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The NEW Apprentice Program
July 21-25

Gar's Kids Camp
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Level I - August 8-10

"In the Company of Horses...
The Journey Continues"
Level II - May 23-25

Be A Star
June 14

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- Adopt a Horse
- Children's Programming
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- Cora's Cabin Historic Restoration Fund
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Please mark your calendars so that you won't miss out on this important opportunity to support the unique work of the Farm. We've served over 1,200 participants, you can help us serve thousands more. Thanks to all of you who have helped support fifteen years of excellence at Carpe Diem



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Carpe Diem Farms News

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Empowering individuals through life changes to see the possibilities and opportunities that abound

REFLECTIONS OF 2007 AT CARPE DIEM FARMS

How do you measure success? At Carpe Diem Farms we measure it by the smile of a child, the joy of a participant, the health of our animals and projects moving forward. We measure it by our new and old friends of the farm who show up and volunteer their time, treasures and talents to support our efforts to continue to explore the possibilities and opportunities of the human potential.

As we reflect on 2007 we re-experience the many gifts and blessings we have received. It has been a challenging year of deep sorrow as well as tremendous joy. We began the year with the gift of our newest herd member, 'Princess.' Throughout the year she has brought joy and taught many lessons to children and adults alike. January also allowed us to mark the 15th anniversary of the foundation.



The death of my father in March taught me many personal lessons as I reflected on all the gifts he brought to the farm and especially my life. He has been sorely missed and joyfully remembered by all who knew him. The loss of our 'four-leggeds' TC, Inde, Smude, Benjamin and Little Big Man, continues to teach us the fragile balance of life and death on the farm. In spite of the deep sorrow death brings we are reminded of the gifts and joys each of these lives brought to the life of Carpe Diem Farms.



Before and after pictures reclaiming a 1920s era Barn, relocated from Rabun County, and Cora's Cabin, formerly the Shortoff schoolhouse built in 1882. Renewal has many faces at CDF!

The summer was filled with much success; Be a Star for a Child, our 5th annual fund raiser supporting of the children's programs, included the addition of new friends and remembrances of past heroes. We introduced our newest program, The Apprentice, and impacted the lives of the teenage participants. In 2008 we will expand this offering to include more weeks of joy-filled learning. Gar's Kids took on a new curriculum with more time spent with the horses learning the lessons of the equines. The summer also included our participation in the successful Tug Wa show house, the very successful CDF 10th anniversary celebration out of which new friends of the farm, Debbie and Tyson Bennett, Brenda and Terry Beye, Wendy and Pat Carlton and Scott and Linda Ruth created and hosted the first "Fall Round Up" to introduce others to the work we do and to raise needed dollars for the children's programs. The Adopt-a-Horse program has continued to grow and be successful as we add new adoptive families; David and Gerri Prescott who adopted 'Princess' for their granddaughters Madison Prescott and Caroline Graham, and Debbie Bennett who adopted Battersea Knightstar. The continued commitment of Candy McKey, Frances Bunzl and Judy Kight, Leslie and Ron Ezerski, A Friends' Foundation, Al Olsen, Susan and Chip Robert and Jeri Durrett, help to provide the necessary funding for our equine staff and colleagues.

No year at CDF would be successful without our ever present building projects and 2007 is no different. Through the help and expertise of Randy Holcomb of Clarkesville, GA we have disassembled, moved and reconstructed a 1920s barn and the original 1882 Shortoff School which from 1937-2000 served as the Holcomb family cabin. The addition of these historic buildings has brought a new magic to the farm's campus.

For our new participants and supporters, friends of the farm, heroes who have helped to provide for our present and our future, our hearts are full of gratitude. 2007 has been the best of times and the most challenging of times and through it all we have grown and continued our successful journey toward 2008. From the CDF family to yours we wish you all a very blessed holiday season and success in the New Year.

Carpe Diem Farms is a 501©(3) educational and charitable organization. If you would like to know more about us please go to our web site, www.carpediemfarms.org or call us at (828)526.2854. If you would like to make a tax deductible gift please use the enclosed envelope

Happy 2008! It is a fantastic new year of gratitude and thankfulness at Carpe Diem Farms. We are thankful for beginning our second decade of personal transformative programming at one of the most magical places on the planet. We are grateful for the animals — equines, dogs and cats who are the teachers with whom we have the privilege of working. We give thanks for all who contribute their time, talents and treasures supporting our efforts: adopting horses, awarding operational, scholarship, and program grants for the children we serve through Gar's Kids and all our programs; our thanks to those who plan and attend and donate to our fundraisers, events and educational programs without whom we would be challenged to operate.

We are planning an extraordinary year with activities, programs, concerts and opportunities for personal growth for individuals and groups of all ages. In our effort to one day become an example of total sustainability we are researching and developing a complete solar system to generate our electricity, a water catchment and recycling system from the roofs of all our buildings especially the arena which will be self watering to provide a healthier environment for the horses and the students. Our organic compost project, "Promising Results" will expand into the commercial sales arena beyond our Highlands' landscapers and gardeners. Finally, it is our plan to have greenhouses in place soon to grow organic vegetables as both a teaching tool and an income source. If you have any interest or expertise and would like to help us create total sustainability at CDF please call and volunteer your time and talent.

Our programs are expanding and new ones will be introduced in 2008: The Apprentice, Gar's Kids, In the Company of Horses...Learning Their Language will provide plenty of opportunities throughout the season. (See our website for more information, applications and dates.) New offerings will be residential in nature for

volunteers and "vocation vacation" participants who want to help, learn and participate in training horses, work on a farm, empower youth and make a difference. We hope to develop our internship program for college students seeking degrees in outdoor leadership, equine management, and equine facilitated therapy programs. Finally, private lessons and equine experiences are available by appointment throughout the year for individuals; specially designed programs are also available for groups and corporate leadership development opportunities.

Yes — 2008 will be another year filled with gratitude at CDF. ***We are thankful for you!***



Their care costs over \$43,000/year (\$5,380 per horse). Our Adopt-A-Horse program, which covers daily care, farrier, vet bills, food, hay, supplements, vitamins, grooming supplies and training costs, offers a unique opportunity to provide the joy of horsemanship to many. We are looking for individuals or groups to become adoptive families for our horses. Sign up now— join with others and pay a portion or pay it all, either way, your name or the name of your choice will be posted on "your" horse's stall as a supporter. You will receive an adoption certificate, pictures of your horse, and frequent updates. Of course, we encourage you to schedule a time to come by and visit your new friend! By adopting a horse, you will touch not only the lives of these amazing equines, but also every participant who walks through the gate.