Creekside Newsletter: Buckles and Bling, News, and more!

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HALLECK CREEK RANCH

Breaking Barriers Since 1977

2023 Buckles and Bling

Save the Date &
Sponsorships now available

On September 22, 2023 we will be hosting our largest fundraiser of the year at Rancho icasio. This year's honoree will be **Larkin O'Leary,** Founder and CEO of the Common Ground Society. As always, we will have great music, comradery and auction items. This event always sells out and is great fun for all.

Sponsorship packages are now available here. General Admission tickets will go on sale September 1.

Can't make it to the event? No problem! There will also be an online auction offered in the weeks leading to the event, featuring unique experiences, gift certificates, and more! Stay tuned for more details and announcements!

We are also collecting items for our auction, such as gift certificates, unique items, jewelry, and more! If you or someone you know have something to donate, contact us to coordinate.

Making Precious Memories

Summer Camps 2023

We've enjoyed the sounds of lots of giggling and laughter this summer at the Ranch. Fun outdoor adventures during Summer Horsemanship Camp with HCR friends and siblings included scavenger hunts, vaulting, miniature gymkhana, lizard catching, t-shirt decorating, horse painting (thank you, Historia, for your patience!) and lots of hands-on tacking, grooming, and horse care.

Thank you to all the wonderful **Youth Volunteer Interns** who supported Instructors

Lucy and **Taylor** in making this the most memorable summer yet! We think these photos speak for themselves!

HCR debuts at Sonoma County Fair Horse Show

On Saturday, July 29, five HCR riders represented Halleck Creek Ranch in the first-ever adaptive riding classes to be offered at the Sonoma County Youth and Open Show. HCR horses Finn, Frank, Coatsey and Ruby were in attendance, ridden by **Lucas D., Ben T., Jessica S., Todd B., Ava P.,** and **Logan B**. Everyone did a wonderful job showing the crown just how confident and capable our riders really are! It was a great day and successful trial for horses and humans alike; thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered and supported us!

Our horses work hard and help our students overcome their challenges each and every day - support their efforts (and their well-deserved retirement) by making a donation or becoming a sponsor HERE!

Halleck Creek Ranch in the News

Recent features on CBS

The first is a heartwarming story on HCR co-founder **Joyce Goldfield** and how Halleck Creek Ranch came to be nearly 50 years ago!

The second feature was created and shared as a result of the donation of RockRose Ranch to HCR, and features gorgeous footage of the ranch, as well as sweet interactions of volunteers and students.

Watch: Jefferson Award Winner Joyce Goldfield (CBS news)

Watch: HCR and Rock Rose Ranch (CBS)

