

SMILES, Darien, WI NARHA Premier Accredited Center Come out and demonstrate your riding skills at SMILES annual horse show for riders with disabilities. The show will be held in the outdoor arena at the fairgrounds in Elkhorn Wisconsin. Therapeutic riding centers and individuals with special needs are all welcome! Show starts at 9 a.m. with stalls available if needed, call early to reserve a stall or tie to your trailer. The show is Saturday July 18th. It is always hot but we are done around 3p.m. There are food booths with plenty to eat and ice cream sundaes.

MOUNTED EAGLES, INC., Motley, MN NARHA Premier Accredited Center Along with starting our 2009 riding season on January 20th with 68 riders on the day & half schedule, Mounted Eagles' crew is busy putting together what we think will be a fantastic Region VI Conference. We have some great presenters lined up who have chosen excellent subjects about which they will share their knowledge. The Keynote speaker on Friday night will lead us into the conference with some uplifting and encouraging thoughts; and you won't want to miss the Closing Speaker on Sunday. She will remind us all why we do what we do! There's a parent panel open discussion lined up on Sunday for those of you who choose not to attend the 'forums'. There will also be a great opportunity for you to fulfill your worship needs at the Christian based "Cowboy Church", including live music, on Sunday morning at the hotel. Speaking of the hotel, it is a wonderful facility (only a couple of years old) and it has a large indoor water park. So, bring the family along and they can have some pre-summer swimming fun while you're enjoying the conference agenda. We also have planned a great extra event – Dinner and Dancing at the Barn. We hope you all will make reservations and join us for a fun filled Saturday evening at our new program site, Spirit Horse Center. It will be a treat!!! We promise!! All proceeds from this extra event will go toward continuing and expanding the services provided by the Mounted Eagles. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Brainerd on March 20th - 21st. If you don't get pre-registered, don't worry, you can always register when you arrive. Check out the NARHA website or www.mountedeagles.org for more information on the Conference. Oh, and by the way, the food will be WONDERFUL!

RIVER VALLEY RIDERS, Bayport, MN After a successful Capital Campaign to raise money for a down payment on property in the East Metro RVR has found 38 acres in Afton MN and will sign a Contract for Deed later this month. We will have four nights of riding at three sites this year. We are also having our first ever Saddle Bowl on April 4th in Stillwater MN. The event is filling up nicely and volunteers and parents really are excited to try their bowling skills. We will also host our 9th Ride-A-Thon this year at Lake Elmo Park Reserve a change from previous years at Wild River State Park. RVR is looking forward to a fantastic year with our new property offering more opportunities and of course more Capital Campaigning. See you in Brainerd.

FREEDOMFARM, Waverly, MN NARHA Premier Accredited Center had such an awesome 2008. We are hoping this year will be even better! The 1st Annual Freedomfarm Polo Event was held in July. A real bathroom was built this summer - goodbye porta-potty! We were fortunate to attend and have a great time at the National Conference. We came home to prepare for our Re-accreditation with NARHA and remain a Premier Accredited Center. Now that that is finished, all we have to do is get ready for trainings in March and the return of all those smiling faces on April 6. We also have a new website we'd love to have you visit! www.freedomfarmMN.org Blessings to everyone in 2009!