

Your Chance to Make a Difference Through
Your Generous Donation to the
On Eagle's Wings
Interscholastic Equestrian Association Team

Involvement with horses can benefit students in many ways. Marie Hoffman, owner of On Eagle' Wings Equestrian Center LLC, Kirkland, Ill., was one of these students. Her lack of athletic ability and musical talent was discouraging until she discovered, with hard work, she excelled with horses.

"The horses in my life are why I am successful in my own business. My goal is to help my students learn the valuable life lessons from horses that I did." – Marie Hoffman

What is the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA)?

The **Interscholastic Equestrian Association** is a nonprofit organization founded in 2002 that has more than 12,000 middle and high school student members across the United States. The IEA was organized to promote and improve the quality of equestrian competition and instruction available to middle and secondary school students. The IEA's goal is:

- To promote the common interests of safe riding, instruction and competition and education on matters related to equestrian competition at the middle and secondary school levels,

IEA student competitors have the opportunity to earn scholarships toward their college educations through awards in competition and through sportsmanship activities. Plus colleges often visit shows to "scout" for their schools' equestrian teams.

Competing isn't an easy task and is only for the skilled and brave rider. **The unique challenge IEA riders have at the show is that they don't ride their own horses.** In fact, many of our riders don't even own a horse. Instead, they show horses, drawn at random, supplied from the barn hosting the competition. Our riders are required to use their skills and knowledge to quickly assess their mount before entering the show arena. Depending on the rider's skill level there is a walk, trot, canter class, and separate classes of jumping over appropriate different height jumps. Riders are also expected to perform 10 other special tasks to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

Riders earn points as individuals and for the team, hoping to earn enough points to go to the IEA regional competition and then on to the IEA nationals.

"It's your future. Take the reins." –IEA Motto

On Eagle's Wings has two IEA teams:

- Our junior team consisting of six middle school riders – Allie, Jesse, Kelly, Kim, Ian & Piper
- Our senior team consisting of seven high school riders – Aubrey, Mike, Zoe, Olivia, Ruth, Josie & Nadia

Our team has worked all spring and summer improving their skills toward the goal of being able to compete at the shows this IEA show season, which runs Sept. 1 through April 1. Our members are students who have demonstrated the willingness to work hard and have already shown the dedication to succeed!

What's holding them back is having enough funds to compete!

We are requesting donations or company sponsorships to help these students attend as many shows as possible. We've set a goal of \$10,000 (\$7200 is the actual cost of all riders showing in the 5 shows) the money would pay for entry fees, a coaching fees and if any extra to go toward hotels and gas. We also have to co-host a show this year which will also require funds as we share expenses with the host stable.

OEW IEA Team Company Sponsorship Levels

Diamond \$1,000+ – Your company name would appear on the OEW IEA team Web site with a link to your business Web site; and appear on the OEW IEA Facebook and OEW BLOG (If your company would like to be the main company sponsor for our team and cover show expenses as they occur, please contact us!)

Platinum \$500-\$999

Gold \$300-\$499

Silver \$200-\$299

Bronze \$100 -\$199

For the Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorships, your company name would appear on the OEW team page Web site with your sponsorship level and a link to your business Web site.

Support level - any amount under \$99

Any donation, regardless of size, is greatly appreciated!

\$40 will cover the cost of one class fee for one rider at one show.

Your name would appear on the OEW team page Web site.

NOTE: The ENTIRE AMOUNT of your donation will go toward costs associated with showing, not administration fees. OEW Riders can provide expense reports if requested.

Please make checks out to On Eagles Wings Riders

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Click on IEA tab

Your help can make a difference in the riders' lives that will last a lifetime!

Youth Benefit from Involvement with Horses by learning about:

- **Compassion** - Caring for an animal and treating them with respect.
- **Responsibility** - Putting the horse's needs before the riders'.
- **Hard Work** - Caring for a horse is physically challenging - carrying hay, mucking out stalls, and grooming a dirty horse, not to mention the actual exercise involved in riding all require perseverance and physical effort to improve a rider's skill.
- **Value of money** - Making every dollar count when going toward bales of hay, show clothes, show fees, lesson fees, vet bills, and hoof care. Plus learning how to make what you have go further on the IMPORTANT needs, with the care of the horse coming first.
- **Love of learning** - With horses the learning is never ending - becoming educated about their care and many ailments, continually improving riding skills, developing powers of observation to watch for possible hazards for the horse and potentially dangerous situations, and learning to evaluate people as one would a horse by seeing the value of what's within, not just what's on the surface.
- **Sportsmanship** - Everyone who competes fairly is a winner. The ultimate goal is to support each other as they learn to be better horsemen and women, and individuals.
- **Developing self esteem and confidence to handle stressful situations** - Horses teach youth that communication is more than just words. Horses react to who you are within, not what you say. To be successful, students must be calm, focused and confident inside and out. A 1,000-lb. horse will respect a confident rider with a light touch and will ignore an insecure rider. Their interactions with horses help students learn to interact with others with confidence. To handle "show nerves" will teach self control for future job interviews and other stressful situations
- **Planning ahead** - Choices made today can affect what happens years down the road. Likewise, how a rider treats a horse affects how he will respond to the rider for years to come.
- **Not being prejudiced** - A horse's color, sex and age aren't indicators of intelligence, ability or value. A good horse has no particular color, size, age or sex, and neither does a good person.