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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 "Horses Have Road Rights".

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

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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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 Dave Kluge
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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.

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

All Memberships run from January 1st through December 31st

Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Date Processed: _____

Date Mailed: _____

LEVEL I YOUTH MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION – Free for Ages 17 & Under

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**

Description:

- Programs such as the Certified Judges and Ride Wisconsin require a paid Level I Membership
- Youth (17 & under) are free with a paid Level I Adult Membership

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**

Wisconsin Farm Technology Days 2023

By Anne Murphy, WHC President



The Wisconsin Horse Council participated in the 2023 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days. This year it was held just outside of Baraboo, in Sauk County (WHC District 5). The Wisconsin Horse Council was there to support agriculture and remind people that horses are an important part of it.

Thanks to the WHC Sponsorship Committee, the WHC provided an Equine Youth Educational

Activity booth. Wisconsin Farm Technology Days instituted their own passport program. Kids needed to get 5 out of 7 possible stamps to earn a prize. We had a pony sized horse model that was perfect for small children to learn to tie the latigo. The other choice was learning to rope. A special thanks goes out to WHC Director Floyd Finney (WHC District 4), who spent most of the first day of the event on his knees teaching the little ones the latigo knot. He had so much patience!



Volunteers from the Wisconsin Junior High School Rodeo did a spectacular job. We adults were in awe of their roping abilities! They made it look so easy! A very special thanks to Johnny Harms, Landon Harms, and their dad Todd Harms. And not to be outdone, Laney Skinner and Laney Brooks showed off their fantastic roping skills too. These young people were so good at teaching. They were patient and kind to kids of all ages! There were kids who returned for more roping practice when there weren't so many kids waiting. We are pleased to say that the WHC activity had lines waiting to learn.

Susie Weiss, WHC Director from WHC District 5, organized equine entertainment with a drill team, trick riding and a 10-horse pyramid hitch. The entertainment went off without a "hitch". The familiar voice of Wayne Williams did the announcing for the entertainment program. We thank Susie for the countless hours that she and her husband Gary contributed to make this event successful.

A special acknowledgement to Anna Maenner of ACM Administrative Services, INC. She is the person who makes events like FTD happen. She and her team were incredibly organized, and she always took the time to answer our questions, and we thank her for that.

The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation will receive a donation for all of the volunteer hours that we provided to the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days.

Special thanks goes out to all of the WHC Directors and WHC Members who donated their time to make this event and the WHC Equine Activity a success.



Dairyland Driving Club's Basics & Beyond Driving Clinic

Reprinted with permission from Dairyland Driving Club

Charlotte & Ron Hensler first verbalized their idea in 2022 of having DDC offer a driving clinic in the Custer/Stevens Point area of Wisconsin open to drivers looking to restart, refresh and refine their driving skills. A survey was conducted and the results showed a need and enthusiasm for the concept. A venue was secured, clinicians were lined up and participants waited anxiously. With the help of grants from the Wisconsin Horse Council and the American Driving Society/Hoopes-Addis Education Fund, the Basics & Beyond Driving Clinic was soon to be a reality. The grant proceeds were used to offer ALL junior drivers the opportunity to have FREE private lessons.



* Pictured above are Jax Johnson & Mom Molly Krejcarek

Over a two-day period (May 27-28), utilizing the talents of Mary Ruth Marks, Wes Licht, Deb Sauer and Howard Kietzke as clinicians at Heartland Equestrian Center in Custer, we were able to offer 42 individual lessons to juniors and adults who brought their singles and pairs - from minis to Dutch Harness and draft cross equines. We were able to use two indoor arenas and two outdoor arenas. Camping, stabling, and a café on-site were some of the amenities available. As a result of this offering, DDC has gained a whopping 23 NEW members!

Special thanks go to Charlotte and Ron Hensler and family for all their insight and organizational help and hospitality; Hensler grandkids Isla, Elias and Willa Kadoch who had snacks and refreshments available and even delivered around the grounds.

