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*Happy
New Year*

SAVE THE DATE!

Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation
Presents their annual
“Winter Day at Springbrook”
February 11, 2023
at
Springbrook Events
N8400 County Road I
Burnett, WI 53922

- ◆ **Model Horse Show**
- ◆ **Vendors**
- ◆ **Dog Sled Demos**
- ◆ **Sleigh Driving Exhibition**
- ◆ **Sleigh Rides**

Sleigh Bell Café - Breakfast & Lunch

Admission is Free!

WISCONSIN STATE HORSE COUNCIL, INC.
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WHC Mission Statement

- * To represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin.
- * To promote the horse through leadership, education, service and communication.
- * To take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

ATTENTION!

Tear out page 25/26 to fold as a handy brochure to keep or to share! This month's featured brochure is: "\$1 M Equine Excess Personal Liability Insurance".

*Membership in the Wisconsin Horse Council is open to individuals, associations, businesses, societies, or other entities whose interests are in line with the WHC's purpose and Mission Statement. Our membership year follows the calendar year. Members will receive a free e-newsletter and the option to purchase a printed newsletter where **FREE** classified ads can be placed and business card, 1/4, 1/2 and full page ads can be purchased as well. The newsletter reaches 500+ horse enthusiasts. The WHC currently sends out six issues per year.*

The WHC employs a professional lobbyist who works with us on pending legislation as needed for the equine industry. We continue to work on adding new benefits for our members. Please feel free to contact us with your comments or suggestions. Thank you!

Every day the AHC works to ensure the equine voice is heard in Washington, DC

Help us continue to Put More HORSEpower in Congress...

Support the AHC today!

Visit www.horsecouncil.org for more information

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Welcome to the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

The bond between an equestrian and their equine is an experience worth cherishing; we are dedicated to strengthening this bond and enriching the equestrian experience in Wisconsin through education, research, charity, and scholarship.

Visit our website www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org – Go to the WSHCEF tab at the top of the page

What is the mission statement of the WSHC Equine Foundation?

The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation was created to better serve Wisconsin's growing equestrian community and to help that community realize its fullest potential. The Foundation is a tax exempt, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and as such allows individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to support Wisconsin equine projects.

The mission of the Equine Foundation is to support Wisconsin's expanding equestrian community by funding:

-Educational Initiatives
-Equine Research
-Trail Development
-Youth Scholarship and Participation

What is our relationship with the Wisconsin State Horse Council?

The Wisconsin State Horse Council is our parent organization and the sole member of the WSHC Equine Foundation. WHC Board of Directors are elected to serve on the WSHC Equine Foundation Board of Directors, along with non-WHC individuals. The WHC was incorporated in 1972 as an advocate for the equine owners and industry in the State of Wisconsin. It has grown to become the focus of the equine industry in Wisconsin.

The Mission Statement of the Wisconsin Horse Council is: To represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin. To promote the horse through leadership, education, service and communications, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry in the State of Wisconsin.

WSHC Equine Foundation is a federally approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to the advancement of equine activities and the equine industry in general.

The Foundation's main objectives are to promote education, research and development, charity, and scholarship opportunities for equestrians in Wisconsin.

WSHCEF Officers, Board Members & Volunteer Committee Members

Officers

President: James Harris
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2023 WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

These Awards are sponsored by the Wisconsin Horse Council, Inc. in cooperation with the Midwest Horse Fair®. Nominations may be submitted by clubs, associations, or individuals.

Horseperson of The Year Award is based on contributions to Wisconsin's equine industry as a whole, or in any specific area such as: youth activities, education, research, industry promotion, related legislation and regulation, trails, other equine events, or activities.

- ✦ Any person 18 years old or older can be nominated.
- ✦ Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- ✦ Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- ✦ Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

Special Achievement Award is based on a major accomplishment in the equine industry.

- ✦ Any person 18 years old or older can be nominated.
- ✦ Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- ✦ Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- ✦ Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

Lifetime Achievement Award is based on a lifetime of service to the equine industry.

- ✦ Preference given to any person who has devoted at least 25 years to the equine industry.
- ✦ Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- ✦ Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- ✦ Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

Show Judge of the Year is based on the integrity, diversity of knowledge, sportsmanship, willingness to accept and continually strive for greater knowledge of various breeds and disciplines at open shows.

Equine of the Year is to recognize the horses, ponies, donkeys, mules or any equine who have enriched the life of one or more humans or been cast into the spotlight because of outstanding acts, creating a positive image for equines and is awarded to the owner of the horse and is based on merit and voted on by the WHC Board of Directors which will decide the state Equine of the Year.

- ✦ Nominated equine must be a living resident of Wisconsin.
- ✦ Owner must be a resident of Wisconsin
- ✦ A completed WHC Equine of the Year Award Nomination Form, one (1) clear, color photo of the nominated equine (5x7 or 8x10), and an essay containing 250 words or less describing how the nominated equine has enriched the life of one or more people through outstanding training, contributions or accomplishments or been cast into the spotlight because of outstanding acts, creating a positive image for equines must be received on or before December 1, 2022.

