

Coyote Hill ~~ A Place to Be a Child
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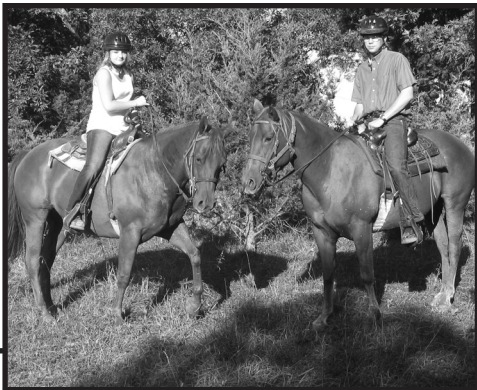
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Needs List / Action Items / Opportunities To Help

Exterminator Needed

We could really use a helping hand with bug extermination sometimes. If you can help us with this, give me a call at (573) 819-6701, or email at larry@coyotehill.org



Farm Stuff You No Longer Need?

The rural / farm setting is an important part of our work with the children in our care. The kids love our horse program, and many are quite active when it comes to working out on the farm.

So ... if you have some farm-stuff you no longer use and think we might, let me know. For example, we could use a good anvil, a mig welder, corral panels, hay for the cattle, etc.

Just give me a call at (573) 819-6701 or email me at: larry@coyotehill.org



Ignition Locked UP

One of our 15-passenger vans (about a 1997 Ford) has the ignition locked up on it. When you put the key in, it won't turn at all. We've tried moving the steering wheel back and forth and all that, but still no success. We really don't want to have to tow it and pay all that bill in addition to fixing it, when it might be something simple that can be done right here.

If you can help with this, call Ben Johnson at (573) 355-4172. Ben is the homeparent dad at that home.



2009 - New Year Edition

As you will recall from the last newsletter, we will no longer be sending out a newsletter every single month, but will send one out about five times per year. This change is in order to be better stewards of your contributions to support the work of Coyote Hill to abused and neglected children and families in need.

Along with that, we are aggressively pursuing the use of the internet and our websites to communicate to each of you as a financial supporter and the community at large. Those are free, and all we need from you is an email address. Also, using the internet allows us to include color photographs and sometimes even video.

Please send your email address to:

larry@coyotehill.org

Go to a blog that I try to keep current with stuff going on at Coyote Hill. There are usually pictures and sometimes video there, and also a way for you to leave a comment if you want. <http://coyotehill.typepad.com>

Visit our website and make a small monthly contribution with just a few easy clicks. If you can't afford \$25 or \$50 right now, do \$5 or \$10. Those contributions add up and are what carries us through. I remind people that if they don't think \$5 or \$10 adds up, just go ask Wal-Mart if they've made any money selling things for \$5 or \$10. They'll tell you, it adds up BIG.

<http://www.coyotehill.org/donate.php>

Come out for a tour. Please. You will love it.
Come see for yourself why Coyote Hill is known as ...

~~ A Place to Be a Child.



Some kids keeping warm by the fire on a recent snow-day from school. The snow-day turned into a wonderfully fun sled-day.

Hey, Watch Me!

When working with children, one often hears statements such as “HEY, WATCH ME!” or “Look what I can do!” What the child is really saying is that they are doing something of which they are proud, and would like to share that experience with you. It is an invitation to what is very possibly an important life event for them.

For a child, an important life event may be things such as learning to nail two boards together, skipping a rock on the pond, kicking a football across the yard for the first time, or ... like it was on this particular day, “Hey Larry, LOOK! No training wheels!”

Not needing training wheels is certainly an important step from toddler-hood to ... whatever comes after being a toddler and not needing training wheels. It isn’t quite yet manhood, but at that age it feels closer to it than they have ever been before. They know they aren’t quite ready for a drivers license, but secretly wonder if they might at least have a key to something. Any key would do ... and it wouldn’t actually have to start an engine or anything like that ... but just to actually have a key in one’s pocket means something at that age.

It has occurred to me that we don’t ever really grow out of that “Hey, look at me!” stage. We like the idea of sharing our lives with others, and especially the milestones that mean so much to us. After all, that is what ceremony is all about – weddings, graduations, baptisms, and perhaps even funerals in a way. But even on a smaller scale, look at how many of us have a FaceBook account. It’s ok, admit it. I have one too. We do things like this to share our lives with others. Life is meant to be shared, and doing so makes us all the better for it.

Now, imagine being that child once again who tried in vain to get the attention of someone close to them. They cried out in vain, time and time again, begging for someone to at least look their way and acknowledge the fact that they are bigger now, or better now, or able to do something now that they were unable to do even yesterday. And imagine on those few times when they actually were able to get someone’s attention, it was only to be told to shut up or go into another room or outside where they wouldn’t be such a bother.

It is those children that we serve. Those children who desperately need someone to look their way ... to glance in their direction, if even for a moment, and to notice that today, for the first day in their entire lives, they are riding a bike with no training wheels. This is huge to them.

Your gift and support of Coyote Hill makes it possible for many children to have someone in their life who really cares about the milestones in their lives. Someone who, upon hearing the phrase, “Hey, look what I can do!” ... will turn their way and give their attention. And many times, take a picture to boot.



Join us for dinner and a show on February 25 at 6 pm
Ralph Duren Entertains
Dinner included in \$15 ticket price!

Entertainer, Humorist, Wildlife Impersonator, Outdoorsman. Two-time Grand National Wild Turkey Gobbling Champion and first World Quail Calling Champion, member of the Realtree Outdoors Pro Staff.

Described as the “Rich Little” of the Animal Kingdom & The “Doctor Doolittle of the Outdoors” Ralph Duren Performs over 100

Ralph Duren Calls of the Wild



Wild Animal sounds interwoven among humorous stories of growing up in the Ozarks of Missouri, hunting, fishing, trapping and traveling coast to coast performing his “Calls of the Wild” program.

He has appeared on “The Tonight Show” with Jay Leno, CBS “This Morning,” CBS Tom Snyder “Late Night,” ‘Swan’s

Place” and “Home Life” on Family Net, Michael Feldman’s “What Da You Know” on National Public Radio, Agri Talk Radio, Steve & D.C. Morning Show and numerous outdoor television shows on The Outdoor Channel, Versus, ESPN2, the Sportsmen’s Channel, and The Men’s Outdoor Recreation channel. He has a weekly segment on Missouri Outdoors and Texas Outdoors television, and a monthly appearance on Pepper & Friends) on KOMU-TV, Columbia, MO.

Columbia College, Dulany Hall
Dinner and Show \$15

Feb. 25 at 6 pm
Kids Welcome

Thanks to donations from Ralph Duren, Columbia College, and Cost Cutters, 100% of the proceeds for this dinner and show will go directly to helping the families at Coyote Hill!

Only 60-70 tickets will be available Call Amy. 573-819-1906 or email amy@coyotehill.org.

True and Hope

Pictured are a couple of girls riding on horses named True and Hope. True is the one on the left. Just put a halter on her and hop on, and she will be true to the youth taking a ride.



Hope is the other horse, and has been a partner with True for many years. They like to hang together, and are wonderful partners when it comes to working with the youth in our care.

After all, aren’t we all on a journey for that which is **True**, and have our hearts full of **Hope** that we actually matter to someone?