



Harborcreek Youth Services
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Harborcreek Happenings

Looking Forward...

- Our annual Yard Sale will be held in the HYS gymnasium on Saturday, May 17 and Sunday, May 18, from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., both days. We will be collecting clothing, furniture, electronics, housewares, and miscellaneous items beginning on May 1. All proceeds will benefit our boys.
- The second annual Princess Cruise is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5. Save the date!

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Questions?

For more information about our treatment programs and services, visit our Web site at www.hys-erie.org or call Tim Borgia or Kirsten Turowski, Intake Coordinators, at (814) 899-7664.

HYS Clients Volunteer at TREC

Since last September, seven clients have been working every Saturday morning at the Therapeutic Riding Equestrian Center (TREC) in Fairview, Pennsylvania. TREC is a nonprofit agency, established in 1981, that uses equestrian-related activities to promote the physical and mental health of children and adults with special needs.

Through the accomplishment of treatment goals, Harborcreek Youth Services clients earn the right to volunteer at TREC. Our boys participate in a program designed specifically for at-risk youth. From April through November, they lead horses that are ridden by physically or mentally challenged children and adults. During the winter, they groom horses and perform farm chores. Clients who demonstrate responsibility and reliability are permitted to ride, as well.

Volunteering at TREC develops empathy, compassion for animals, and self-esteem. In addition, working at TREC is fun! Clients look forward to spending their Saturday mornings at the Equestrian Center, and the program has proved to be an excellent incentive to motivate the boys to reach their treatment goals.

What Our Clients Say About TREC

"We think that TREC is a great place if you want to learn how to build good social skills. We also believe it is a great experience helping the kids and adults build muscles and other useful things. We enjoy interacting with the clients and the other volunteers."
– *Devonte J. and Angelo T.*, Columbus House

"I think TREC is great for us because we learn how to keep the horses clean and how to help people ride. Also, it helps with patience and how to help others besides yourself. TREC has helped me with my treatment because it taught me how to be reliable, honest,

and patient with myself and the riders. I have something constructive to help me give back to the community. I think this program is great for the kids here at HYS."
– *Allen S.*, Sister Mary Louis House

"I think TREC is an awesome program. I like going every Saturday. I have a lot of fun doing it. TREC helps me learn to be patient with the little kids. It also helps me learn more about empathy, and it lets me get out into the community. It helps me communicate with others outside of HYS. I think HYS should keep this program going because it helps us learn more about others."
– *Brandon K.*, Sister Mary Louis House



HYS clients and friend enjoy a peaceful moment in the TREC stable

Spartans Announce Season Schedule



Rob Matz, head coach of Harborcreek Youth Services' new

football team, the Spartans, has released the team's 2008 season schedule, which appears below. The Spartans are a PIAA District 10 team and will play at the Class A level.

Team members are now working to develop their strength, speed, and agility, and are looking forward to their initial scrimmage in August. Clip and save the schedule, and then make plans to attend a game and cheer on our boys!

Community Programs Update

During 2007, Harborcreek Youth Services developed a Community Programs division, which consists of our Multisystemic Therapy (MST) program, established in 2006, and our new Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care (MTFC) program, which will be admitting its first foster children in May, 2008. Both MST and MTFC emphasize strict adherence to well-established, evidence-based models, and both serve male and female adolescents and their families. The primary difference between the two programs is that MST treats the adolescent in his or her home, while MTFC treats the child in a foster home. Our MTFC program is funded by a four-year grant from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD). For more information about MTFC, contact Amy Daley, Program Supervisor, at (814) 899-7664, Extension 403.



In addition to receiving funding for MTFC, we were recently notified by PCCD that we have been awarded a two-year grant to hire and train two additional therapists for our MST program. These therapists will expand our services to youth and families in rural areas of Erie County.

HYS Spartans 2008 Football Schedule

Saturday, August 16	@ Kennedy Catholic	10:00 A.M.	Scrimmage
Friday, August 22	Conneaut Valley	7:00 P.M.	Scrimmage (Mercyhurst)
Saturday, August 30	Line Mountain	TBD	Iroquois HS
Friday, September 5	@ Iroquois	7:00 P.M.	
Friday, September 12	@ Eisenhower	7:00 P.M.	
Friday, September 19	@ Saegertown	7:00 P.M.	
Friday, September 26	@ Mercer	7:00 P.M.	
Friday, October 3	@ Youngsville	7:00 P.M.	
Friday, October 10	Union City	7:00 P.M.	Mercyhurst College
Saturday, October 18	@ Cambridge Springs	7:00 P.M.	
Friday, October 24	Mercyhurst Prep	7:00 P.M.	Mercyhurst College
Friday, October 31	Cochranton	7:00 P.M.	Mercyhurst College