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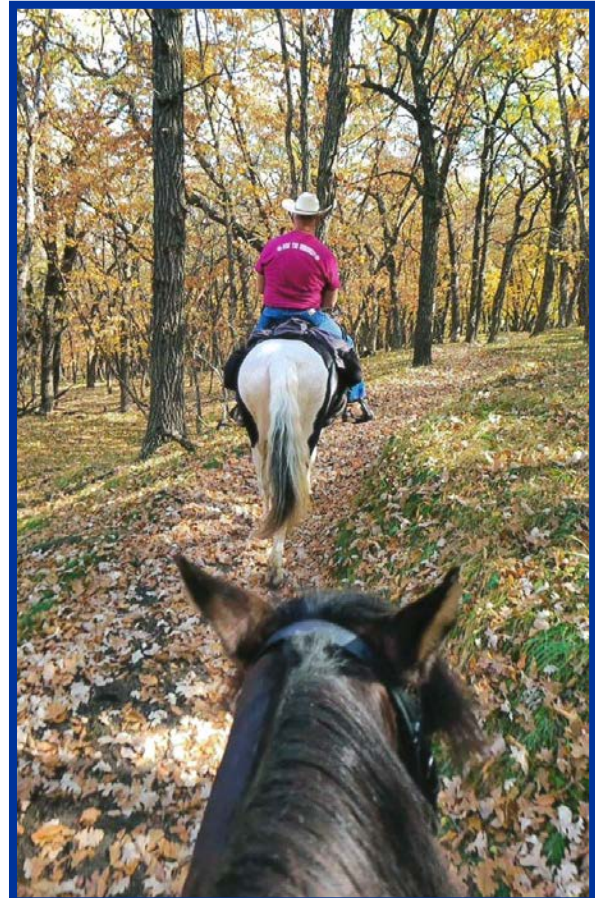
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## Friends of Wildcat Mountain Say "Thank You Wisconsin Horse Council!"

By Marla Lind, Friends of Wildcat Mountain

**Thank you so very much for your generous support for our horse-drawn wagon rides at Wildcat's 75th Anniversary celebration.**

**Thanks also for your long-term support of our trail and campground improvements at Wildcat Mountain State Park. The majority of our members are horse-back riders so we especially appreciate the opportunity to improve the park facilities for the benefit of visiting riders and their mounts.**



**Sincerely, Friends of Wildcat Mountain**

## Wisconsin Horse Council

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### WHC Mission Statement

To represent, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication.

### WHC Vision Statement

To take a pro-active 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 WHC's "WHC Supports You With Sponsorships, Trail Grants & Scholarships".**

*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!*



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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](http://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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**Treasurer:** Nancy Young  
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## Friends of the Reforestation Camp Make Improvements and Thank the Wisconsin Horse Council for Trail Grant Funds



The Friends of the Reforestation Camp in conjunction with grants from the Wisconsin Horse Council have made improvements to the Equine camp sites in the new campground. FORC has put in a manure bunker to help keep the camp sites clean and a highline to tether your horse to for overnighting.

The campground has 6 campsites for horses and their humans to overnight or spend a few days riding the approximately 10 miles of horse trail available. All have water and electric at each site.

The FORC also put in a hitching post and mounting block at the start of the horse trail for convenience and to mark the start of the trail.

The riding is of the easy category and the property is fully fenced so it is a great place to start your young horses on their camping and trail riding careers. The trail is mostly sandy and there are gently rolling hills in some areas. Maps are posted at the trail head kiosks and also available on the Brown County Parks website where you would also make your reservations.



Other activities in this park are the zoo (and you will hear wild animal noises such as lion roars while camping) and an aerial adventure park. Suamico, where the camp is located, is very near Green Bay so tourism opportunities are readily available as well.

The FORC would also like to thank WPS for providing some materials and NWTC for the class of 2023 / 2024 high wire electricians for volunteering their time to install the highline poles and wire.

