

# *Kingsbury Hill*

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Dear Parents, Campers and Friends,

Another busy season is winding down at Kingsbury Hill. After a packed calendar KH is quiet and our three horses enjoyed the beautiful fall weather out in all the fields. Most days they would not even come in for their grain. They relished the last few days of grazing on the hill before winter's arrival.

All three of our event camps were well attended. We welcomed back several returning campers as well as new. The schooling shows were all well attended and again our July and August USEA Horse Trials filled rapidly. We enjoyed two beautiful sunny days for both horse trials, which was not easy this summer.

It was one of the high points of my summer to see how everyone's riding had progressed. Every camper made improvement during the camps, however, I must say my most rewarding this year was Becca with her new horse Grace. Grace had been a challenge before and during the July Jr Event camp. Becca was eliminated in the schooling three-phase as Grace would not leave the field and go into the woods on the cross-country course. Grace misbehaved to the point that everyone was concerned for Becca's safety as well as her confidence. After camp Becca stuck with it, continuing to

school Grace and take her lessons to prepare for the July KH USEA Horse Trials. (Becca and Grace's first sanctioned horse trials). At the July Horse Trials they left the start box went over the first three fences and out of the field like they had been doing it for years. I can tell you everyone at the start box was silent waiting for each fence judge to relay over the radio where Grace and Becca were on the cross-country course. Then they jumped up over the bank and cruised to the finish. Becca's perseverance and smile made the summer for me. As she walked back from the finish I stood up at the finish, raised my fist into the air to tell her well done which she immediately returned. Her face continued to beam with that feeling you get after returning from a great cross country ride, as her friends and family rushed to congratulate her.

This was just one of hundreds of stories that have made running and organizing the programs at KH, since my fathers illness in 1992, worth the hours of effort it takes each year. As most of you know KH is a private family run farm with only four key people running the programs and maintaining the farm each year. Myself, my husband Ken, our daughter Lauren and for the past few years Emily Price, (a KH alumni of 15 years) and our core volunteers have been responsible for keeping KH up and running. Unfortunately, due to financial and family situations, it will not be possible to run our camps, the USEA Horse Trials or schooling shows in the 2009 season. The cost of maintaining this special place has become impossible, never mind the endless hours it takes to ready the farm for the programs each summer. It is time for another approach with the hope of preserving this haven where so many have learned to ride and develop that special bond between horse and rider.

My wish is to conserve KH allowing more young riders the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for horses. I am currently working with several organizations with the intent of conserving the development rights and allow KH to remain an open space. No doubt though once this is accomplished KH would then need to be sold with the hopes it would remain an important place for horse lovers.

A capital campaign is planned for the next year or two to help realize this goal.

I do hope it will be possible to continue cross-country schooling days as well as organize lesson days with our favorite instructors. Please watch the website [www.kingsburyhill.com](http://www.kingsburyhill.com) for information on lessons and schooling days. In addition, my daughter Melissa and I will continue the KH adult camp tradition of 15 years and host an adult camp at The Stable on the Woods, in Aiken, SC. This camp is planned for April 13 to April 17. Currently we have Heidi White and Michael Page as the instructors. If you would like more info please go to [www.thestableonthewoods.com](http://www.thestableonthewoods.com) or feel free to contact me at [lisa@kingsburyhill.com](mailto:lisa@kingsburyhill.com)

I indeed have been privileged to be able to grow up at KH and then return with Ken and raise our two daughters here. I hope KH can continue to influence and inspire other lives as it has mine. In the meantime, thank you to everyone who has helped and been a part in making KH so special. I can never thank you enough for the opportunities your help has given me.

Noah and I look forward to seeing everyone out competing in Area 1 in 2009!

Sincerely,

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