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Camp Shaw was created in 1946 as an overnight retreat for children involved in 4-H in N. Illinois. We have evolved into a year round, residential, experiential education, conference and nature center; as well as a summer haven for children from all over the world.

And now we are very excited to introduce our 4-H Horse Club. We currently have 6 participants. Our PEARLS (People and Equines All Riding and Learning at Shaw) group will focus on three specific areas of horsemanship.

- 1) Care of horses: From proper nutrition to how to trim a hoof we will cover all areas of good horse care
- 2) Individual Riding Skill: We will meet each participant where they are by assuring that everyone has the basics down pat, and then moving up to intermediate riding skills in English and in Western disciplines.
- 3) Riding as a Team: We will offer a drill team (called the Pink & Black Posse) and a vaulting team (as yet unnamed). We have certified instructors and great horses, but we need a vaulting sirsingle (one with a solid metal handle); if anyone has one to donate or wishes to purchase one for us.

We currently have 5 horses that are available for use in the club. We are also offering boarding at our facility for 4-H'ers who own their horses for \$100 a month (our cost in feeding, boarding and hay). The "catch" is that all horses at our facility must be available as a part of our programming; meaning the owners must allow others to ride their horses, under our supervision.

We'd also like to announce a resurgence of our LIVESTOCK farm. We now have over 25 chickens, 5 ducks (3 mallards, one grey African runner, and one black duck of unknown origin), 2 tumbling pigeons, 2 Japanese Quail (owned and shown by Patrick Hesser of the Herscher Howlin' Homeschoolers 4-H Group), 2 Dutch Bantam Roosters (owned and shown by Meg Hesser of Herscher Howlin' Homeschoolers 4-H Group), 4 bunnies, 2 sheep (one ram one ewe and we're hoping for lambs in the spring), a buck goat named Billy, who thinks he's a dog, and two ponies who think they are goats! In addition we have 2 Great Pyrenees to protect all the small livestock.

Please see our website www.campshaw.org for more details and contact info for joining PEARLS and/or making our livestock part of your groups project. We need your help to keep this magnificent farm healthy and lively!

WISH LIST: all donations are completely TAX DEUCTIBLE

- 2, 3 or 4 horse bumper pull trailer
- Saddles, bridles, halters
- Glucosamine and Chondroitin supplements
- HAY, HAY and MORE HAY (approx 300 ,sq bales)
- Vaulting equipment and supplies
- Ferrier Services
- Vet Services-wormer, first aid, vaccinations, etc.
- Lumber for a Run-In Shelter
- Steel Drum and 25 feet of steel for Vaulting Practice Horse
- Pallets for Manure Composting
- Manure Spreader
- Fencing (2-3 inch box fencing w/ wooden posts)