Awards will be presented to the winners at the Wisconsin Horse Council Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 16, 2023 during the Midwest Horse Fair®.

Nomination forms can be accessed at www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org under "Programs" & then "Annual Awards" or by contacting the WHC Office at info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

All Nominations are due by January 10, 2023 with the exception of Equine of the Year which is due by December 1, 2022.



Wisconsin Horse Council Scholarships for 2023

P.O. Box 72, Columbus, WI 53925
Phone: 920-623-0393
info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Description:

Scholarships are available in increments of \$500 up to \$5000.

Eligibility:

- A. Applicants planning to or currently majoring in any equine profession--college or other training equivalent to at least:
 - (1) four years in length or
 - (2) one or two school years in length

***Be specific as non-equine majors will be eliminated.**
- B. Applicants may also include:
 - (1) All high school seniors or
 - (2) high school graduates currently enrolled in a post high program including associate degree, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, MS, Ph.D.
- C. Applicants must have been a full time Wisconsin resident for the **past five years** (must be able to provide documents to show residency)
- D. Applicants must be a current member of the WHC as a:
 - (1) individual member, or
 - (2) member of a WHC club member, or
 - (3) member of a WHC association member.
- E. Qualified applicants may receive a WHC Scholarship in two different years. Applicants become ineligible for further WHC Scholarships after receiving a second scholarship.

Additional Requirements:

- A. Three letters of recommendation: (no more than 3 will be accepted)
 - (1) One from a horseperson with comments on the applicant's equine abilities and experiences, and
 - (2) One from a teacher or advisor indicating the quality of work in school, and
 - (3) One from any source (i.e. employer, clergyman, etc.)
- B. Picture--Submit with application.
- C. Transcripts from previous schools attended.

Failure to submit these documents will result in applicant not being eligible for consideration for a scholarship.

Application Deadlines:

- A. All Scholarship applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEB. 15th, 2023**. Scholarship applications received postmarked after that date ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.
- B. Scholarships applications and all supporting documentation as listed above must be mailed to **Wisconsin Horse Council, Attn: Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 72, Columbus, WI 53925**.

Other Information:

- A. Scholarship recipients will be notified before the Midwest Horse Fair and are requested to appear at the Midwest Horse Fair for recognition.
- B. Scholarships will be paid in the name of the school, or the school and the recipient, upon enrollment for the following fall semester. **Recipients must provide proof of enrollment and the financial aid office mailing address of their school to Wisconsin Horse Council by November 1, 2023. Scholarships will be forfeited to any recipient who fails to submit the proof of enrollment and mailing address by November 1, 2023.**
- C. Questions should be directed to the Wisconsin Horse Council office either by phone, 920-623-0393, or by email to info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

Please visit <https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/scholarship.php> to access the application form.



The WSHCEF is Selling Kwik Trip Car Wash Cards!



For just \$36 you get 5 ultimate washes at any Kwik Trip car wash. This is a \$50 value!

You can help us raise funds to keep helping the equine industry in Wisconsin! We cannot award grants that help grow and support our equine programs without our fundraising.

Get your car wash cards by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope with a check to:

**WSHCEF Car Wash
N9320 Fir Road
Burnett WI 53922**

Or contact someone you know on the
WSHCEF board or team volunteer. Thank You!



Northern Saddle Club Appreciates Local Businesses

The Northern Saddle Club would like to thank and encourage people to patronize these local businesses that give back to local non-profit organizations for the good of their community. Their donation to the Club's Poker Run Fundraiser made the event a huge success and a lot of fun.

The club's goal for 2023 is to raise money for supplies needed to install new trail signage at the local equestrian and multi-use trail systems in Florence County. The cost of supplies is over \$4,000 and club members and volunteers will be installing the new signs. The Club is so grateful to all donators, participants, and organizers.

Donators:

Aurora Liquor, Badger Buds 4-H of Niagara, Billerud Americas Corp, Bob's Country Bar, Boss Snowplow, C & R Bar, Dina Mia of Florence, Erickson Jewelers, Four Seasons Beer Distributors, Grandview Farms Livestock Bedding, Integrity Care, Johnson Automotive, Kingsley North, Lindow Contracting, Loretta's Catering/Stop-Light Fish Fry, Main Street Pizza, Midway Rentals & Sales, Mirror Lake Customs, Nics Boutique, Parker Feed and Supply, Patterson 4-H Club, Pizza Oven, SMC-Aurora Feed Mill, State Farm Insurance-Chris Hanley, Steber Feed, The Bunker, The Filling Station, Tim's Northwoods IGA, Tractor Supply, Whisler Outdoors, Wild Horse Saloon, Alice Johnson, Diane Pepler, Macia DeClark, and many more anonymous people.