## Wisconsin Horse Council D-5 Deer Hunters Widow Tack Swap and Craft Sale

Where: Club 16 Sparta, WI  
Hwy 16 across from Wal-Mart

When: November 18, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

\$20.00 a space + 1 table



For more information  
or to reserve a table call  
Pat at 608-633-0273 or  
Deb at 608-495-3829

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

*Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation*

*Presents their annual*

## **“Winter Fun Day”**

**February 10, 2024**

at

**Springbrook Events**

**N8400 County Road I**

**Burnett, WI 53922**

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

**Sleigh Bell Café - Breakfast & Lunch**

**Admission is Free!**



## Red Oak Ranch Holds Second Annual "Ride for St. Jude"

By Ed Johnson



The second annual Red Oak Ranch "Ride for St. Jude" was held Sunday, October 1, 2023, at the Red Oak Ranch near Hixton, Wisconsin. It was a gorgeous day which made for a great show. We had a good showing of riders for the ranch show. The classes were

Showmanship,  
Bareback Walk

Trot, Ranch Trail, Leadline (6 & Under), Walk Trot Pleasure, Ranch Pleasure, Judges Command, Ranch Riding, Poles, Keyhole, Barrels, and Down & Back. There were also fun

classes like Egg  
& Spoon and

Bribe Your Horse. This year we added another fun

class...the Costume class. It was a hit with everyone. Pat Stevenson, WHC Certified Judge, was the judge for the show and donated his time and also items for the auction. All proceeds from the show went to St. Jude.



Along with the horse show, we held a silent auction of donated items. Businesses and individuals donated items for the auction, cash or checks. The silent auction did great! Last year's "Ride For St. Jude" raised \$2,683. This year we raised \$3,271!



Thanks to everyone that donated, showed their horse, bid on items or helped out with the show. All of the help was donated as well. A big "Thank You" to everyone!

\* Photo credit to Allison Dickson



## Wisconsin Horse Council Scholarships for 2024

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 JANUARY 10, 2024**. 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, 2024. *Scholarships will be forfeited to any recipient who fails to submit the proof of enrollment and mailing address by November 1, 2024.*
  - Proof of enrollment MUST include the following on the document:
    - Name of school
    - Name of student
    - Class schedule *with* time frame of schedule (i.e.- fall semester 2024)
    - What name should the check be made out to. Does student name need to be on the check somewhere?
    - Address where the check should be mailed to
- C. Questions should be directed to the Wisconsin Horse Council office either by phone, 920-623-0393, or by email to [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).



## **WHC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**The Wisconsin Horse Council proudly offers the WHC Scholarship Program each year, and the recipients receive their scholarships during a presentation ceremony at the Midwest Horse Fair.**

**The Wisconsin Horse Council has given out more than \$134,200 since 1995!!!**

**Please go to the WHC website, <https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/scholarship.php>, to access the WHC Scholarship Program Guidelines and Application.**

**The application is to be completed by the applicant and returned, along with supporting documents to:**

**Wisconsin Horse Council  
Attn: Scholarship Program  
PO Box 72  
Columbus, WI 53925**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO  
LATER THAN JANUARY 10th, 2024.**



**\*\*Application MUST be typed or word processed\*\***



## The Wisconsin Horse Council Proudly Presents

# “Free Youth Membership Program”

The Wisconsin Horse Council is implementing a new “Free Youth Membership Program”!

Here are the requirements:

- \*Youth between 8 years of age and graduation from high school who are members in good standing of an equine youth organization, or an organization with a strong youth membership.
- \* The equine organization is a member in good standing with the Wisconsin Horse Council.
- \*Applicants under the age of 18 must have a parental signature included with the Wisconsin Horse Council Youth Membership Application.
- \* This annual membership will run concurrent with the student’s school year and will remain viable as long as the applicant is in good standing with the equine organization.
- \* Youth members will be non-voting members of the WHC District they reside in, and they will be eligible for e-newsletters.