Tori Jennings - a Hensler family friend and photographer who is also keen on driving - she hung out with our group for two days taking photos that captured the learning, the 'ah-ha' moments and the feelings of accomplishment of both the participants and the clinicians! Please check out her Facebook page for all of the photos: Jennings Photo & Art. Day 1 & Day 2 pictures are also shown on the DDC Facebook page.

Volunteers organized by Charlotte: Julie Brazeau, Marion Parker, Veronica Grunniwaldt, Brummond Sater, Mark Long, owner of Heartland Equestrian Center - he was always available for questions and assistance. Nancy Nelson, DDC member organizer, Jim and Kristi Slovik, DDC member volunteers and Clinicians Mary Ruth Marks, Wes Licht, Deb Sauer, and Howard Kietzke who volunteered their time.



Notes of Thanks...

These thank you notes are all from attendees of the Basics & Beyond Clinic held by the Dairyland Driving Club that received sponsorship funds from the Wisconsin Horse Council.



Dear Wisconsin Horse Council,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to learn more about driving. My pony Duke and I will be using our new skills at the Wisconsin State Horse Show in the fall.

Thank you so much!

Brenna Thiel



Dear Wisconsin Horse Council,

Thank you for supporting the DDC Basics and Beyond Clinic. I learned how to hold the reins, pivot with the cart and trot through a cones course.

Thank you!

Natalie Kolkowski



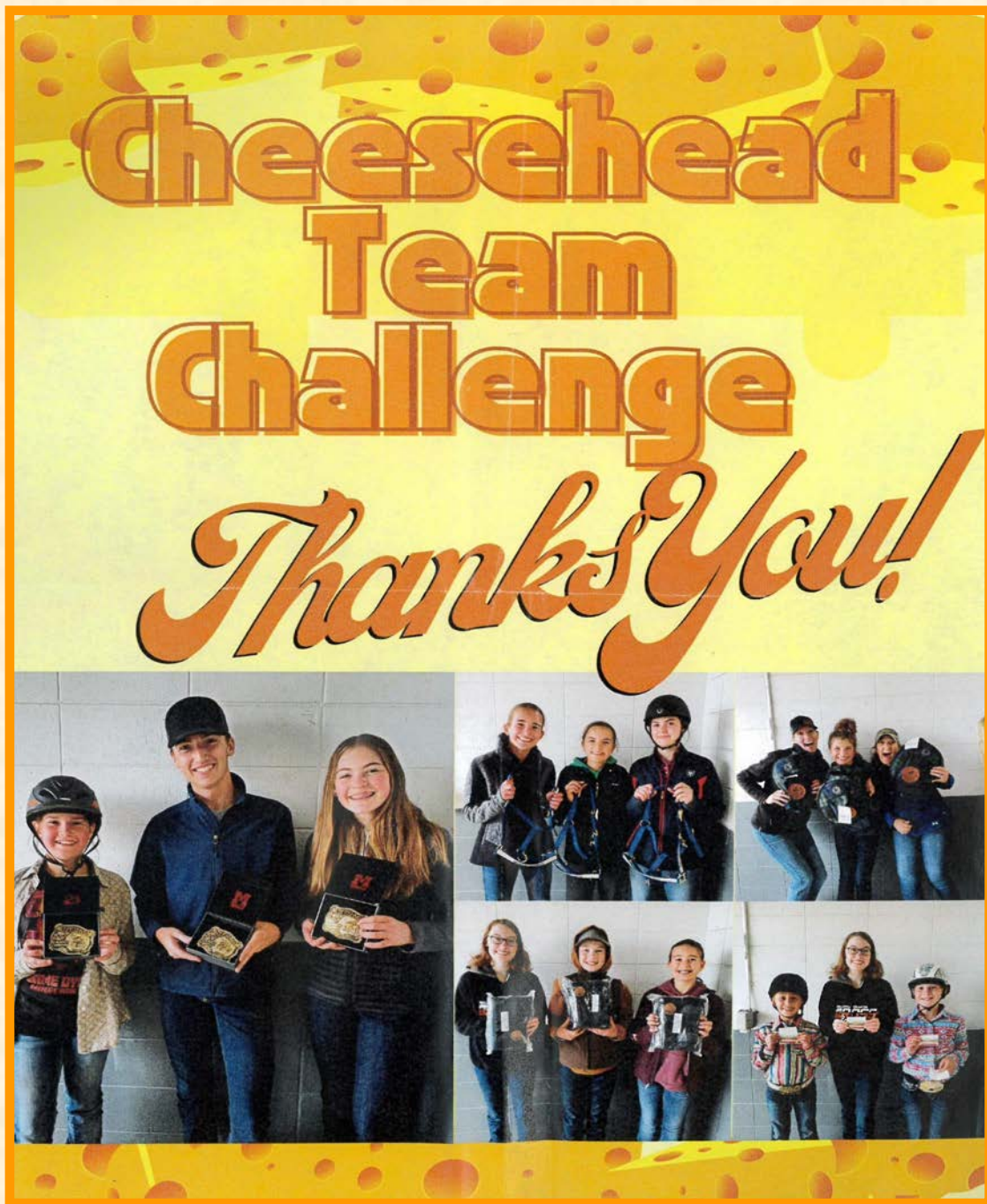
Dear Wisconsin Horse Council,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to drive at Dairyland Driving Clinic. I learned A LOT from Wes and will continue driving and use the knowledge that I have learned when I show my pony.

