WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY REFRESHED FORMAT

Where every sunrise begins with care, connection, and the belief in Life Without Barriers.

Every Day, Extraordinary

Before the sun crests the ridgeline at Old Rancheria, April and her team are already in motion - feed buckets clink, hooves shuffle, and the rhythm of care begins. Each horse is checked, brushed, and prepared to safely support the riders who rely on their strength and calm presence. This quiet integrity of care is where *Life Without Barriers* begins each morning.

By late morning, Christa and the volunteer team keep the ranch humming. Behind every lesson lies hours of coordination - training, scheduling, and teamwork that sustain Halleck Creek's remarkable 4:1 support ratio. When plans change, resilience takes over, and the day flows on.

In the afternoon arena, Shannon matches riders to horses with precision and heart. Each stride builds balance, confidence, and joy - a visible reminder that mobility and independence grow one ride at a time.

As the sun sets, Maya welcomes families and volunteers to RockRose for community gatherings that celebrate belonging. Around every table and shared laugh, the ranch's heartbeat is felt - connection.

Even after dark, the mission continues. Our admin team writes grants, manages systems, and builds partnerships to keep every program strong and accessible.

From the first feed bucket to the last light over RockRose, Halleck Creek Ranch lives its mission daily - through care, skill, and compassion.

This is Life Without Barriers. And it's happening here, every single day.

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36

Horses cared for daily, receiving individualized attention from dedicated staff and volunteers to ensure their well-being and health.

To nourish our herd daily we need:

490 lbs
of hay

160 lbs
of grain

We facilitate a range of programs including offering on average:

39 lessons a week
Serving 137 participants a week across our two facilities

4 to 5 daily lessons
With an average of 3.5 participants per lesson

Our lessons offer a 1: 4 ratio of support including:

1
Trained instructor

1
Student and equine partner

2-3
Volunteers per student/horse
(38 on average a day)

A significant amount of care, planning, and coordination goes into every single day of operations at Halleck Creek Ranch. It truly takes a village, a dedicated community of staff, volunteers, riders, and horses, to make it all possible!

Big changes to federal tax laws are coming in 2026, and that means gifts made in 2025 can make an even greater impact for you and for Halleck Creek Ranch.

Here's why:

• **Tax rates are set to rise,** the top bracket will increase from 37% to 39.6%.

• **Charitable-deduction limits will shrink,** dropping from 37% to 35% of adjusted gross income for high earners.

•Anew **deduction "floor"** will take effect, meaning only donations above 0.5% of AGI will qualify.

In other words, 2025 offers a unique opportunity to **maximize your giving power** while supporting the programs and people you care about most. Consider "bunching" multiple years of giving, donating appreciated assets, or making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA if you're 73 or older.

Your gift to **Halleck Creek Ranch** this year helps provide adaptive horseback riding and inclusive community programs for people with disabilities, while ensuring our mission remains strong for decades to come.

View our helpful Giving Guide for more information.

Make your 2025 gift by December 31 to take advantage of current tax benefits and help keep our riders in the saddle!

Make a Donation

HCR NEWS

Halleck Creek Ranch Featured

We're thrilled to share that Halleck Creek Ranch was recently featured in *Redwood Bark*, the student news site of Redwood High School! It's always inspiring to see our mission reaching new audiences and sparking conversations about the power of equine-assisted programs.

Thank you for helping us spread the word and support our work in the community!

Read More

Haunted Volunteer Horse Show & Halloween Celebration

October was full of community and celebration at Halleck Creek Ranch!

Our **Volunteer Horse Show** brought friendly competition and plenty of smiles as volunteers demonstrated their hard-earned horsemanship skills and teamwork with the herd. The day was a wonderful tribute to the dedication and heart our volunteers bring to the ranch year-round.

A week later, we gathered again for our **Halloween Party at RockRose Ranch** - a festive evening filled with costumes, laughter, and connection. Families, riders, and volunteers came together to share food, stories, and a little Halloween magic under the fall sky.

Both events captured the spirit of *Life Without Barriers* - community, joy, and the power of coming together through horses. **Check out our social media pages to**

see photos and videos from both celebrations!

View Posts

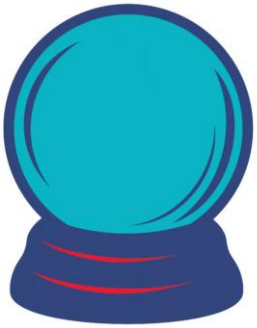
Save the Date: Halleck Creek Holiday Party!

It's almost that time again-our favorite community celebration of the year! We're still putting the finishing touches on all the festive details, but we didn't want you to miss out on marking your calendar.

Join us at **RockRose on Saturday, December 13th,** in the **late afternoon to early evening,** for a joyful gathering filled with laughter, good company, and maybe even a surprise visit from Santa himself!

Stay tuned for more details coming soon-we can't wait to celebrate the season with you!

Giving Tuesday is Dec 2nd



In the midst of the holiday hustle, it's easy to lose sight of what this season is truly about - generosity, connection, and caring for one another.

Giving Tuesday **on December 2nd** is a beautiful reminder to pause, reflect, and invest in the future you want to help create. It's a global celebration of compassion, impact, and the power of giving back.

We invite you to mark your calendars and support the organizations that mean the most to you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Did you know...
1 in 5 Californias are food insecure?

Need Access to Food This November?

If you or someone you know needs extra support with groceries or meals this month, there are several wonderful local resources available in our community and throughout the Bay Area:

• San Geronimo Valley Community Center Food Pantry provides free groceries for local families and individuals in need. **Learn More**

• SF-Marin Food Bank: **Find Food**

• Community Action Marin: **Healthy Meals**

• Food Bank of Contra Costa & Solano: **Get Help**

• Alameda County Community Food Bank: **Find Food**

Each site offers tools to find nearby pantries, distribution events, and free community meals. Please share these resources with anyone who could use a little extra support this season, because caring for one another is what community is all about.

If you are at Old Rancheria come pick some apples and talk to April about what is available in our community garden!

Our Mission is
Life Without Barriers

Support Our Herd