This program is still in the development stages. We are planning on three educational training courses per year via Zoom, and attendees will be eligible for prize drawings.

As we move towards in-person clinics and training throughout the state, the Wisconsin Horse Council is asking for suggestions of what kind of clinics and presentations youth members would be interested in. Please check with your group leader and send suggestions or presentations to [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).

As this program develops, our vision is to provide opportunities to explore the world of horses and horse related professions and businesses.

Please scan the QR Code below and go to the “Membership” tab for more information and the application. We look forward to hearing from you!





# WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*\*Free Youth Memberships run concurrent with the school year\**

*Office Use Only:*

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Processed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_

### **LEVEL I FREE YOUTH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION – for Ages 8 – High School Graduation**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ District #: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Horses: \_\_\_\_\_

Equine Organizations that you belong to: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature Required:** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree that WHC can publicly share name/photos of the Youth member listed above on their media platforms.

Parent/Guardian Contact Info:

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **LEVEL I YOUTH MEMBERSHIP OPTION**

Individual Youth Membership (no insurance) ..... \$ **FREE**

Free E-newsletter sent to the e-mail listed above..... \$ **FREE**

**Note:**

- If a Free Youth Program Member would like to participate in any WHC programs such as the Certified Judge Program, Ride Wisconsin Program, or others, they will be required to hold a paid Level I Membership as well. Remember that our regular Level I Youth Membership (17 & under) are always free with a paid Level I Adult Membership. So that means if the parent or guardian are already a Level I Member, the Level I Youth Member would already be covered and able to join the WHC Program of choice.

Wisconsin Horse Council does not sell or distribute our membership list. Information is kept private for use only by our organization for WHC business.

**Return application to:**

**Wisconsin Horse Council  
P.O. Box 72  
Columbus, WI 53925  
Phone: 920-623-0393  
www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org**



# Midwest Horse Fair®

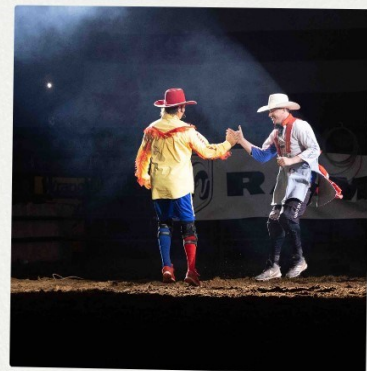
**APRIL 19, 20 & 21 - 2024**

**Alliant Energy Center**

*Madison, WI*

## PRCA Rodeo & World Class Entertainers Return!

Two nights of PRCA Rodeo and world class entertainers will be back at the Midwest Horse Fair: Friday, April 19, sponsored by Nutrena and Saturday, April 20, sponsored by Blain's Farm & Fleet. Tickets go on sale at Ticketmaster.com starting January 3, 2024! Don't wait too long to reserve your tickets for an evening of non-stop action and entertainment; tickets are limited and go quickly.



## Help Spread the Word!

Want FREE Midwest Horse Fair posters to display publicly? We are looking for ambassadors to display the beautiful 2024 Midwest Horse Fair poster in prominent public locations.

Let your customers, clients, friends or stablemates know about the 2024 fair by displaying this eye-catching, informational poster at your business, place of employment or local equine facility.

Request your posters on our website under Partnerships and "Request Posters".



Visit Facebook, Instagram & YouTube for announcements, pictures & videos.



# Midwest Horse Fair®

**APRIL 19, 20 & 21 - 2024**

**Alliant Energy Center**

*Madison, WI*

## Buy Your Tickets Early and Save!

Midwest Horse Fair is your ticket to a weekend immersed in all things equine! Pick up your general admission ticket, starting November 1, 2023 at any Blain's Farm & Fleet location throughout Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa or Michigan! One-day admission is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the gate. Three day admission is \$45 in advance or \$55 at the gate. Additional ticket retail locations and online sales will be available after January 1, 2024. Parking is included in the admission price and general admission for children age 7 and younger is free. General admission tickets grant access to daytime activities including clinics, breed demos, liberty presentations, lectures, competitions and incredible shopping at over 400 exhibitors!