Thank you!

Blair





Dear Wisconsin Horse Council:

Thank you for sponsoring the Cheesehead Challenge! Your sponsorship ensured that we would receive amazing awards. This challenge allows us to create new friendships, work as a team, cheer each other on, and laugh. Thank you!

Emma, WPOAC Queen



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 NOT 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. 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.





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Free Admission? Yes Please!

Did you know by volunteering 3 hours at the Midwest Horse Fair that you can earn a one-day pass. 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 will be available starting late September!

Find the Midwest Horse Fair Volunteer Application at www.MidwestHorseFair.com under "Partnerships"



Visit Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for the most up-to-date information. Join the conversation using #MidwestHorseFair

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
- ◆ Sleigh Rides
- ◆ Skijoring

Sleigh Bell Café - Breakfast & Lunch

Admission is Free!





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:

Wisconsin Horse Council
Sponsorship Program
PO Box 72
Columbus, WI 53925

Or email to info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

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

How Funding Is Determined

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
- * The applicant's access to other funding
- * How well the project fits our mission statement

Examples of projects or events that have been funded:

- Educational events
- Therapeutic riding programs and horses
- Building repairs to existing facilities
- Travel expenses for clinicians and youth
- Printed material such as brochures, flyers, and handouts
- Clinics and seminars on various disciplines or other equine-related topics
- Events that promote interaction with people and equines

Please be aware that we do not provide money for:

- Normal operating expenses
- Horse show judges
- Awards
- Food
- Repairs to personal property
- New building construction
- Feed or hay

Completion Report *EXAMPLE*

The ABC Riding Center would like to thank the Wisconsin Horse Council for the generous sponsorship of \$1000 to purchase needed equipment for our program. During the past year our organization has helped 50 new clients with special needs experience the joy of riding, and the health benefits of mobility.

Total Cost of equipment \$1500.

We were able to purchase 2 specially equipped saddles for our students to ride safely and confidently, and additional needed equipment to allow riding.

Saddle # 1 16" short description	\$500
Saddle # 2 14" youth saddle	\$500
4 helmets @ \$40	\$160
2 therapeutic saddle pads @ \$170	<u>\$340</u>
	\$1500

Please see attached receipts for above purchases.

WHC Sponsorship Money	\$1000
Fund raising bake sale	<u>\$ 500</u>
	\$1500



Acknowledgement of the sponsorship included a thank you and link on our web site www.abcriding.com
 We also included several mentions on our Facebook Page.
 In the August WHC newsletter an article was submitted about our program.

To the right are pictures of the saddles we were able to purchase.

Search Job Number: 122890 on our website for more building details.



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SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

Applications due by September 30

Wisconsin Horse Council will now be offering two applications cycles for sponsorships!

