



12976 Cumming Highway

# Pony Express



Canton, GA 30115

## Volunteering

Looking to give back and feel great? Bearfoot Ranch can always use volunteers. We need help feeding, grooming, mucking, cleaning out water troughs and our horses really appreciate it! Volunteers are always needed to help with group visits and lessons as well.

## Scout Program

If you know a Girl or Boy Scout looking to complete a Gold or Eagle Award, there is never a shortage of sustainable projects around our ranch. We also help troops with equine badges.

## Community Service

Bearfoot Ranch can sign off on community service hours. It's sometimes dirty work but you leave with a sense of making a difference in the life of a horse, who will then make a difference in the life of a special needs child.

**Contact: Melanie Vaughan at**

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## Special Olympics Equestrian Games 2019

Bearfoot Ranch provided coaches, volunteers and most importantly horses for the Forsyth County Special Olympics Equestrian Games. This year was our 7th year participating in teaching special needs kids how to bond with our ponies and learn how to ride. We took 10 horses to serve 20 athletes. Our team took home 16 gold, 16 silver, and 14 bronze medals! Our volunteers handled and assisted our athletes. They also helped feed, clean and muck stalls at Chicopee Woods Agriculture center as well as our Canton home base. We still have some of our original staff and athletes participating! If you haven't had the chance, come see the games for yourself. They're held in Gainesville at the Chicopee Woods Agriculture Center in October.



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **NOVEMBER 29 & 30**

Where: Hunter's Tree Farm,  
14680 Wood Rd, Milton

When: 10-2pm

What: Hand-led pony rides for  
donations for children 2-12

### **DECEMBER 7 & 8**

Where: Silver City Farm, 5130  
Dahlonega Highway, Cumming

When 10am-3pm

We will be giving hand-led horse  
rides for children ages 2 through  
12 years at their "Breakfast with  
Santa" event.

We will be selling BFR T-shirts at  
both events to help you whittle  
down your Christmas list!



## **Horse Of The Month**

WREN is 21 years old and came to us after being rescued from a barn in Cumming. He's been serving our athletes for the last 5 years .

Wren rocked it during the Special Olympics when he had to carry 2 more athletes than scheduled. Above, our sweet boy, Wren's taking a much needed nap in the sun!

**Thank you to this year's Special Olympics volunteers! You braved nearly 10 weeks of 90 degree plus temperatures! We couldn't do it without you!!!!**



Bearfoot Ranch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit equestrian center dedicated to providing therapeutic riding lessons and riding activities in a safe, effective, and compassionate environment.

The center furthers our students' knowledge of horses; offers lessons to children and people with special needs regardless of ability; and challenges them to reach their potential through the love of horses.

Bearfoot Ranch also acts as a rescue facility for horses that have been abused or neglected. After rehabilitation, we try to place the horses in forever homes, giving these animals a second chance at a new life. If you'd like to make a donation please go to [www.bearfootranch.org](http://www.bearfootranch.org)