## Free Admission? Yes Please!

Did you know that you can earn a one-day pass by volunteering for a 3-hour shift at the Midwest Horse Fair? Better yet, if you volunteer 9 hours you will earn a 3-day weekend pass! With a variety of interesting jobs, volunteering is a unique and fun way to experience the Fair from a new perspective. The volunteer application is open! Sign up today!

**Find the Midwest Horse Fair Volunteer Application at [www.MidwestHorseFair.com](http://www.MidwestHorseFair.com) under "Partnerships"**



Visit Facebook, Instagram & YouTube for announcements, pictures & videos.

## Racine County 4-H Horse & Pony Project Thanks the WHC for Sponsorship

By Samuel Johnson, Racine County 4-H Horse and Pony Project



On behalf of the Racine County 4-H Horse and Pony Project, the Racine County 4-H Leader's Association would like to thank the Wisconsin Horse Council for their generous sponsorship of \$750 that went toward the purchase of a horse learning lab kit from the Ohio State University Extension publications. This multi part tool added valuable hands-on learning for the public inside of our interactive horse hut at the Racine County Fair on July 26-30. Thousands of fair visitors passed through the horse barn, many of which spent time in our horse hut that was

prominently placed near the front of the barn. In recognition we placed a thank you plaque on the front of the horse hut and a banner on the rail of our arena.

Learning materials were used again during our horse camp on Aug 26-27. Twenty-three youth participated in this event where the horse hut was utilized as a part of the event. This kit will continue to serve the 4-H youth and the community at the fair for many years to come.



The Horse Learning Lab Kit is your answer for species-specific, hands-on, durable materials that make learning tactile and fun. It includes materials and suggestions for activities that cover anatomy, breeds, conformation, medicine labels and inserts, animal handling, nutrition, and tack and equipment. Use this and other Learning Lab Kits for teaching and evaluating knowledge of livestock and companion animals.

Perfect for classrooms, 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, skillathons, agricultural association activities, and more.

We have provided pictures of the horse hut, the banner on the arena, and some of the crowds that we had.



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## Wisconsin Horse Council Capital Improvement Grant

### DESCRIPTION: Promoting and Creating Horse Trails in Wisconsin

- The primary purpose of the Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) capital improvement grant is to provide funding to increase trail access and amenities for equestrians. ADA compliance is important to keep in mind as a trail or building enters design or construction phases. WHC developed this grant to fund property enhancements, including the building of permanent structures. The Capital Improvement Grant program is not an annual grant, but one that allows the WHC Trails Committee to recognize and support larger projects that will be of benefit to the equestrian community. The Capital Improvement Grant is a 50% matching grant. WHC encourages volunteerism and effectively turns volunteer time and effort into project funds, when a log of volunteers' names and donated hours are maintained and submitted with the Grant Completion Report. *This means that the 50% of matching funds (approximately 175 hours) may be achieved in volunteer time. Volunteer hours are valued at \$29.00/hour.*
- WHC Trails Committee accepts and reviews applications throughout the year. Grant application acceptance or denial is determined within three months of receipt. Approved grant projects requiring multiyear fundraising will receive a pledge of funding. Funds are mailed when work on the project begins.
- To be eligible for the Capital Improvement Grant, projects must be projected to cost over \$50,000. Grant funding is available up to \$10,000.

### Eligibility requirements:

Organizations applying for the grant must be a current level II or III member of Wisconsin Horse Council.
Applicants must also be one of the following: a public charity with approved 501(c)(3) exempt status, a federal, state, or local governmental agency, an American Indian nation or tribal community. Individuals, businesses, and private foundations are <b>NOT</b> eligible to apply for the grant.
Projects must support sustainable equestrian trails in Wisconsin that are open to the public.
Funding can only be used for the project referenced in the approved grant application.
Funding must be returned within the calendar year to the WHC if the project is not completed within the timeframe stated on the grant application.
WHC will only consider project expenses incurred after grant application approval.



