

### *The CIRT Story*

*A young rider expertly puts his mount through it's paces, enjoying an exhilarating ride only inches from the rail of an arena that he cannot see. Another rider guides her horse through an intricate course of obstacles, signaling her mount using her hands and legs. Girl and horse work together in perfect harmony, as she keeps constant eye contact with the instructor to see the commands that she cannot hear. And a third rider, smaller than the others, is lifted onto a small pony. Her face is bright and her eyes sparkle -- she lets loose a squeal of delight as she bounces along on her trotting pony. Finished riding, she is lifted from the saddle by volunteers, who help her bend her arms into a hug around the pony's neck before returning her to her pink wheelchair...*

Not long ago differently-abled children and adults were limited to life in an institution. Today, a deeper understanding of the range of human possibility provides the motivation that drives Central Illinois Riding Therapy (CIRT). In operation since 1983, CIRT gives riding therapy lessons four days a week, year-round, to 60 children and adults with varying levels of disability. Children and adults alike can experience the feel of flying manes, powerful muscles and above all, the freedom of motion that these gentle, majestic animals represent. For some, it's the greatest freedom that they'll ever enjoy.

CIRT began in 1983 with money from a 4-H grant, borrowed horses and six riders. Today, CIRT is a not-for-profit organization staffed by a director, certified instructors and assistants, numerous volunteers and 12 horses. Costs for participants are kept as low as possible and scholarships are readily available for those in need. It is CIRT's sincere wish that, eventually, this type of therapy be available to all those whom it may benefit.

However, to accomplish our goals, we need your help. CIRT is funded primarily through organizations and private donations. Your support will help us continue a nationally accredited, quality program that benefits riders physically, emotionally and mentally. Help our riders to "fly without wings." The sense of accomplishment lasts a lifetime--and it's a feeling you can share.



Thank you from the riders at the Central Illinois Riding Therapy



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**STAR Touring and  
Riding  
Illinois State Rally  
To Benefit:  
Central  
Illinois  
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Therapy**



Event Coordinated by:

**Saturday  
June 12, 2010  
10am-4pm  
At Sportland  
Dealership  
In Blooming-**



**WWW.STAR482.COM**

**Registration:**

Send Early Registration by June 1st::

\$10 Per Person  Total # Registering

After June 1st or On-Site Registration:

\$15 Per Person  Total # Registering

Point of Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter # (if affiliated): \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Payment to:**

Star Chapter #482  
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**Thanks to Our Supporters:**

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# Schedule of Events

Saturday

June 12, 2010

10am-4pm

At Sportland Dealership

In Bloomington

- **10:00 - 11:00 AM**  
**Check-In/Registration**
- **11:00 - 11:30 AM**  
**Opening Announcements**
- **11:30 AM - 1:30 PM**  
**Lunch Served**  
**Socializing**
- **1:00 - 2:00 PM**  
**KSU for Guided Ride**
- **3:00 PM**  
**Final Auction**  
**And**  
**50/50 Raffle**  
**Winners to be Announced**
- **4:00 PM**  
**Closing Ceremony**

**Contact for Questions:**

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**Opening announcements:**

Introductions to Chapter #482 Members  
Dealership acknowledgement  
Supporter Acknowledgement  
Schedule of Events Reviewed

**Lunch:**

Included with registration fee  
Served Buffet Style until 1:30 or until gone.  
Pulled Pork Sandwich  
Coleslaw  
Chips  
Soda or Water

**Guided Ride:**

An optional local ride to points of interest in the area will be guided by a Chapter #482 Road Captain. As always, **Safety will be stressed** but the Organization and Road Captain holds no liability for accidents. All riders are to obey all traffic laws and limits as posted.

**Auctions:**

Items donated for the auction will be on display from 10:00 until 2:45. Proceeds will be given to CIRT. **Must be present to win.**

**50/50 Raffle:**

Raffle tickets will be sold from 10:00 until 2:45. Proceeds will help cover event expenses. **Must be present to win.**

**Closing Ceremony:**

Thanks to all.  
How to get involved.  
Upcoming Star and Chapter Events

