

# **J&J Second Chance Small Holdings**

## **Goat Reading Program**

Welcome to J & J Second Chance Small Holdings (J&JSCSH), is a mini-farm animal rescue in Rock River, Wyoming, managed by Jennifer and Janna. Our mission is to provide second chances, help others thrive through animal interactions; and for our rescued animals to enjoy better lives.

### **Program Overview**

Our Goat Reading Program offers a unique opportunity for children to enhance their reading skills by reading aloud to our friendly goats. This interaction creates a fun, non-judgmental environment that encourages a love for reading.

### **This works two ways:**

- **Reading Sessions:** Children read books to goats, who enjoy the attention and may playfully interact, making the experience enjoyable. We also offer 1-2 special books for the goats to eat as the child tries to read it.
- **Incentive System:** For every book read, children earn one minute of playtime with the goats, up to 60 minutes. This motivates continued reading and rewards their efforts. This is their time with the goats. We only have as many children in the area as we have goats at the event, so it is a lot of one-on-one time with the goats.

### **Benefits**

Reading to animals has been shown to boost confidence and reduce anxiety in readers. Animals provide a non-judgmental audience, allowing readers to practice without fear of criticism. It also allows readers to work at their own pace.

### **Costs (this helps us keep this going)**

-We bring everything that is needed for the event; the fencing, chairs, hand sanitizer, tables and more.  
-If we are setting up on the inside, we also bring all of the tarps, 3m plastic, sawdust, vacuum, boot brushes, etc.

Cost range from \$200-300 +milage (this is a \$100 – 250 educational discount) it depends on how many goats we bring effects the cost.

We have had some community involvement where they sponsor us to go to specific schools or programs. We are a Federally recognized 501-c-3 **EIN 88-3104336** so can be used a tax write off.

### **How to Get Involved**

We work with Montessori schools, all age schools, homeschoolers and libraries and more to bring this program to various venues. To schedule a meeting, along with getting the forms and more information, please contact us at **thegoatladies307@gmail.com**.

Join us in fostering a love for reading while providing joy to both children and our delightful goats.  
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