WHC capital grant is only awarded to a property or organization once. Project expense may include but are not limited to the following:

Trailhead	Bathrooms
New Trails	Well Water
Shelter	Campgrounds
Parking	Exploratory Surveying

### What to include with the WHC Capital Improvement Grant Application:

If the property has a master plan, it must reference the proposed project. Include a copy of the relevant pages of the master plan.

Approval from the land manager or government agency confirming support for the project and the organization proposing the project.

A copy of a map indicating the proposed trail or project with a clear description and location of the property and project.

Include copies of written bids for materials, supplies, labor, and equipment to be used to complete the project.

Photographs of the area referenced in the grant application.

The Wisconsin Horse Council thanks you for working to expand trail opportunities and equine experiences in Wisconsin. WHC is committed to help promote volunteers and Friends' groups and will share grant accomplishments on social media channels.

Any questions not addressed in this document can be directed to the WHC office at [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org). Please include the name of the project in the subject line.

**Please go to**

**<https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/trailGrant.php>**

**to access and print out the application.**





**2024**  
**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 \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ x\$15= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Annual WHC Family Membership fee \$30 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like a copy of the newsletter printed \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Questions/Comments:** Jill Feller, Program Coordinator – 920-948-9502 – [Jfeller5732@outlook.com](mailto: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!**



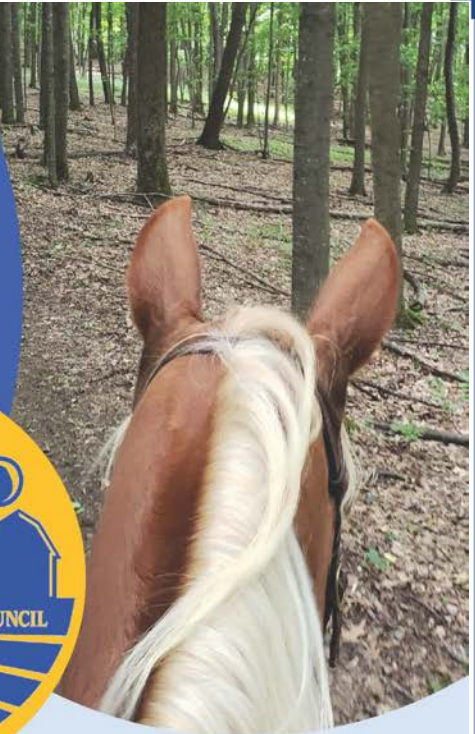
**SHARE THE TRAILS**

[www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)



# Wisconsin Horse Council Trail Grants

Now is a great time to start gathering the required information to apply!



### Due date February 1

- Get your application in early - so the trails committee can review, and ask for additional information if needed.



### Required Documents

- WHC Application
- Letter from Land Manager
- Quote for project
- Maps



### Up to \$4000

- Funds can be used for new trail development
- Trail Improvements on existing trails
- Trail Enhancements

### WHC Office

121 S Ludington St, Columbus WI 53925

920-623-0393

### More Information

[www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)

## Notes of Thanks...



**Dairyland  
Driving  
Club, Inc.**

*The following two thank you notes were for funds requested from the WHC's Level III Member Bonus Bucks Program by the Dairyland Driving Club for the Villa Louis Carriage Classic.*

To all of you fine folks at the Wisconsin Horse Council:

Thank you so very much for your contribution to the Villa Louis Carriage Classic this past September. All of the extra financial help makes many dreams come true! What a wonderful show it is, and it continues to grow and improve each year. I love to show my pony there—couldn't ask for a finer place or finer people!