We would also like to thank the Badger Buds 4-H of Niagara for their volunteer work during our work bee for trail maintenance and the Florence County Forestry & Parks Department for allowing the club to help establish Equestrian Camps and Trails for the public to enjoy. For more information about the Northern Saddle Club, please visit their website: www.northensaddleclub.org.





2023
WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL
Ride Wisconsin - Trail Riding/Driving Award
Program Application Form

To participate in the Trail Riding/Driving Award program, please complete this application. Forward the completed application and all applicable fees to the address shown at the bottom of this application form. We invite you to join and have fun with your horse.

Please check one:

- Current WHC Individual/Family or Youth member *OR*
 New WHC Individual/Family or Youth member
 (Include WHC Membership Application, check WHC website for other benefits of membership)

Please check one:

- Current Trail Riding/Driving Award program member *OR*
 New Trail Riding/Driving Award program member

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ **Age:** _____

Enrolling Additional Family Members:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Equine-related clubs you belong to:

Program Fees: *(Fee is per individual participating. Fee accepted for current year only)*

Annual Trails Riding/Driving Program Fee \$10 _____x\$10= \$ _____

Annual WHC Individual Membership fee: \$20 \$ _____

Annual WHC Family Membership fee \$30 \$ _____

If you'd like a copy of the newsletter printed \$15 \$ _____

Total Payment Enclosed. Make checks payable to WHC: \$ _____

Questions/Comments: Jill Feller, Program Coordinator – 920-948-9502 – jfeller5732@outlook.com

WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL

Ride Wisconsin – Trail Riding/Driving Award Program

121 S. Ludington Street

P.O. Box 72

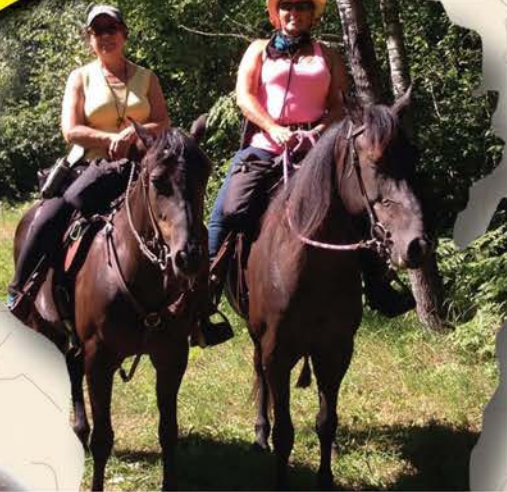
Columbus, WI 53925

Voice: 920-623-0393



RIDE WISCONSIN

**Award Program
for Trail Riders/Drivers**



**Get out and enjoy the trails
with your equine partner and earn rewards
for your hours riding/driving the trails!**



SHARE THE TRAILS

www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org





WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

MISSION STATEMENT:

*To represent & foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin
To promote the horse through leadership, education, service, & communication
To take a proactive role in the future growth & development of the equine industry*

Description

The Sponsorship Committee of Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) looks for ways to promote the use and enjoyment of horses and ideas to educate horse people and the public at large - particularly youth. We welcome ideas for activities that allow people to interact with equines of all kinds. Maximum amount that could be approved for any one project or event is \$5,000. For requests more than \$5,000, the application has to go to our Board of Directors through the WHC President.

Requirements

1. Organizations applying for a WHC Sponsorship **MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF WHC.**
2. Be sure to include an estimated budget for your project or event.
3. Include as much pertinent information with your application as possible.
4. It is also required that you submit a completion report due within a year of receiving your funds
Which includes:
 - A financial statement of how sponsorship funding was spent (copies of receipts where applicable)
 - A copy, picture or link that shows WHC recognition for help with funding.
 - Pictures of completed projects (where applicable)
 See page 3 for an example of required information
5. If your sponsorship is approved, it is required the WHC be recognized as a contributor to your event or project.
 - For example –social media/web site recognition, hang a banner at your function, a sponsorship plaque, an article in the WHC newsletter, and if applicable have WHC mentioned during the announcements or in promotional materials.

A representative(s) from your organization may be asked to attend a WHC meeting to give a short presentation regarding the project or event that received funding.

If it is not possible to complete the project within the sponsorship year, you should prepare an interim report describing the components of the project completed to date and the expected completion date. A final report is required at the completion of the project.

***Those with previous incomplete sponsorships (including completion reports) will not be eligible for more funding until the obligation is met.**

Application Deadline

Sponsorship applications **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY February 28 or September 30.**
An organization may receive only one sponsorship per calendar year.

Applications are available online at www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

Click on Programs and then select Sponsorships

Applications also may be requested by phone or in person from the WHC office in Columbus.

