



Welcome!

Therapeutic Riding, Inc. (TRI) is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization which provides the opportunity for personal growth through the horseback riding experience to children and adults with disabilities in Washtenaw County and surrounding areas. Our mission is to provide a therapeutic environment through horseback riding and other activities for people with disabilities or other challenges.

Riding is just one small part of horsemanship. While you can't ride a real horse at the event, you can learn all about horse care and experience our farm.

You might get dirty! Please wear clothing that is OK to play in.

Our Rules

- U Use a quiet voice.
- U Walk only—horses are easily frightened by sudden movements. We *always* walk in the barn!
- U Stay with an adult or your family.
- U Go only where TRI staff & volunteers say it is safe to go.
- U Touch only things that TRI staff & volunteers say are safe to touch. *Horses are off-limits for this event.*

Places You Can Explore!

The Lounge

Greet staff & volunteers and sign in. Wait here if you wish to go on a group farm tour.

Sit in a Saddle—try both an English & Western saddle.
Riding instructors will help you on and off of the "horses."

Arts & Crafts—decorate & take a horse shoe. Remember, just 1 per family.

Coloring & Activity Pages—please take a copy of each page. Stay and color if you'd like!

- Scavenger Hunt
- Color Your Own Horse
- Parts of the Horse
- Horse Tack

Farm Tour

Our farm is 46 acres, dedicated to the health and happiness of our horses. You may join a TRI staff member or volunteer to take a tour of the entire farm.

Mark what you see on the scavenger hunt activity page.



More Places to Explore!

Indoor Arena

This is where we ride!

Obstacle Course—practice some riding skills! Some important words you'll learn about:

"Walk On!"—tells your horse to go.

"Whoa!"—tells your horse to stop.

Reins—we use these to steer our horses.

An instructor will show you how to do the obstacle course. Pretend you are riding and try some horsemanship skills! The arena has a sand floor—soft and comfortable for our horses.



Tack Room

Horse "tack" is important equipment that we need to ride. It includes: saddles, bridles, halters, reins, stirrups, bits, and many other things! In the tack room you can:

Touch Tack—and learn what each piece is used for. Feel different textures: leather, metal, fleece & more!

Tack Up—Put a saddle on in the correct order. Staff & volunteers will show you how.



Feed Room

Horses eat a lot! Here you can:

Touch & smell horse feed—hay and grain.

Feel how much a horse eats in a day.



Meet the Horses!

Our horses will all be outside, behind secure fencing during this event. You are welcome to come see them with the assistance of a TRI staff member or volunteer. Remember:

Do not touch the fence or stick your hands through the fence to try to pet the horses. Our fence has an electric wire on it to keep our horses safe.

Instead:

- Watch quietly and see what the horses do!
- How many horses can you see?
- Ask TRI volunteers & staff to learn the horses' names.
- Look at the different colors and sizes of horses

Grooming Stall



Horses must be groomed before you ride. It is important to keep them healthy and happy. Here you will:

Try Grooming

Tools—each one feels different and works differently.