Very Sincerely, Debbie Hofsaess

Wisconsin Horse Council:

Thank you so much for the grant to support the Villa Louis Carriage Classic - we were very fortunate to have 135 drivers enter the show this year and had terrific weather. I was glad to see some familiar faces at the show too from the Council!

Thank you, Mike Rider



Wisconsin State 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show - June 23-25, 2023, Plymouth, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association and the Wisconsin State 4-H Hunt & Dressage Show Committee send our sincere appreciation to the Wisconsin Horse Council for the generous donation of \$3,000 to our show.



While the number of exhibitors in past years have declined, we feel strongly that it is important to provide those riders who focus on dressage and jumping an opportunity to have that state show experience offered to the pleasure and gymkhana exhibitors.

Your donation allowed us to bring in recognized and respected judges without breaking the bank. Approximately 45 youth took the opportunity to not only show but take a lesson in jumping and dressage from the judges.

Thank you again, for your support of our small but mighty group of Hunt and Dressage youth.

Kind regards, Kristin Tetschlag, Chairperson - Hunt and Dressage Show Committee



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## WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



### November 2023

- November 4 Lazycreek Farm 2023 Pleasure & Speed Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, (920) 386-8058
- November 12 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Annual Tack Sale, Hartford Town Hall, 3360 Hwy K, Hartford, WI, 53027, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., check the MFSC Facebook page for details, Contact Gail Hayek 262-677-9610
- November 18 WHC District 5 Deer Hunters Widow Tack Swap & Craft Sale, Club 16, Sparta, WI, Hwy 16 across from Wal-Mart, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., \$20 a space plus table, for more info or to reserve a table call Pat at 605-633-0273 or Deb at 608-495-3829
- November 23 Happy Thanksgiving!

### December 2023

- December 1 **WHC Equine of the Year Annual Award Nomination Deadline, go to <https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/Annual%20Awards/annualAwards.php> for guidelines, nomination forms and details**
- December 25 Merry Christmas!

### January 2024

- January 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- January 10 **WHC Scholarship Application Deadline, go to <https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/scholarship.php> for guidelines, application and details**
- January 10 **WHC Annual Award Nomination Submission Deadline, go to <https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/Annual%20Awards/annualAwards.php> for guidelines, nomination forms and details**
- January 24 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925
- January 31 Ag Day at the Capitol, Madison, WI
- January 31 **WHC Ride Wisconsin Program hour log submission deadline for 2023 hours ridden**

### February 2024

- February 1 **WHC Trail Grant Application Deadline, go to <https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/trailGrant.php> for guidelines, applications and details**
- February 10 WSHCEF's "Winter Fun Day", Springbrook Events, N8400 County Road I Burnett, WI
- February 28 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925
- February 28 **WHC Sponsorship Application Postmarked Submission Deadline, go to <https://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs/sponsorshipGrant.php> for guidelines, application form and details**

### March 2024

- March 27 WHC ANNUAL MEETING, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925

### April 2024

- April 6 WHC Certified Judge Seminar, Heartland Equestrian Center, Custer, WI
- April 19-21 Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

### May 2024

- May 22 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925



# 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.) 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](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)*

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

[www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)

920-623-0393

121 S. Ludington St. Columbus, WI 53925



# WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*\*All Memberships run from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>\**

*Office Use Only:*

Payment Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

**Individual** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth** Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Family** Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ District #: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Horses: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS (Please check type of Membership & choice of newsletter.)**

- Individual Membership (no insurance) ..... \$ 20
- Individual Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) ..... \$ 40
- Family Membership (no insurance) ..... \$ 30
- Family Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) ..... \$ 70
- Youth (age 17 & under = free with **paid** Level I adult membership) ..... \$ 0
- Individual Lifetime Membership (**one-time fee which includes the printed newsletter annually and the 1<sup>st</sup> year of liability insurance**) ..... \$250
- Annual fee on Lifetime Membership for \$1 Million personal liability insurance..... \$ 20
- Printed Newsletter mailed to the address above..... \$ 20
- Free E-newsletter sent to the e-mail listed above..... \$ 0

**Description:**

Level I membership class is available to any individual/family whose interests are similar to those of the Council and is for individuals/families only. Level I and Level II members elect Directors to the WHC Board to represent their District. Family membership is for a family of 2 or more living at the same residence and has 1 vote in the elections and business of their District. Membership must be current to vote at District meetings.