Get all of the details and application form at www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

We look forward to partnering with you again!



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NORTHERN SADDLE CLUB SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH HALLS CREEK TRAILS

Discover northern Wisconsin's beautiful fall colors while riding 25+ miles of trails.

POKER RUN-- \$15.00 Donation per Horse Rider Combo . NO horse is required to participate. Coggins requested.

**** CHECK IN opens at 9 AM.

-Lunch at 4:00 o'clock pm

Bring your own Drink, and a dish to pass. The main meal will be provided by the club!

••••Camp Fire and gathering later in evening and is welcome to all!••••

Lots of room for all trailer sizes. Have questions?

Find us on Facebook.





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**Get out and enjoy the trails
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for your hours riding/driving the trails!**



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www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org





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.



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****



WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



September 2023

- September 4 Labor Day
- September 4 Wisconsin Open Horse Show Association Open Horse Show, Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI 8:00 a.m., Grand & Reserve High Point Awards in four divisions, 2023 Team Challenge, www.dangrunewald.com, Contact Dawn Scully 920-728-8384 or dreamincolor65@aol.com or Dan Grunewald 262-853-3249
- September 8 Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club Friday Night Lights Fun Game Show, 10425 W. Cameron St., Eau Claire, WI. 6:00 p.m., check out our Facebook page for details, <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>
- Sept. 8-10 Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Prairie du Chien, WI
- September 9 Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club WSCA Pleasure Show Plus Ranch Classes, 10425 W. Cameron St., Eau Claire, WI, check out our Facebook page for details, <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>
- Sept. 9-10 Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association, Sunnyview Exposition Center, Oshkosh, WI, wisconsinpinto.com, WisconsinPinto@gmail.com, Contact WPtHA President, Tina Langness 715-760-2496
- Sept. 9-10 Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association Show Series, Jackson County Fair Park, 388 Melrose St., Black River Falls, WI 54615, 8 a.m., Contact 715-284-4558, wifghashow@gmail.com, <https://wifgha.org/>
- Sept. 9-10 North Central Wisconsin Horsemen's Association, Heartland Silver Classic Open Show, Heartland Equestrian Center, 7510 Deer Rd., Custer, WI 54423, 8 a.m., visit NCWHA's Facebook page for details
- September 11 Patriot Day
- September 9 Lazycreek Farm 2023 Pleasure & Speed Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, (920) 386-8058
- September 9 Kuenzi Equestrian Events (KEE) Micro Mini-Events!, Boots & Saddles Arena, W8827 Hemlock Road, Beaver Dam, WI 53916, 9 a.m., Contact Heather Kuenzi 920-285-0701 or see the Kuenzi Equestrian Events Facebook page for updates
- September 9 West 20 Open Pleasure Horse Show Series 4 of 5, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co, W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272, check West 20 Facebook page and website for details and updates
- September 9 Caswell Ranch Barrel Points Series, Caswell Ranch, 3380 Cty. Rd. II, Neenah, WI, 12 p.m., Contact 920-460-4013 or view their Facebook page for details
- September 9 Black River Riders Fun Show w/4D Barrels, Black River Riders, 412 E Ave., Stetsonville, WI 54480, 9 a.m., visit their Facebook page for details
- September 10 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club 2023 Pleasure Show, MFSC Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy 164, Sussex, WI 53089, www.menomoneefallssaddleclub.com, Contact 262-470-7648
- September 16 Wizard of Oz Obstacle Challenge, Geitner Homestead Equine Campground, 5883 Oak Rd., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, 9:30 a.m. start, geitnerhomestead.com or find us on Facebook, 920-493-7669
- September 23 First day of Fall
- September 23 Beaver Creek Apple Cider Open Speed and Fun Show, 9 a.m., W3194 Cty. Rd. A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, for more info call or text Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com or find us on Facebook
- September 23 DCHA Speed Show, Boots & Saddles Arena, W8827 Hemlock Road, Beaver Dam, WI 53916, See DCHA Facebook page for show info, questions and updates
- September 23 Circle T Saddle Club Pleasure Fun Show, Thorp, WI, 9 a.m., Contact Mary Ann Rinehart 715-316-2274 or Jackie Bower 715-223-5496 and visit them on Facebook
- September 23 Dawson Pointe Stable Open Schooling Show Series, 4320 State Road 138, Oregon, WI, 8:30 a.m., Contact Vannessa 608-576-2902