Mail completed applications to or email to info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org
Wisconsin Horse Council
Sponsorship Program
PO Box 72
Columbus, WI 53925

Questions may be directed to: 920-623-0393 or e-mail info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

Jefferson County Draft Horse Association

By Jackie Schuster, JCDHA Secretary

The Jefferson County Draft Horse Association held its fall wagon ride on October 22, 2022. We started and ended at Steve Yohn's place. We went south on County Road K to a farm lane between the neighbors' fields over to the next road. We traveled on Walton, Barry, Quarry and into Richwood and back to Steve's place. This all took two and a half hours. It was great scenery and a great day for a wagon ride. Jean and Ron Luebke brought Dixie and Doc, their two Percherons pulling a nice surrey. Marcia and Steve Haase had Mike, Katie and Hannah, their Clydesdales pulling a wagon. We had a small group of members, but we all had a great time on the ride and caught up on what was going on in our lives.

After the wagon ride, we had a potluck lunch followed by a short club meeting. Thank you to Steve Yohn for hosting this meeting and taking us on a great fall wagon ride.





TRAIL GRANT PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) trail grants are intended only for public trails open to equestrians for riding and/or driving. Applications must be received by February 1. Contact WHC for an application or download it online www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

The grants are awarded in three distinct categories: (1) new trail development (2) trail improvements or repairs (3) trail enhancements.

1. NEW TRAIL DEVELOPMENT:

The operative word is "new"; once a trail is open for riding, it is no longer considered a "new" trail. Maximum amount per grant is \$4000.00.

Grants can be used for: (examples)

Trailhead	Bathrooms
New Trails	Well/Water
Shelter	Campsites
Parking lot	Rental fees on equipment plus fuel

2. TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS, OR REPAIRS FOR EXISTING TRAILS

Maximum amount per grant is \$3,000

Grants can be used for: (examples)

All of the above	Linking trails
Signage	Gravel/footing
Culverts	

Trail or structure repairs due to erosion, storm damage, or vandalism.

3. TRAIL ENHANCEMENTS

Maximum amount per grant is \$2,000

Grants can be used for: (examples)

Kiosk Benches
 Mounting blocks
 Picnic tables
 Hitching posts

Trail grant money cannot be used for:

- routine trail maintenance
- administrative or operating expenses
- trails on private property, unless the trails are open for public use and a written agreement between the trail stewards and the private property owner/owners accompany the grant application
- non-equestrian trails
- food for work days,
- thank-you gifts or rewards
- liability insurance for volunteers.
- landscaping materials unless they fulfill a specific trail structure need

Grant money cannot be stock-piled from year to year in order to cover the total costs of a project.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Application must originate with an equestrian organization. That organization must be a current member of Wisconsin Horse Council. An exception of the membership requirement is made for government entities; however, the trail work must benefit equestrian trail riders. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

The trail(s) must be open to the public and equestrians.

- Grant application must be postmarked by February 1 for funding within the same year. Approved grants will be awarded by May 1. Applicants are encouraged to apply early, so that WHC has time to fully consider each proposal and obtain additional information or clarification, if needed. Please be sure to complete all parts of the grant application. Late requests will not be considered.
- A letter from the land manager for the trail or the area of work must be included with your application, indicating that he/she is aware of your proposed trail work and your project meets with his/her approval and your group will be permitted to do the project.
- Grants are 50% matching from the applicant organization, allowing the value of donated labor, equipment, materials, and other non-grant monies as part of or the entire share of applicant.
- A log sheet of volunteers and hours worked on the proposed project/trail must be kept and submitted with the completion report.
- A map of the proposed trail/project with a clear description and location of the property and trail must be included with the application.
- Photographs of area where the proposed work is to be done should be included.
- No more than two applications per year will be accepted from the same property, or requesting entity and each grant must be for a different trail/project if for the same property.
- It is strongly suggested that projects be evaluated by a certified trail builder. For information, contact the Wisconsin Horse Council office.



Midwest Horse Fair®

April 14, 15 & 16 - 2023

Alliant Energy Center
Madison, WI

USTPA Team Penning Competition

We're proud to present the 2023 USTPA Team Penning Competition on Sunday, April 16th. Watch teams of three horse-and-rider combinations use their united athleticism, horsemanship and general "cowiness" to humanely separate particular cows and herd them into the penning area in under one minute.

In seconds, the most skilled horses and riders can find their specified cow, separate it from the herd and move it to the penning area without ever touching the animal. Experience firsthand the sport of Team Penning and watch this qualifying event for the Elite Team Penning Finals.



World Championship Blacksmiths are back!

Back in 2023 - World Championship Blacksmiths will compete at the Midwest Horse Fair!

All competitors have a history of horseshoeing, whether as a business owner, an employee of the trade, or a graduate of a horseshoeing school. Competitors will hastily forge horseshoes from a stock piece of steel to the judge's specifications during timed events.

