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# Kids horses and inmates

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A warm summer day, kids, horses and inmates. That's an unlikely combination but unique to Northwood Camp for Crippled Children in Sesekinika.

For the past four or five years a group of six inmates and one staff member from the Monteith Correctional Centre have travelled to the crippled children's camp five days a week for three weeks each summer where the inmates assist camp staff in giving the children horseback rides.

The horses are on loan from the New Liskeard College of Agricultural Technology and two students from the college are in charge of horseback riding therapy in co-operation with camp counsellors.

This year, Julie Smith of Matheson, a general farm program student at NLCAT, and Pat Graham of North Bay, who is enrolled in the equestrian program, are working in the program and they say that the children, as well as the inmates, have a good time. Julie says that the children have no fear at all of horses and are quite excited about the program.

Officials from the Centre say that once the inmates' initial apprehension about the children has passed they become different individuals and benefit greatly from the program.

Inmates from the trade shop and carpentry program also contribute to the upkeep of the camp.



## Hobo and friends - Aug 18, 1982

Inmates from the Monteith Correctional Institute have been participating in horseback riding therapy at Northwood Camp for Crippled Children for the past four or five years. Pictured are Wilf Coulis and Mike Dinel with Kim Shank, of Sudbury, riding Hobo.