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Navajo Healing Ceremony for Horses!

Ya'ateeh! Greetings!

On Saturday, August 30, 2014 YOU are invited to the first Navajo Healing Ceremony for Horses on the East Coast!

What makes this invitation even more special is that it is in the Capital Region at Easy Street Horse Rescue in Amsterdam NY, Montgomery County!

Unless one lives or visits the Western USA, seeing a Navajo Healing Ceremony may never transpire. Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to experience this traditional ceremony.

On **August 30, 2014 (Saturday) at 10:30 a.m.** you are cordially invited to **Easy Street Horse Rescue, located at 109 Langley Road, Amsterdam NY 12010**, where four rescued horses will receive the traditional blessings. King (Standardbred), Chief (Thoroughbred), Celsy (Anglo Arabian), and Blacky (Quarterhorse) will receive the Traditional Navajo Horse Blessing Ceremonies from Harrison and Gino, both members of the Navajo Nation. *Admission is free, but bring your own chair and be sure to come early as we plan to start on time.*

Traditional Practitioners of Navajo Ceremonies, Harrison Jim Sr. and Gino Antonio, will be at Easy Street Horse Rescue to share their beautiful culture by performing traditional Navajo blessing ceremonies on four rescued equines. Harrison and Gino are donating their time and energy to promote both emotional and physical healing in these horses, plus other rescued horses during their journey to the East Coast. The ceremony is free to all, and a good will offering is appreciated. It is unknown how long the Ceremony will last as it depends on the horses and their needs. In addition to healing the horses; the land, people and other animals at the Ceremony may experience their own healing.

Harrison Jim Sr. holds the highly esteemed title of Medicine Man, in addition to being a Traditional Practitioner of Navajo Ceremonies. He is a member of the Navajo Nation, making his home on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. Harrison grew up around horses and was involved in the rodeo as a saddle bronc rider. After an elder Medicine Man introduced him to the spiritual side of horses, Harrison longed to change the way he had interacted with horses during his rodeo days. He prayed for forgiveness and has since

dedicated himself to learning and conducting the Traditional Navajo Horse Blessing Ceremonies.

Gino Antonio is a Practitioner's Assistant of Traditional Navajo Ceremonies. He is also a member of the Navajo Nation, residing on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. Gino gained his interest in horses after his elders conveyed stories of his grandfather's horsemanship skills. Once, riding bareback at a full gallop, he let go of the reins stretching his arms out and experienced being present with the horse. He says: "His legs were mine and my arms were his wings."

Harrison and Gino meet while working at the Fort Defiance Indian Hospital. There they integrated traditional Native American and western approaches to healing. They formed a kinship and, in 2012, created customized healing programs for all veterans, regardless of culture, returning from war. With their mutual affinity for horses, they now conduct Traditional Navajo Horse Blessing Ceremonies as well.

Although each ceremony is unique, the Horse Blessing Ceremony typically opens with the Navajo Creation Story of the horse and explains why the horse is so sacred to their culture. Stories are told about the importance of connecting with nature, making time for family and loved ones, reevaluating our "needs" and embracing simplicity. Those in attendance may then be invited to gather greens from the horses' environment to be mixed with the medicinal herbs collected by a Navajo Medicine Person. Hot coals are added to create a moist, fragrant smoke. This smudge, as it is referred to, is the medicine that is offered to the horses. As sacred songs are sung and the smudge is taken to the horses, the healing properties begin and energy work is performed. Those in attendance bear witness to the negative and unhealthy energy leaving the horses' bodies, as they sigh, yawn and even roll on the ground (classic signs of release followed by inner peace). In this safe environment, conducive to emotional processing and release, the healing goes beyond what could have been achieved on a purely physical level.

More information: The Navajo Horse Healing Project
<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/the-navajo-horse-healing-project>
Local contact: Andrea Neiman 518-928-8255

Harrison and Gino are bringing the Traditional Navajo Horse Blessing Ceremonies to the East Coast for the first time. Below are the horse facilities they are visiting at no charge to the facility. Anyone wishing to view the ceremony should verify specific details from the facility's website or Facebook page before attending Ceremony.

Saturday, August 30, 2014 – 10:30am
Easy Street Horse & Barnyard Rescue, Inc.
109 Langley Road, Amsterdam NY 12010
www.easystreetrescue.org FB: Easy Street Horse Rescue
Bring your own chair and arrive early.

Sunday, August 31, 2014 – 11:00am
Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, South Kortright NY

Saturday, September 6 - Noon
Old Friends at Cabin Creek, Greenfield NY

Sunday, September 7 – 10:00am
Every Body Counts Therapy Center (a therapeutic riding organization)
Bern, NY

Saturday, September 13
The Dorset Equine Rescue, Dorset VT

Sunday, September 14 – 10:00am
Save Your Ass Long Ear Rescue
South Acworth, NH



Easy Street Rescue is a 501(c)(3) IRS approved charity. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent. Please donate via PayPal to easystreetrescue@aol.com or make check payable to Easy Street Rescue and mail to 109 Langley Road, Amsterdam NY 12010. 518-421-0125 Volunteers are the driving force behind Easy Street Rescue. We need you!

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