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WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



September 2023

- September 23 Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association (SKMHTA) 2023 Fall Fundraiser, Horseriders Campground, Palmyra, WI, join us for the day or camp all weekend, book your campsites now, for more info or to become a sponsor contact Deborah Domagalski at 414-254-5942 or debraedom@yahoo.com, visit SKMHTA.com or follow us on Facebook
- Sept. 23-24 Wisconsin Walking Horse Association Fall Trail Ride & Cook Out, Southern Kettle Moraine Horsemen's Park, Palmyra, WI, www.wisconsinwalkinghorse.org for details
- September 24 Circle T Saddle Club Speed Fun Shows, Circle T Saddle Club, Gorman Ave., Thorp, WI 54771, 9 a.m., Contact Mary Ann Rinehart 715-316-2274 or Jackie Bower 715-223-5496, visit their Facebook page or www.CircleTSaddleClub.weebly.com
- September 27 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 121 S Ludington St, Columbus, WI 53925
- September 30 WHC Sponsorship Submission Deadline
- Sept. 30-Oct. 1 Eau Claire Bit & Spur Club Annual Tack Sale, see Facebook page for details <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>

October 2023

- October 7 West 20 Open Pleasure Horse Show Series 5 of 5, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co, W4812 Hwy 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272, check West 20 Facebook page and website for details and updates
- October 7 Waukau Flying Mane Riding Club Jackpot Show, 3133 State Road 116, Omro, WI, 8:30 a.m., Contact Cindy Angle 920-379-2483 or Pat Krueger 920-290-0349
- October 7 Eau Claire Bit & Spur Halloween Fun Show, see Facebook page for details, <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur/?mibextid=LQQJ4d>
- October 7 Halloween Fun Show, Geitner Homestead Equine Campground, 5883 Oak Rd., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, 9 a.m. start, geitnerhomestead.com or find us on Facebook, 920-493-7669
- October 7 Northern Saddle Club Fall Poker Run Ride, Halls Creek Equestrian Trailhead and Campground, Florence, WI, Poker Run \$15 donation per horse rider combo, no horse required to participate, Coggins requested, check in opens at 9 a.m., ride at your own pace anytime or group ride at 11 a.m., lunch at 4 p.m., poker hands will be checked at 2:45 p.m. - 3 p.m., bring your own drink and a dish to pass as the main meal will be provided by the club, campfire and gathering in the evening, <https://www.trailmeister.com/trails/halls-creek-trails/>
- October 9 Columbus Day
- October 14 Dawson Pointe Stable Open Schooling Show Series, 4320 State Road 138, Oregon, WI, 8:30 a.m., Contact Vannessa 608-576-2902
- October 14 Tack Sale, Geitner Homestead Equine Campground, 5883 Oak Rd., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., geitnerhomestead.com or find us on Facebook, 902-493-7669
- October 21 Equine Trail Sports Event, Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Show Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy 164 Sussex, WI 53089, click on the link provided for details https://www.equinetrailsports.com/event_group/12621/view
- October 25 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 pm, 121 S Ludington St, Columbus, WI 53925
- October 31 Happy Halloween!

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
- November 23 Happy Thanksgiving!

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Jefferson County Draft Horse Association - Jefferson County Fair

By Jackie Schuster, JCDHA Secretary

It was a great week for the Jefferson County Fair. The weather was perfect and the rain came at night after all the showing was done. We had 50 horses and twelve exhibitors plus there were more exhibitors under the main exhibitors.

