



The Mounted Eagles'



Mane Tales

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Community Counts: In the last few months, Mounted Eagles have been busy attending various community events. The program featured a booth at the Boots and Buckles Saddle Club fundraiser, Ruff N Tuff Rodeo, we attended the Brainerd Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce Business2Buisness event, as well as the Arts in the Park. Mounted Eagles is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of these community happenings that take place in the Brainerd Lakes area. It is a pleasure meeting new people, as well as an honor encountering community members who have been involved in the program for many years. These opportunities allow Mounted Eagles the chance to gain new participants, volunteers, board members but most importantly- the chance to bring awareness of our program to a wide array of people. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and calendar of events for more information on community events going on in the area!



Welcome

Mounted Eagles would like to welcome our newest participants and volunteers the program has been honored to gain in the past three months! Volunteers, we are excited that you have joined the program and are willing to help make a difference in someone's life. Riders, we hope we make a difference in your lives.

Volunteers

- Tadina Ikola
- Kirsten Berg
- Jessyca Gleason
- Niki Brixius
- Kelly Ikola
- Clair Owens
- Colleen Reber
- Holly Mikkelson

Participants

- Brittany
- Caleb
- Evan
- Makayla
- Jeremy
- Sharon
- Eric
- Alex
- Finley
- Micah

Mounted Eagles is a 501(c) non-profit organization.

Our Mission Statement: Mounted Eagles enhances the lives of program participants, volunteers and the community by providing a safe and enjoyable environment where individuals with special needs benefit from therapeutic, developmental and educational equine-assisted activities.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

My name is Mara Lundquist, I have been married to Todd 30 years this November. We have three children, Alex (26), Joshua (23) and Jenna (23). All three children were adopted from Romania at the age of two. We relocated from Andover, MN to Breezy Point in 2009. Our son Alex was diagnosed early on with ASD, ADHD, and Fetal Alcohol Effect. He has been in special education since the age of three and continued until he aged out at 21. It is very challenging to find activities for an adult with special needs. Being autistic, Alex is very particular in the things he likes to do. He does not like big crowds, loud noises, or chaos (unless he's causing it). When his day program was closed due to COVID, we were at a loss as to what he could do to keep busy and get some exercise, while remaining safe. We were blessed to have found out about Mounted Eagles when we did. In addition to learning a new skill, it has been amazing to watch Alex try something new and witnessing the pride he exhibits when he "gets to be a cowboy" would melt any parent's heart. With a background in communications and non-profit management, I look forward to helping the organization grow so other people can experience the joy and pride our son has found in horseback riding. Much of my time is spent working in St. Paul for Hillrom Respiratory Health, a medical device company specializing in respiratory products, as a Training and Development Manager. I wish every parent has the opportunity to share in the joy and excitement when their child or adult runs in the house to waving a ribbon they earned from Susie. It will be my honor to serve as a board member for Mounted Eagles.

Mara

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Greetings to all our family, friends, and supporters!

What a summer we are having! It appears the weather is not the only source of heat. Mounted Eagles' growth is on fire!! Our participant number has increased by ten since our last newsletter and our volunteer number has increased by eight. This is very exciting; however, you will need to be patient with us as we manage these increases. Riders are being scheduled as quickly as possible. Volunteers are receiving their orientation and will be assigned a mentor to help them ease into their jobs. Some of our volunteers will be working with our horses to give them some love and personal attention. Speaking of horses, Kyd, Lily and Lacey are working hard and doing a great job with additional riders and new volunteers, BUT, they need help! Our horse committee has been actively searching for an additional horse since May. Suitable program horses are not easy to come by, but we are hopeful one will appear soon! Once we have a new horse, it will be evaluated and trained by Susie, volunteers, and Spirit Horse Center staff. We will slowly move riders to the new horse. Criteria for the new horse can be found on our Facebook page and website, if you are aware of horses available, please let us know. On July 24 we will be hosting a FUN Show. Many of our riders are participating. I am excited for you all to be able to show your friends and family your skills in the Obstacle Course and Equitation classes. Our friends from Jack Pine Stables in Akeley will be joining us that day. It will be a fun-filled day. Be sure to visit our concession stand for food. All proceeds will go to show expenses. Also, we will kick off our raffle ticket sales at the show. Packets will be available soon for participants and volunteers to start selling. Last year you did a fantastic job with ticket sales. Can we sell even more this year?? A flyer for our Open House is included in the newsletter. Feel free to post it on community bulletin boards and share it with friends on social media. This is an opportunity for people to come and see what we do. It is going to be a wonderful day not just for visitors, all participants, families, volunteers, supporters, and friends are invited to enjoy food, crafts and fun. Our entertainment this year features Common Men. Marcus and Ricky Aulie are brothers who love making music together. They play all styles and decades of music. Get ready for some toe tapping and hand clapping. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

Lynn

**MOUNTED EAGLES THERAPEUTIC HORSEMANSHIP
2021 RAFFLE
\$5 Donation/Ticket**

Drawing will be held at our Fundraising Event
An Evening for ME on October 22, 2021



THREE \$100
Cash Prizes



Weber Spirit II E-310 3 burner gas grill – donated by Trinity Business Partners, Inc.
Rustic Rose 96x115 Queen/King Quilt – handmade and donated by Aggie Stroot
Black Pine Beach Resort 2 Night Stay – donated by Bob & Lynn Scharenbroich
Rustic Aspen Bench – handcrafted and donated by Bill Stroot
Pampered Chef Air Fryer – sponsored by Pampered Chef
Pampered Chef Stoneware Meal Prep Kit – sponsored by Pampered Chef
Jelly Roll Rug – handmade and donated by Gladys Behymer
Lavender & Honey Spa Basket – donated by Eva Froehle
Cash– donated by Mike Rader, Cindy Rader and Lynn Fairbanks
To purchase tickets, call 218-831-8240 or visit www.mountedeagles.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 24	FUN Horse Show with Jack Pine Stables
July 24	Raffle Ticket Sales Kick-Off
August 11	Open House
September	5K Walk/Run (tentative)
September 2	Volunteer Training
October 22	An Evening for ME/Raffle Drawing
October 24	Participant Horse Show
December 16	Last Day of Riding for Season 2021

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