- Programs such as the Certified Judges and Ride Wisconsin require a Level I membership - even if you are a Director or a contact person for a Level II or III organization, you will need to be a Level I member yourself to participate in programs.
- Youth (17 & under) are free with a **paid** Level I adult membership.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP is an individual Level I membership with a one-time fee, giving the individual a paid-up membership for his/her lifetime. If LIFETIME MEMBERS wish to retain the \$1 Million personal liability insurance after their first year, they must purchase it on an annual basis. The printed newsletter is included with this membership annually at no additional cost.

Wisconsin Horse Council does not sell or distribute our membership list. Information is kept private for use only by our organization for WHC business.

**Membership dues, payments and gifts to Wisconsin Horse Council are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Such payments may be deductible under the Internal Revenue Code as ordinary and necessary business expenses.**

Return application and payment to:

**Wisconsin Horse Council  
P.O. Box 72  
Columbus, WI 53925  
Phone: 920-623-0393  
www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org**



**Wisconsin Horse Council  
Mission & Vision  
Statements**

*To represent, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication.*

*To take a pro-active role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.*

**\*\*\* FREE \*\*\***

**Upcoming Events**

**Listing on WHC website**

We have created a special section for your upcoming events ... and it's **FREE!**  
E-mail any equine-related event (shows, tack sales, clinics, meetings, etc.) to [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).

**Information to include:**

- Date:**
- Event:**
- Location:**
- Contact phone: (very important)**  
Maximum = 2 lines
- Questions? 920-623-0393**
- [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)**

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## SPONSORSHIPS

The Wisconsin Horse Council Sponsorship Committee looks for ways to promote the use and enjoyment of horses and ideas to educate horse people and the public at large—particularly youth.

Maximum amount that could be approved for any one project or event is \$5,000. For requests more than \$5,000, the application will go to our Board of Directors. Funding amounts vary depending on the purpose of the request and how it fits with the WHC Mission statement. WHC Sponsorships offer funding for organizations in need of assistance for a specific use. We encourage fundraising efforts by your organization, as we may match those funds up to a limited amount.

Organizations applying for a sponsorship must be a current WHC Level 2 or Level 3 member. **Sponsorship applications MUST BE POST-MARKED BY February 28 or September 30.** An organization may receive only one sponsorship per calendar year.

Sponsorship money is not provided for normal operating expenses, horse show judges, awards, food, repairs to personal property or new building construction, feed or hay. Applications are analyzed and their merit assessed based upon the following criteria:

- ◆ Educational value
- ◆ Horse industry promotion value
- ◆ How many people it will reach
- ◆ Whether the project benefits youth
- ◆ Whether the money will be well spent

Visit website for more details & application form, or information can be mailed to you.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) is pleased to offer scholarships to members majoring in any equine profession. Scholarships are applied to college or other training equivalent to at least: (1) 4 years in length, or (2) 1-2 school years in length.

Scholarships are available in increments of \$500 up to \$5,000. In addition, two Special Scholarships are awarded—one for a student attending Veterinary School (\$2,000) and one for a student attending a Technical College for an equine-related major (\$1,000).

Applicants are required to be a WHC Level 1 member or a member of a WHC Level 2 or Level 3 club/organization. They also must be a full-time Wisconsin resident for the past 5 years.

**Applications must be postmarked by January 10th.** Applications postmarked after that date are not eligible. Scholarship applications and all supporting documentation must be mailed to the WHC office. No fax applications will be accepted.

Recipients are notified before the Midwest Horse Fair (MHF) and are requested to appear at MHF for recognition.