Each of the classes are scored, and points are awarded to the winners as they craft their way to a spot in the heated National Championship.

Tickets are on sale now at Blain's Farm & Fleet, Tractor Supply & more! Plus online at www.ticketmaster.com. Buy early & SAVE!





Midwest Horse Fair®

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Alliant Energy Center

Madison, WI

Show Off Your Stable!

Successfully started in 2022, we hosted a new exhibit space called "Stable Lane" exclusively for farms and stables that offer boarding lessons, or training services. Apply now to **SHOW OFF** your farm or stable in 2023!

Booth participants on Stable Lane have the opportunity to connect in person with one of the nations' largest concentration of equine enthusiasts.

Apply on our website under Horse Participants - Apply - Stable Lane, by February 1st!



Calling All Volunteers

Whatever your area of interest or expertise, we need you!

We're looking for the following volunteer positions or coverage for the 2023 Midwest Horse Fair:

Coliseum Gate Attendant, Information Booth Attendant, Kids Korral Assistant, MHF Mounted Horse Patrol, Grand March Assistant, Nutrena Arena Gate Attendant, Horse Judging, VIP Reception Attendant, Gift Shop Assistant, Hutchison Arena Gate Attendant, Welcome Center, and HW Brand Arena Gate Attendant.

As a volunteer, you meet friends, have fun and earn free Fair admission. Plus, on the first day of Fair, all volunteers are entered in a random drawing to win prizes.

Visit Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for the most up-to-date information.

Check out our website at: www.midwesthorsefair.com

Notes of Thanks...

Wisconsin Horse Council,

"When I was a kid, camp was a great place for me to express myself, make friends, and become independent. As I got older and became a staff, camp helped me become more confident to the point where I now truly feel like myself. I think everyone has something they can take away from Camp Anokijig, and I hope many people get the chance to."



Thank you so much for a fantastic year! We are thankful for your support of Camp and our Campers.

Thank you from the Camp Anokijig Staff

Wisconsin Horse Council,

Thank you for your donation and your continued belief in our mission. Your gift helps so many that rely on our services and we are very grateful!

Thank you for your generous support of REINS, Inc. We cannot accomplish our mission without ongoing supporters like you.

Warm regards,

REINS, Inc. Board of Directors



Dear Wisconsin Horse Council,

Thank you so much for approving our grant to purchase a new computer and monitor for our new office manager! She is so excited to be getting new equipment to help her complete her duties! Thank you for your support as I know the past few years have been very challenging for your group! We appreciate all you do for the community!

Sincerely,

Kim Good, Executive Director

SMILES, Inc.



...Notes of Thanks



Dear Members and Directors of the Wisconsin Horse Council:

Thank you for your donation to Nature's Edge Therapy Center, Inc., in the amount of \$4,500 on November 10, 2022. Your donation is very much appreciated and ensures our mission can be continued and expanded.

Thank you again for making Nature's Edge a priority in your charitable giving. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Becky L. Payne, MATCCC/SLP/HPCS
Director

Dear Members & Directors of the Wisconsin Horse Council,

On behalf of all of us at Nature's Edge Therapy Center, I want to thank you so much for generously donating much needed patient care. Your support helps so many.

We will have our patients send you thank you notes as well.

Sincerely,

Becky L. Payne, Director
Nature's Edge Therapy Center



Equest ePress

*News about Wisconsin and border region's equine industry
- its animals, people, events, businesses and organizations*

