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Dear Twin Lakers:

Happy New Year!!! We are well into January and it is COLD out there! The horses are all buttoned up in the barn and we have moved all the lessons inside until the springtime. We are making good use of the space heaters and the hand warmers!

We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday. We cannot thank you all enough for all of the generous presents and cards that you give to us every year. We love getting cards with pictures of your kids on them. We save them each year and can see how much they've grown up. We have quite a collection and get a kick out of pulling them out to show the kids when they go off to college!

Speaking of college, our TLF kids who have gone off to college came home to visit and we were so glad to see them! We always feel like they are our kids too and it's great to hear about their new experiences and new friends at school.

Our winter break leasing program was a smashing success- with wonderfully well-behaved kids taking good care of "their" ponies. Scotty-Claus and Frisbee the Reindeer did their customary "pony pick-ups" and the sight of Santa with a pony in tow never fails to get enthusiastic honks from all of the cars on the road!

We have begun practice for our "Younger Drill Team" already and Kristina says that they are looking fantastic! The younger team is made up of kids who are 13 years old and younger and they will be performing a St. Patrick's Day Drill for us on March 18th! We can't wait! Grab yer shamrock hat and join us for an Irish extravaganza!

Older Drill Team will begin practice soon after Easter and will be performing for us at our end of the year BBQ in June. We love these drill teams because they are made up of academy students who want to ride in a team setting and create a drill together. It is always a hit with the crowd and the kids have a ball!

Our next riding academy schooling show is *The Sweetheart Show* and Carol is taking permission slips for Saturday, February 11th. This is the one where we dress poor Scotty up as Cupid and eat chocolate all day! What's better than that? Remember, this is the second show in our academy-only schooling show series. We host four of these fun and crazy shows and the end of the year BBQ is our high-point awards ceremony! We pin out places one through ten of each division and wait till you see our GRAND CHAMPION ribbons! Woo-HOO!



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Another exciting thing that is going on for riding academy students this month is our *Advanced Concepts Clinic* on Saturday, January 28th. This is a two and a half hour clinic- both mounted and un-mounted for advanced riding academy students who want to learn more in an accelerated setting. Liz will be in the ring teaching her same system that is taught to the show team and Scotty will be down in the barn teaching upper-level barn manager skills to the not-so-squeamish! Interested? See Carol for details.

The North Barn is full and all renovated inside- with the brand new stalls! We are working on the new indoor heated wash stalls and fresh new fencing for the outdoor rings and paddocks. We will break ground on the indoor ring sometime in March- with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open it officially sometime in May! The North Barn is the official home of Twin Lakes Summer Camp and we can't wait to show it to you all!

Carol will be setting up this month to take requests for FULL SUMMER LEASING. That means that you want to do our vacation leasing program for both months of July and August. Riders who wish to lease for all eight weeks get first dibs on horse choices. Later on, we will open the slots up for shorter periods of time. Questions? Ask Carol for a leasing packet that can tell you everything that you need to know. Get Carol your horse choices ASAP because they go FAST!

The show team has been off and running and we must congratulate Patrice Gordon and "Stay Gold" (aka: "Jimmy") on their recent championships at Old Salem Farm and Fairfield County Hunt Club. Congratulations also go out to Sammy Kerbel and "Ribbons and Roses" (aka: "Bridget") for their recent reserve in the children's hunters at Fairfield! A BIG congratulations goes out to Madysen Diaz and "End of the Rainbeau" (aka: "Bobo") for their walk/trot debut at Fairfield this past weekend! Mady got a blue ribbon her very first time out! This weekend, we are back at Old Salem with a HUGE load! Good Luck Team!!!

And so we keep on rockin' and rollin' at Twin Lakes Farm! We have had a great start to the year and are looking forward to another fantastic year on the farm!

Sincerely,

Your Fearless Leaders