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Canyon State Academy and Desert Lily Academy students participated in the annual Queen Creek Christmas parade on Saturday December 4th. The students put in countless hours preparing for the parade. They worked with the horses, miniature horses and sheep to create a safe and well-run presentation. Watching the students care for the animals and their well-being was an absolute pleasure. The students were very conscientious about maintaining what was best for everyone. For many of the animals this was the first time in the parade and needed extra preparation. The students practiced walking a parade line around the farm for weeks ahead of time, took care to watch for any injuries, and made sure they were comfortable with the flags and decorations.

The day of the parade the students were out early getting ready for a long day of fun. The animals had to be groomed, a quick health check and decorations added. Four students were able to help ride the horses on the trail to the start of the parade which was a highlight of their day. Once we were in line, the animals needed to be cared for while waiting for over an hour, not an easy task asking animals to cooperate standing in a parade line for over an hour! Once again, our students shined taking extra care to ensure that everyone was safe.

The morning of the parade students from the Desert Lily Academy volunteered in helping set up along the parade route. They received high praise and compliments for their work in the community.

The day was ended celebrating with pizza and wings for a job well done! Discussions for next year is already in the works. Great job Canyon State Academy and Desert Lily Academy, you make us proud.
