



An update of our lifestyle with the American Saddlebred

In 2006, White Star Stables achieved a number of outstanding accomplishments as a team. In the first half of 2006, our Showstoppers set a goal of attending the ASHA Youth Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. This was a stretch! We needed to raise funds to offset the costs of airfare, hotel and conference fees. Through dedication and innovation, we accomplished our goal by selling candles and conducting other fundraisers throughout the year. As a result of every one's hard work we were the only youth group from the west coast at the ASHA Saddlebred Conference. The Youth Conference had a talent contest and in White Star style, we were up there with the White Star Cheer! The attendees broke up into round tables for discussion and then visited local Saddlebred barns. Saturday morning the youth riders received awards and our White Star Showstoppers received their medals. Medals are awarded to academy riders who accumulate 15 points in a calendar year, beginning October 1st. Points are earned for showing and placing in equitation and showmanship classes. As evening drew near, we prepared for the annual Ball, in similar style to the Academy Awards, but for Saddlebreds! It was a fantastic evening, recognizing many amazing people who have contributed to the breed throughout the year. From this conference, we realized many of our clients are interested in taking lunge lessons. This exercise is an excellent way to feel the horse, balance and use the muscles in the entire body. We would like to offer these lessons on Sundays and/or Mondays. If you have questions about lunge lessons, please contact either Matthew or Marcia.

Our White Star Team had some amazing shows this past year with outstanding results. We plan on a continuation of this momentum for the 2007 year. Most recently at the annual Carousel Horse Show – with the largest contingent every we garnered 16 Championships and Grand Championships with 14 Reserve Championships watch for exciting coverage of our success and celebratory advertisements in *The National Horseman* and *Saddle and Bridle*.

This past year we updated our website and have seen traffic from across the country! Many individuals have contacted us regarding horses for sale and requesting information about White Star Stables.

This year more than 60 children vied for overall success at the second annual White Star Easter Egg Hunt. Most importantly, the White Star Showstoppers continued their charitable efforts by raising \$650 for the Horses Help here in Phoenix. This is a very worthy charity and we look forward to continued good works with this organization. Horses Help offer a valuable service to the community at large by offering therapeutic riding programs to adults and children with disabilities and those at risk. The parents were not left out of the fun at the egg hunt and helped to ensure we had a fantastic pot luck barbeque. The next Show Stopper event will be April 14 at a parade in which we will participate as a group – Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

The Summer Camp Program, with multiple sessions, is lined up for 2007 with fabulous activities including; games on horseback, grooming contests, popular tortilla treats, patterns for the advanced riders and the Horse Bowl! Camp sessions are set for the following dates: May 29-June 1; June 5-June 8; June 19-June 22; June 26-June 29; July 24-July 27; and July 31-August 3. We also are set for the two-day Saturday Night Live shows for 2007; May 5-6, and September 22-23.

The White Star Araucanas chickens are in full egg production with our official "Martha Stewart Green Eggs". If you would like some of these wonderful fresh eggs just let us know. The White Star Guineas are producing their own delicious eggs as well and are making their way around the property entertaining everyone – especially Marcia.

If there is anything you would like to see in the next edition just let any of us know...