

Turning Point Ranch is a well-run organization with a clear mission and goals. Through their therapeutic horseback riding program, students with special needs learn how to treat animals with respect and mount, ride, and dismount a horse while practicing following directions, taking turns, and playing group games. During those activities, students are increasing their core strength and working on cognitive and motor skills.

What is also impressive is that Turning Point Ranch also has an indoor curriculum for rainy or cold days. The indoor activities teach additional horse care, educate students about their horse, and work on fine motor skills. All their lessons both indoors and outdoors are well-planned and executed by certified instructors with an emphasis on increasing student independence.

At Turning Point Ranch, safety is a high priority. Volunteers receive training prior to meeting students and staff are great at communicating concerns to parents and teachers.

Finally, Turning Point Ranch has excellent communication with its stakeholders through mailed newsletters, events, an up to date website, and social media. The organization is growing each year with more and more participants, volunteers, and horses.

I am looking forward to watching Turning Point Ranch continue to meet their goals and expand to reach more and more of the community in Stillwater and the surrounding areas.

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