



Christian

Christian is one of our more able-bodied Riders who came to us last year. He was really afraid of heights, and had some behavior issues. He hit it off really well with one of our Instructors, but when she was no longer able to be his Instructor due to personal reasons, He began to fight his mom on riding, that it didn't matter because his instructor wasn't there. So we worked with him this year, with a lot on change; and that just because one person wasn't there, didn't mean he couldn't have fun too. We got him up with a new Instructor, who really hit it off with him. He was so upset with the changes; he had been running to the van and hiding so he wouldn't have to ride. After his new instructor talked to him and said he should make a letter to his old instructor, and they would give it to her, he was very excited.

That next week, he had remembered his "homework" and brought the picture he made her! Then, over a few weeks, Christian started to open up to her and then one week he "reenacted" the history lesson on Columbus while riding his horse, recalling even the dates, and names of the ships and people! It was amazing. Not to mention he was very creative with it and using his horse as a boat, and noodles as oars to paddle to shore (side of arena). He was not only communicating well, but sharing the lesson he learned. We work with his math on horseback as well since he was struggling and he has done amazing. He then met one of our past Cowboy Poetry graduates, and was immediately drawn to him. He has been instructing him now the last few weeks and there was a definite bond made. He now runs up to get ready to ride and meet his instructor, and no longer gives his mom a hard time to get there, and he is ready to go! We are so proud of your accomplishments, Christian! Keep up the great work!!