

# Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Center

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Santa Ynez Valley Equestrian Association is to provide a multi-use facility for equine activities with accompanying educational experience in order to foster safe and humane horsemanship. Our goal is to develop, maintain and operate our equestrian facility in a manner that preserves and enriches our community's equestrian lifestyle including youth and therapeutic riding. The center is envisioned as a resource that will attract quality equestrian events and innovative instruction to improve the special relationship between horse and human.*

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## *Youth Activities & Programs*

2021

**SYV Therapeutic Riding Academy:** Normal [non-covid] operating schedule runs 5 days/week, Monday through Friday. Current [Covid compliant] operating schedule is Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday mornings & Wednesday-Thursday afternoons. Students served by this organization, which is a separate 501[c]3 permanently housed & headquartered at the Equestrian Center, include mentally, physically and emotionally challenged youth & adults, with the majority of the students being under age 18. Located at the lower level, but utilize the entire property for guided trail riding.



**Santa Ynez Valley 4H Group:** Junior Livestock & Equestrian group which holds monthly meetings at the Equestrian Center in addition to hosting all youth events which include out of the area 4H groups as well. They utilize both the upper & lower arenas.

**On The Bit Dressage & Hunter-Jumper Schooling shows:** Held throughout the year--Popular schooling shows, oriented strongly toward youth and students, with the majority of the participants being under age 18.



**Sheriff's Youth Posse:** Youth program held in the summertime, at the lower level Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Posse barn & the lower level arenas. [The SB County Sheriff's Mounted Unit is headquartered at a separate barn adjacent to Therapeutic Riding.]

**SYVEA Youth Gymkhana:** Competitive events for children of all ages & abilities from lead-line on up, held in the summer time. Lower level arenas.

**SYVEA Ranch Horse Show Saddle Series Youth Division High Point:** Held in May, June & August with a rain date in September. Offers a separate Youth Division with a clean slate year-end final "ride-off."



**SYV Cow Horse Shows:** Multiple events each year, held in the upper-level arenas, offer Youth divisions.

**SYV Valley Penners [“VPA”]:** Multiple events throughout the year, offer youth divisions.