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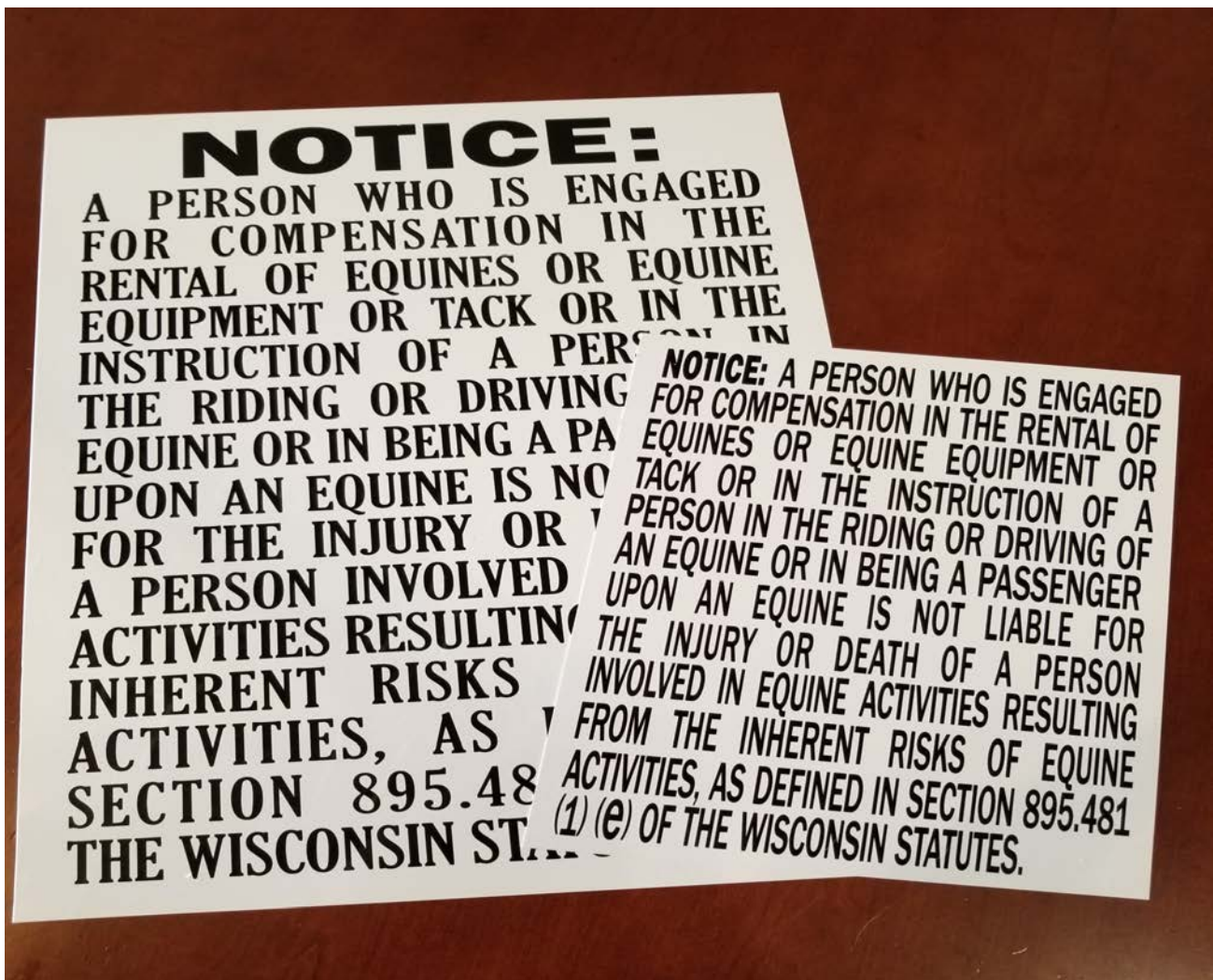
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EquestETS>

HAVE YOU PURCHASED YOUR LIMITED LIABILITY SIGN?

Have you posted limited liability signs on your property or at your equine events with Wisconsin State Statute 895.481 (1) (e) printed on them?

The Wisconsin Horse Council sells this important notice in two sizes, 11" x 16" and 16" x 26". Both sizes are printed on heavy gauge plastic in order to help resist fading and to stay strong.

There are several ways that you can purchase these signs. You can order them on-line through the WHC website store, www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org, by using either a PayPal account or a credit card. You can also complete and mail in a WHC Product Order Form, (which is available on the next page or as a PDF on the WHC website), with the appropriate fees. We process and ship orders the same day that we receive them. Stay protected!





Wisconsin Horse Council Product Order Form

<u>Product</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Shipping</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>
Equine Limited Liability Sign Small 11"x16" Heavy Plastic	\$10.00 each or 2 for \$15.00 or 3 for \$20.00	\$7.00 for 1, 2 or 3		
Equine Limited Liability Sign Large 16"x26" Heavy Plastic	\$20.00 ea.	\$9.00 ea.		
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Columbus, WI 53925

WHC's Certified Judge Program & Seminar

Overview

The recommendations of many experienced judges were combined with certification systems used by breed associations and the USEF to produce the current system used by WHC for accrediting judges for Wisconsin open, all-breed, and 4-H shows. The criteria continues to be updated and modified through input from judges, show committees, trainers, owners and exhibitors.

Purpose of the Judges Seminar

The seminar is designed as an education opportunity for horse show judges. The presentations have included stock seat equitation & pleasure, hunt seat equitation and pleasure, working hunter and jumping, saddle seat equitation and pleasure, showmanship, pleasure driving and conformation.

The seminar was based upon the USEF rules in an attempt to provide a standard set of rules and to establish uniform judging criteria.

The results of the seminar available in this judges' directory provide a listing for show committees to consider when selecting judges.

Certified Judges Directory

Listings in the Judges' Directory should not be interpreted as an indication of judging ability-but rather as a statement that these judges have taken the time and made an effort to better their judging skills.

A listing in the Directory does indicate that these judges have:

- Attended the Judges Seminar
- Passed a written exam
- Have documented experience judging horses

Criteria For Certification Are:

Method A

1. Pass the seminar's written exam with a score of 75% or better twice within each three year period. (Applicant must be age 19 or older).

