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COVID-19 Riverwood Ranch Update

Hello Everyone!

Since our last update, we hope that you and your families have been staying well!

We are super excited to be able to provide some official announcements about the Ranch today, in relation to opening back up after our past temporary COVID Closure. It has been a crazy year for all of us and we are super excited to be able to move forward and reopen certain areas of the ranch in order to have all of our guests and friends rejoin us.

Now I just want to start by saying that this year has proved to have some unique challenges for all businesses, us included. We want to acknowledge that we are still very much dedicated in managing the pandemic situation but are excited to be able to finalize some events so that people can start putting Riverwood back on your events calendar. We look forward to seeing you and your horses in safe ways that we can all enjoy. We have had to make some tough decisions over the past months and have chosen to turn our 2020 season into a reallocation year which is going to focus on different areas of the ranch in relation to some of the challenges and goals we have for this season.

Our number one priority is to finish building our indoor riding arena while making it a priority to open the facility to our community. We are thrilled to be able to open this brand new, beautiful 80x200 indoor facility.

**So without further ado, the arena will be opening to the community on July 1st!
Happy Canada Day and Happy Riverwood Barn Day!**

More specifically haul in's and horseback riding lessons will also start on July 1st. We are so looking forward to getting some fun gymkhana nights, cattle sorting, kids camps and group riding events organized with the use of the facility. So please stay tuned to our Facebook events page and the webpage for when these dates will be finalized and feel free to give us a call for booking in your lesson or getting a membership for arena access. We are super excited to get the barn rolling and also to finish building the community space and our house in the far

south end! This is a huge milestone for us and getting the barn up and ready for everyone is our biggest priority this season.

Secondly, we are looking forward to getting our obstacle course and play days fired back up as soon as possible. Our first obstacle play day is scheduled for July 19th 2020. We are excited to be offering some fun obstacle playdays and our Canadian Cowboy Challenge this September. We are also excited to be looking into a new partnership with the Extreme Cowboy Association this year. Please check out our events page for a full list of dates.

Thirdly our last big goal has been our horse training program. Our training program has developed stronger and better this year than ever before. This has definitely been the heart spot for the ranch. With all the added home time we have had this season, we have been blessed in the sense that we have trained more horses and have put more training hours in the saddle than ever before. All while being able to get all the cattle unloaded into the ranch free of any major hitches. We are truly thankful for all of those who have chosen to book their horses in for training and look forward to booking in more spots for the fall and winter months. We have even started to take bookings for next year so please give us a shout if you are looking to get some time put on a horse and want to hear more about our Riverwood Ranch training program.

Now sadly the hardest decision that we have had to make for this season is the decision to not reopen our guided trail rides and cattle drives events this season. Its been a tough decision, but the right decision, considering all the regulations moving forward, the reduced season as is, reduced help, and honesty the exciting yet tough decision to reallocate time for our other 2020 goals....

Now we want to assure guests that any deposit money that had been given for events will be refunded or can always be transferred to any other Riverwood event that is happening within the year. We also want to extend an invitation to our Riverwood community that specialty events may still be organized. Even though we may not be scheduling daily trail rides and monthly cattle drives, we will still continue to honour some speciality events that will just have to be organized on a case by case basis. An example would be, we still have some horse birthday trail parties and some group trail rides for riders bringing their own horses that will still be happening. We are just asking guests to contact us directly

if you have specific requests, but as a whole our daily trail rides and monthly cattle drives will be continued to be cancelled for the 2020 season. Now who's to say that if the summer goals go as planned that we can't throw in a fall river run and or cattle event, however at this time the decision to not schedule these events is more aligned with our ranch goals.

I do want to take a real moment to just say how much we have appreciated the business and friends we have gained throughout this side of the ranch. We hope all guests that have used this service can appreciate our decisions for this season. We want to reiterate that we will still have lots of new events and riding opportunities this year and are still expecting to be as busy as ever!

So Please give us a shout for lessons, training, obstacle playdays, clinics and events! We are so excited to be opening back up with the 2nd phase of the Alberta Relaunch. I personally cant wait to see you all at the ranch starting on Canada Day with a joined Happy Barn Riverwood Day! Thanks so much and look forward to seeing you!



Your Truly,
The Riverwood Ranch Family