Scholarships are paid in the name of the school, upon enrollment for the following fall semester. Recipients must provide proof of enrollment and the address of the school's financial aid office by November 1.

Visit website for more details & application form, or information can be mailed to you.

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## TRAIL GRANTS

Grants are offered to Wisconsin Horse Council member clubs for work on public trails open to equestrians for riding and/or driving.

Grants are awarded in three distinct categories:

1. New trail development  
Maximum amount per grant up to \$4,000
2. Existing trail improvements or repairs  
Maximum amount per grant up to \$3,000
3. Trail enhancements  
Maximum amount per grant up to \$2,000

Applications for trail grants must originate with an equestrian organization who is a Level 2 or Level 3 WHC member. An exception to this requirement is for government entities; however, their trail work must benefit equestrian trail riders. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

**Applications must be postmarked by February 1st;** approved grants will be awarded by May 1. Grants are 50% matching, allowing the value of volunteer labor, donated materials and/or use of equipment, and other monies to count as the 50% matching share from the applicant.

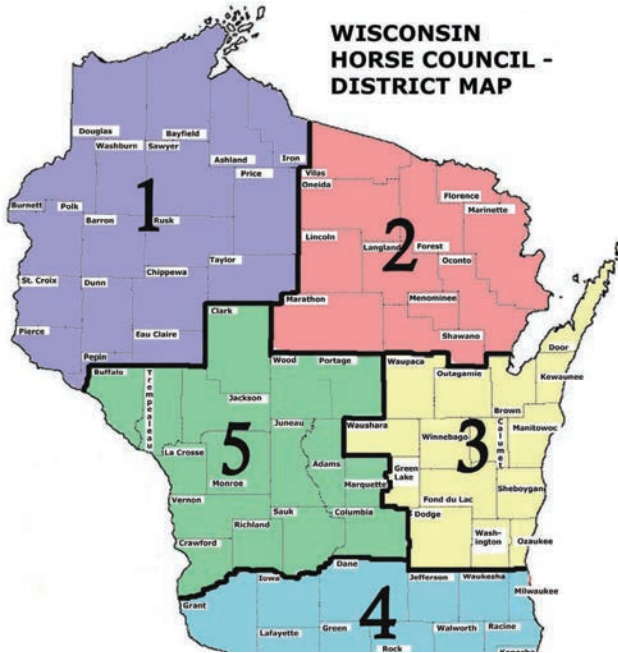
No more than two grants per year will be awarded to the same property, and each must be used for different trails/projects.

Completion reports of projects are required and must be submitted to the WHC office by December 1 in the same year as grant was received.

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**WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL - DISTRICT MAP**

District 1 includes the counties of: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iron, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor and Washburn

District 2 includes the counties of: Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas

District 3 includes the counties of: Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago

District 4 includes the counties of: Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, and Waukesha

District 5 includes the counties of: Adams, Buffalo, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, Vernon, and Wood

**WHC District 1:**

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cca2lucky@gmail.com

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715-610-1065  
slnovy20@gmail.com

**WHC District 3:**

Contact - Lee Sackett  
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lee@sackettranch.com

**WHC District 4:**

Contact - Tara LeRoy  
262-613-8920  
2fatponies@gmail.com

**WHC District 5:**

Contact - Pat Jenkins  
608-633-0273  
pjenkinsqh@centurytel.net

**Council Letter Deadline**

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

**January / February Issue:  
December 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:*

**[info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)**

**Office hours: Mondays-Fridays - 8am-4pm**



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## Important Dates to Remember



November 5  
November 11  
November 18  
November 23

Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Veterans Day  
WHC District 5 Tack Sale  
Thanksgiving

December 1

WHC Equine of the Year Nomination  
Deadline

December 21  
December 24  
December 25

First Day of Winter  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day



*\* Please check out our Calendar of Upcoming Events, which is included in each issue of the CouncilLetter, as well as posted on the WHC website, for shows, fundraisers, clinics, tack sales and more!*



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