2. Verify judging experience by:

A) Judging 6 shows within previous 3 years. (Obtain Evaluation Form From WHC Office or website)

OR

B) Junior judge 3 shows under 2 different judges within 2 years of taking exam. To be credited for Junior Judging, you must apprentice under a judge that has been judging for at least two (2) years and holds one of the following cards: WHC, Multi-State, or Any Breed Card. The Senior Judge must fill out one WHC Judges Evaluation on the Junior Judge. The Junior Judge MUST receive a Good or Excellent rating to proceed.

3. Need to be a Level 1 member of the Wisconsin Horse Council.

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Method B

1. Judges already certified by the American Quarter Horse Association, USEF, Color Breeds Council, FEI, ADS or Multi-State (copies confirming judge certification must be sent to the office) can be certified in Wisconsin and listed in the directory by:

A) Attending 2 Wisconsin Horse Judges Seminar every 3 years (starting in 2000) as Judge Candidate (not as an auditor)

OR

B) Judging 6 shows within 3 previous years.

2. Need to be a Level 1 member of the Wisconsin Horse Council

Criteria To Maintain WHC Certified Judge's Card:

1. Attend the WHC Judges' Seminar once within each three-year period as a Judges (not Auditor), OR attend the American Quarter Horse Association, USEF, Color Breed Council, ADS, FEI, or Multi-state seminars once within each three year period. Copies confirming judge certification need to be sent to the office before attendance credit may be given.
2. Pass the written exam with score of 75% or better one time within each three year period.
3. Need to maintain an annual Individual Membership in the Wisconsin Horse Council.
4. Each Judge is encouraged to have two (2) JUDGES EVALUATION FORMS in their judge's file per current calendar year. Forms must be sent to the WHC Office. Forms must be signed by show committee or other evaluator to be accepted.
5. Need to be a Level 1 member of the Wisconsin Horse Council.

Additionally, a major portion of the Wisconsin judges program is evaluation of judges by show committees, spectators, exhibitors, trainers, grooms, and other judges. Judges are evaluated on their ability to determine placings for performance; conformation and equitation classes; impartiality; use of time; professionalism; attitude; and knowledge of rules and procedures.

The stringent requirements of the Wisconsin Certification System and the evaluation process have been recognized nationwide-as many states are developing similar programs based on the Wisconsin system.

The seminar is also recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and the POAC as continuing educational program for their judges.

**** If you are interested in obtaining your WHC Certified Judging Card, or simply would like to attend one of our seminars as an auditor, the 2023 WHC Certified Judge Seminar will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Heartland Equestrian Center, 7510 Deer Rd, Custer, WI 54423. The Clinician will be Gayle Lampinen. Please visit the WHC website, www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org, as more details become available in the coming weeks.***

Thank you!



WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



January 2023

- January 10 WHC Annual Awards Nomination Submission Deadline
 January 25 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 121 S Ludington St, Columbus, WI 53925
 January 31 WHC Ride Wisconsin Program Hour Logs Submission Deadline

February 2023

- February 1 WHC Trail Grant Application Submission Deadline
 February 11 WSHCEF Winter Fun Day 2023, Springbrook Events, N8400 County Road I, Burnett, WI 53922, Model Horse Show, Vendors, Dog Sled Demos, Sleigh Driving Exhibition, Sleigh Rides, Sleigh Bell Café - Breakfast & Lunch, Admission is Free!
 February 15 WHC Scholarship Application Submission Deadline
 February 22 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 121 S Ludington St, Columbus, WI 53925
 February 28 WHC Sponsorship Application Submission Deadline

March 2023

- March 4 Distance Driving ONLINE Clinic presented by Fox Valley Distance Equestrian Team. Join us to learn about the exciting sport of competitive distance driving. This session will teach you the basics and provide resources to get you to the starting line of an event. Free to participate! Limited to the first 20 signed up. Go to www.foxvalleydet.com/events for more info and to register.
 March 22 WHC ANNUAL MEETING, 121 S Ludington St, Columbus, WI 53925

April 2023

- April 1 WHC Certified Judge Seminar
 April 1 Distance Bootcamp (Session 1) is a 90-day spring/summer program for those interested in learning how to do competitive distance riding or driving. Offered on local trails in the Fox Valley area of Wisconsin. Go to www.foxvalleydet.com/events for more info and to register.
 April 14-16 Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

May 2023

- May 13 Lazycreek Farm 2023 Pleasure & Speed Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, (920) 386-8058
 May 24 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 121 S Ludington St, Columbus, WI 53925

June 2023

- June 3 Lazycreek Farm 2023 Pleasure Fun Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, (920) 386-8058, show starts at 10 a.m.
 June 21 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 121 S Ludington St, Columbus, WI 53925

July 2023

- July 1 Distance Bootcamp (Session 2) is a 90-day summer/fall program for those interested in learning how to do competitive distance riding or driving. Offered on local trails in the Fox Valley area of Wisconsin. Go to www.foxvalleydet.com/events for more info and to register.
 July 8 Lazycreek Farm 2023 Pleasure Fun Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, (920) 386-8058, show starts at 10 a.m.
 July 18-20 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Badger Gas & Steam Show Grounds, Baraboo, WI

- **FOR MORE EQUINE RELATED UPCOMING EVENTS, click on this link to be redirected to WalkTrotGo.com.**



Wisconsin Horse Council

ATTENTION !

