the quality of everyone's experience at Blue Rider, from instructors to helpers to therapy students and their families.

If you work for a company with a matching program for charitable contributions, Blue Rider can get an additional dollar for every dollar you pay in annual dues, or any other donation you make. This would be a great way to make your hard earned dollars stretch even further, while at the same time helping something close to your heart. Thank you!

Program fees cover about half of barn costs: salaries, maintenance, electricity, & phone.

Donations, fundraising events and membership dues help cover the remaining costs.

Blue Rider Stables Membership



Blue Rider Stables, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization. Our mission is to offer a holistic educational environment in which people and animals can safely interact, and through their mutual therapeutic experiences, broaden the scope of their lives.

Scholarships



So everyone can ride

The sport of horseback riding has traditionally been accessible only to those who could afford it. Our goal is to make horseback riding available to everyone whether or not they have the financial means. We offer discounts on lessons for our members, and scholarships for those who need to ride therapeutically or just be with the horses but can't afford even our low rates. We strive to make it possible for you to share our Blue Rider experience.



More than riding Programs

Apprentice & Internship Program • Helpers
Sheltered Workshop Program

Our program for apprentices and interns shows great promise. Interns are instructed in all aspects of stable management, animal husbandry, business management, and riding instruction. There is a need for textbooks and fees for outside workshops.

For those who want to get more involved than simply taking lessons, there is the opportunity to become a helper. Helpers begin to learn the ins and outs of riding instruction, horse anatomy and care (including feeding, massage and TTouch therapies, first aid, and routine care), and barn management. A commitment of time and responsibility is required. The helpers work together during the summer as well as during the school year. They also attend monthly educational and planning meetings. As they spend time together, they mature into a group of responsible, knowledgeable horsepeople who work and have fun together.

Blue Rider Stables provides a work environment for several mentally challenged adults. Learning about the responsibilities involved with having a job, they can often be seen in the pasture raking up manure, that ever-renewable resource.



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Membership Application

- Annual Membership\$100
- Supporter.....up to \$250
- Benefactor.....up to \$500
- Patron.....up to \$1,000
- Champion.....over \$1,000
- Angel.....over \$5000

Membership dues will be used to off-set discounts given and help pay for extra-curricular programs.

All contributions are tax-deductible and greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

Name

Address

Phone

email

___ Please send the Blue Rider Messenger newsletters by email

Please make checks payable and mail to:
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