Rock Rose Ranch Update

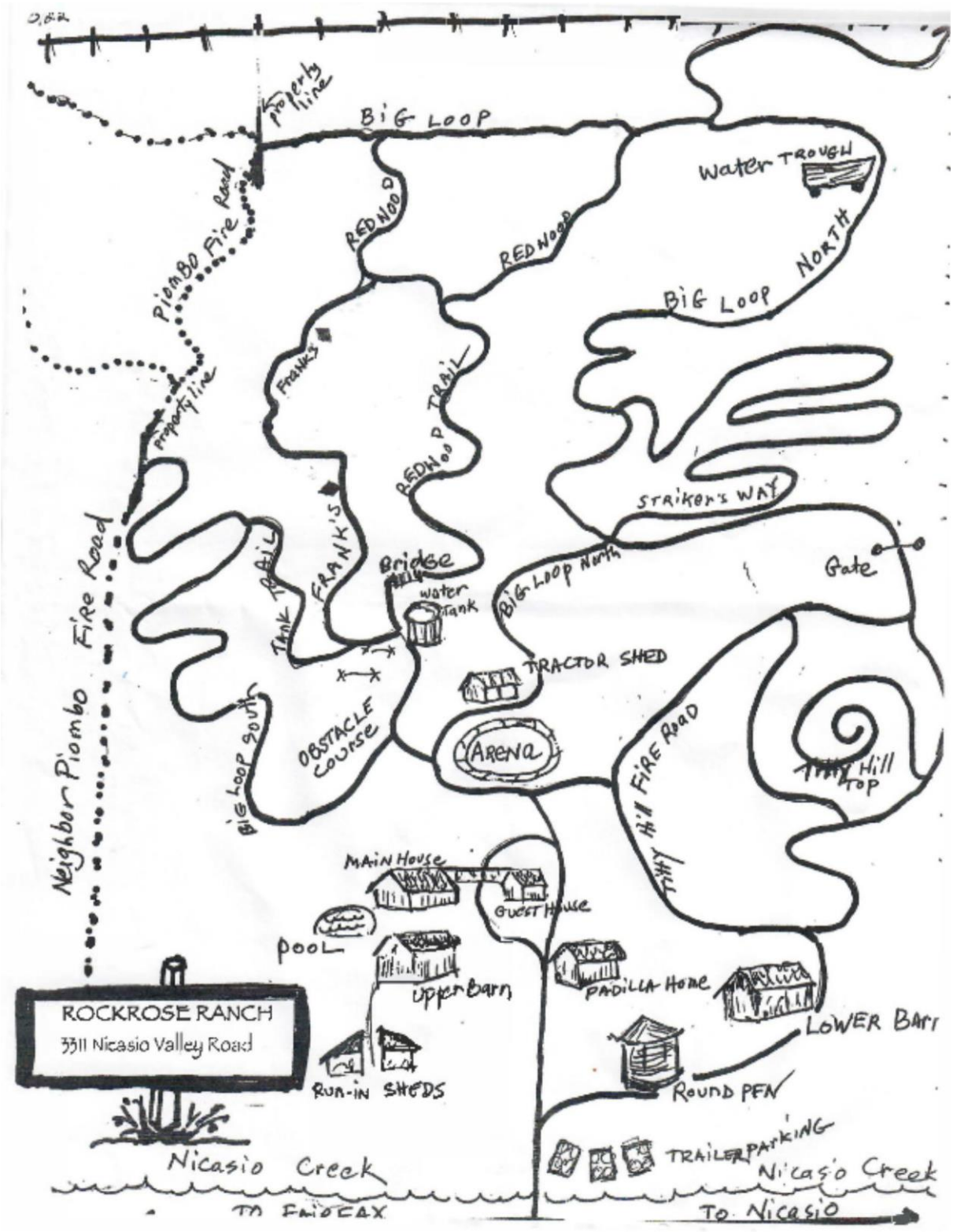
Open House Attended by Many

On July 22, Halleck Creek Ranch staff and volunteers held an open house at Rock Rose Ranch with roughly 60 people in attendance, despite the roasting heat (we could not have picked a hotter day!). Attendees toured the 120-acre ranch in small groups, visiting the barns, the main house, and a sample of one of the many private trails. Thank you to HCR staff **Kayla, Maya, Brenda, Lucy**, and **Molly** for coordinating the event, and to volunteers **Bob Reyff, Sarah Gorman Brown, Kelly Alpert**, and **Maya Alpert** for supporting our staff to ensure its success!

With plans to make upgrades with an eye toward ADA-accessibility, this new location holds the promise of additional programming, with its geographic location for transport, a potential future clubhouse for community events, additional stables and arena, and fantastic trails for horses and walkers looking for outdoor adventures.

We have recently formed a Strategic Planning Steering Committee comprised of selected HCR staff and board members, and are meeting regularly to discuss next steps, problem solve, plan, and prepare. As we had during our last strategic planning process years ago, we also plan to enlist additional support and expertise from the **Stanford Alumni Consulting Team (Stanford ACT)**. Comprised of alumni from the Stanford Graduate School of Business, the Stanford ACT team provides pro bono consulting expertise in a wide range of areas, including general management, strategy, business and market analysis, financial management, earned revenue, marketing, technology, and more.

Read more about all RockRose Ranch has to offer by visiting the Ranch News page of our website.



Community News

We would like to start highlighting a member of our Halleck Creek Ranch community right here in our Creekside Newsletter each month. Is there a particular staff member, participant, volunteer, or donor who you would like to see featured in this space, and learn how they came to be associated with HCR? If so, please let us know by emailing Sandy at sklein@halleckcreekranch.org.

Staff News

HCR Development and Communications Manager, **Sara Gallagher**, has recently made the difficult decision to step down from her position here at Halleck Creek Ranch to focus full-time on her blooming and highly successful art career. We will miss you, Sara, but know you'll remain a part of our community for years to come - espeically since you live just down the road, and are still lending a hand with the horse herd at RockRose each week. We look forward to seeing more amazing art from her, and catching up during celebrations and events at the ranch.

Joining us in her stead is **Sandy Klein**. Sandy has a background in strategic and branded goods marketing, combined with experience working in a vocational program for young adults with disabilities as well as animal rescue organizations. Sandy shares her home with two Irish Red and White Setters, hosts sheep on her property, and hopes to welcome an Icelandic horse soon.

Welcome, Sandy!