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Summer 2011



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Our mission
To promote the health, happiness & well-being of handicapped individuals through horseback riding and related activities.

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Join us for the
O.A.T.S.
Summer Festival and Open House

July 30, 2011 • 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
3090 Weidemann Drive, Clarkston, MI 48348



Think summer is sleepy here at O.A.T.S? Think again! With our new GOALS program starting in July—funded by a generous grant from the Autism Society Oakland County—our **Summer Festival and Open House** coming up on **Sun., Jul. 30** and Smiles on Saddles Day Camp in August, we're busier than ever. Volunteers are needed for all of the above; please let us know if you can help! If you haven't registered yet for day camp, the form is available on our website. You can also download the flyer above for our Open House, so you can print, post and help spread the word.

We're also proud of improvements going on to our property. We have all new boards around our outdoor arena, and **Wright & Filippis**, a leader in the rehabilitative health care field, is literally paving the way from our office to the O.A.T.S. center with a new sidewalk. They have our utmost appreciation and gratitude, as do members of **Wolverine Chapter, Clinton Twp. #1332**, the Riding Chapter, for their generous donation (pictured at right).





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Our independent riders are really growing up and using the skills and confidence they've developed at O.A.T.S. to take on new challenges. **Sergey Douglas** attended the 20th Annual Team Roping Clinic, hosted by the Michigan Ropers Association, on May 7-8 in Millington.

Andrew Paquette will be attending... college! He will begin classes this year at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. We are all so proud of you both.

Many thanks to the **Oakland Co. Circuit Court Family Division**, for choosing O.A.T.S. as their charitable recipient of their Food Day Fundraiser for July.

We are still collecting cans and bottles! Just leave them in the green container by our dumpster; please bag or box returnables. Thank you!

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The Big Guy is watching out for O.A.T.S...

June 8, 2011

- Craig showed up today and now we have an almost completed outdoor arena. All new wood!
- How blessed are we? Marybeth, Dee and Lesly spent so many hours painting all the wonderful characters in our arena.
- Thank you to Sue Torpey for taking care of the new entrance landscaping. I guess I'm not the horticulturist I thought I was.
- Thank you to Sue Friedl for volunteering two days a week at O.A.T.S. and still taking care of her very heavy case load at work with Oakland County and the youth of our future.
- Thank you to Gretchen for being all the way in Alaska and still communicating with all of our volunteers and riders and me.
- Thank you to Holly and Lynn for their tireless hours of work, caring for our horses, our barn and putting up with me.
- Thank you to Beth and her hours as a great teacher, a caring human and the GREATEST FRIEND.
- Our website that has reached so many wouldn't be possible without Cathy. I guess I can brag about family.
- Thank you to our president, Claudine, and the hours she's put in to make our open house a great success. She works 40+ hours a week for her career, is a mother of two young boys and still finds time to help O.A.T.S.
- Thank you to Sarrah and her mom Rita for helping with classes and anything else we ask.
- How can we ever thank Sergey and Diana, who are always there Halloween, Christmas, etc. On top of that, they adopted Nickel.
- Thank you to Danny and his mom Elaine for helping with our classes, feeding the hungry and for washing my mother's curtains in the observation room.
- Thank you to Andrew and mom Carol, our nurse. They help with classes and gave us the greatest first aid kit. We can even do surgery!
- Today, Savannah's mom Lisa was our fireman, watching to make sure our fire didn't spread and burn the barn down. All the old wood from our arena is gone.

THANKS TO YOU ALL. I hate to do this because I always forget to mention someone. If so, know that you are appreciated. I wish you all the best; I am blessed that I ever met you.

Nancy



"I wanted to let you know that everyone was very impressed with the work that you are doing at O.A.T.S., and they really liked seeing the kids in action on the horses. Those bandanas the horses had on were too cool!"—Kathie Shukwit, Wolverine Chapter, Clinton Township #1332, the Riding Chapter.

O.A.T.S. Wish List

- 90" round folding plastic top tables (for our holiday parties and day camp)
- 4" paint brushes
- New outdoor mounting block
- Electric tea pot (for winter hot chocolate)
- Commercial solar lighting for O.A.T.S. entrance
- Weed whacker
- Large garbage bags
- A push broom and a corn broom
- Weatherproof clocks for our arenas
- Dry cat food for our cat Missy
- Used horse trophies and ribbons
- Paper cups for cold and hot beverages
- New traffic cones for our arenas
- Chain saw
- A projector for our video and pictures
- Decon (rodent poison)
- Western saddles and pads
- English saddles and bridles
- Adopt a horse for a year sponsors
- A cover for our driving cart
- Corporate and individual sponsors
- Dewormer for our horses (Zimectrin)
- Rainbow reins
- Safety stirrups (large)
- Toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, paper towels
- Window cleaner
- SEI/ASTM certified riding helmets
- New wooden safety skirting for indoor arena



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July 2011							O.A.T.S. Calendar							August 2011						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	28	29	30						GOALS 8:30-12		GOALS 8:30-12	GOALS 8:30-12		OPEN HOUSE
																				Sept. 18 Mane Event

Please join us at O.A.T.S. on Sat., Jul. 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for our Summer Festival and Open House!
Save the date: our annual Mane Event Horseshow & Fair will be Sun., Sept. 18