

Trip to Texas Tech University

Sunrise Director, Julie Wood, Board Member Gail Jensen and Teacher's Assistant Alex MacKay are making a trip to TTU. We will meet with the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources/Equine Program.

This is in conjunction with the class Julie is teaching, for the second time at UNL Animal Sciences, entitled Introduction to Equine Assisted Activities/Therapy.

TTU has curriculum which incorporates a therapeutic riding program and university students since 1998.

Our goal is to return with information that can be shared with the **Equine Excellence Review Committee**. This committee is made up of representatives from various colleges and universities with strong equine programs. Their responsibility is to report to the Dean of CASNR at UNL with suggestions as to how to improve equine programs that will attract more students to UNL, CASNR. Plus, the report will also highlight the strong areas of UNL programs.

Director Julie Wood is scheduled to speak to the committee. She will share information about the class she is teaching, Introduction to Equine Assisted Activities/Therapy and report on the findings from the TTU trip. Julie will highlight how Sunrise EquiTherapy and UNL can be great partners for the benefit of both programs and the benefit of those with disabilities. The partnership

can become a reality with the construction of the NE Horse Park where the UNL Animal Science and Sunrise can work together sharing space and resources.

A report as to the findings of the committee will follow.