FREE....Upcoming Events section on Website.

We have created a section on our website for your upcoming events...FREE..... You can send (email) us any EQUINE related event (shows, tack sale, clinic, meetings, events etc.- 2 line maximum) and we will put it on our website free of charge. All you need to do is send us a copy of your event with a contact phone number and we will list it for all to see.

Questions-call 920-623-0393/email info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

I would like this event posted on the Wisconsin Horse Council website.

Date: _____

Event: _____

Location: _____

Phone: _____

Please limit information to 2 lines and include a contact phone number.

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121 S. Ludington St. Columbus, WI 53925



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- ◆ *Honor those who have invested their time and money in growing and developing our industry*
- ◆ *Promote responsible horse ownership, equestrian safety and youth programs*



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Coverage Highlights *

- ◆ Legal liability which may result from an accident or occurrence involving a WHC Member's horse or horse-drawn vehicle. Protection is provided for the negligence arising out of the use, or ownership, which may cause accidental bodily injury or property damage, including damage to another horse.
 - ◆ Protection is provided if you are performing or competing in horse shows, clinics or demonstrations.
 - ◆ Damages caused by a horse while grazing, stabled, or where the horse is not in the control of the Member.
 - ◆ Defense and legal costs affiliated or in connection with any claim.
 - ◆ Coverage is included for the Member giving permission to any person to use his horse or horse-drawn vehicle.
 - ◆ Protection is considered "excess" over any valid and/or collectable insurance (i.e. farm, home, etc.) For Members without primary policies the excess liability will be considered "primary".
 - ◆ Children under 18 years of age are covered under a parent's policy.
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 - ◆ Coverage is provided through Equisure, Inc., one of the nation's leading equine insurance specialists, and underwritten at Lloyd's, London.
- * Please see policy for complete terms.*



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All Memberships run from January 1st through December 31st

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incl. \$1 million personal liability insurance

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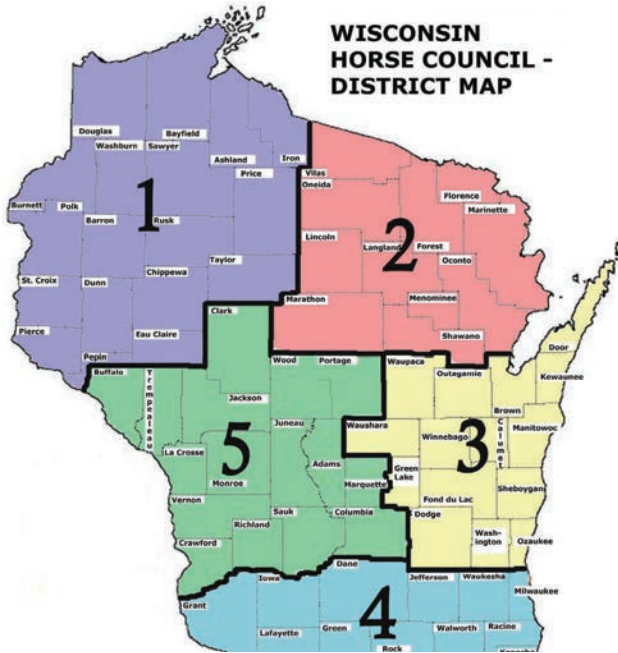
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Council Letter Deadline

The deadline for articles, upcoming events and advertisements for the WHC Council Letter is:

March/April Issue:

February 15th at noon

Articles must be equine related, may not be for commercial benefit and must be sent to us in a timely fashion. The Editor reserves the right to revise or refuse articles.

Ads and articles are best sent in electronic format (prefer MS Word or Adobe Acrobat) to:

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Important Dates to Remember

January 1	New Year's Day
January 10	WHC Annual Awards Nomination Submission Deadline
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 25	WHC BOD Monthly Meeting
January 31	WHC Ride Wisconsin Program Hour Logs Submission Deadline
February 1	WHC Trail Grant Application Submission Deadline
February 2	Groundhog Dog
February 11	WSHCEF Winter Fun Day 2023
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	WHC Scholarship Application Submission Deadline
February 20	Presidents Day
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