The Supreme Overall Horse was owned by Tom Duffy of Cottage Grove. The winner of the 6-horse hitch was Tom Duffy, 4-horse hitch was Ty Meyer, Unicorn hitch was Kris Meyer, Men's team was Luke Beistle, Woman's team Kim Laabs, Senior youth team was Maya Wiltzius, Men's Cart Ty Meyer, Woman's Cart Kayla Meyer, Senior Youth Cart Lincoln Laabs, and Junior Youth Cart was Killyan Laubenstein. The winner of the Jerry Hitchcock Award was Maya Wiltzius.

This great show could not have happened without our many volunteers. This year's judge was Lori Hemmersbach from Westby, Wisconsin, Superintendent Matt Reichert, ambassador Megan Mosgaller, ring man Kevin Kulow, gate people Janice DeMoe and Elliott Kulow, ring clean-up person Ken Airgood, announcer Steve Haase, national anthem sang by Keara Duffy and Steve Haase, flag bearer Savanna and Pam Drewek and recordkeeper Jackie Schuster.

Thank you to everyone, and we hope to see you all next year!



Horses Have Road Rights

Wisconsin State Statutes 346.01, 346.02, 346.11, 346.21

346.01 WORDS AND PHRASES

DEFINED. "Words and phrases defined in s.340.01 are used in the same sense in this chapter unless a different definition is specifically provided."

346.02 APPLICABILITY OF

CHAPTER. "...Every person riding an animal or driving any animal-drawn vehicle...upon a roadway is granted all the rights and is subject to all the duties which this chapter grants or applies to the operator of a vehicle, except

those provisions of this chapter which by their very nature would have no application...."



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346.11 PASSING OR MEETING

FRIGHTENED ANIMAL. "Whenever a person riding, driving or leading an animal which is frightened gives a signal of distress to the operator of a motor vehicle by a raising of the hand or otherwise, the operator of the motor vehicle shall promptly stop his vehicle unless a movement forward is necessary to avoid an accident or injury and shall, upon request, stop all motive power until such animal is under control."

346.21 RIGHT OF WAY OF

LIVESTOCK. "The operator of a motor vehicle shall yield the right of way to livestock being driven over or along any highway but any person in charge of such livestock shall use reasonable care and diligence to open the roadway for vehicular traffic."

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- We own and produce one of the largest and most successful horse expos in the U.S. – the Midwest Horse Fair.
- We conduct a Show Judge program, improving the level of open show judging through educational seminars and certification.
- Annually, we award scholarships, sponsorships, and trail grants at levels that provide significant financial help to students, equine charity events, clubs who are building and improving trails for recreational riding, etc.
- We encourage and sponsor recognition of the people who have invested their time and money in growing and developing our industry through mentoring young horse people, initiating new programs, providing leadership in various equine/ equestrian areas, and promoting responsible use of horses.
- We conduct educational seminars and clinics for horse owners.
- We conduct an annual 4-day school on designing and building recreational trails for horse people.
- We take an active role in legislative matters affecting both the state and the national equine industry.
- We encourage a strong connection with our Ag/livestock partners by participating in Ag Day at the Capitol and the annual Farm Tech Days.

Rules for the Roads



1. The horse and rider are riding along the right hand side of the road; the rider does not appear to be anxious and on your approach you have seen no evidence of the horse being scared (ie the horse has not jumped out to the side, twisted its head to try and see traffic, stopped suddenly, or kicked out with any legs). Providing there is sufficient room and time to pass slowly and quietly, do so. Remember that something scary in the bushes is just as likely to scare the horse into the path of oncoming traffic, as your car is to scare the horse onto the verge – keep your distance and in the event of the horse moving out into the road, you will be able to keep well out of the way.
2. On approaching the horse and rider, you have noticed the horse appears anxious, and is a little jumpy whenever a vehicle passes. Approach slowly and carefully, and while waiting for oncoming traffic, give the horse plenty of space behind – preferably at least 2 car's length – nothing winds a nervous horse up more than a vehicle sitting on his tail.
3. The horse is behaving dangerously – spooking badly and moving all over the road. Trying to squeeze past will not do the horse, rider, or your car any good, so please be patient! Give the combination some time – the majority of riders will do their utmost to get out of your way; if the rider does not appear to be trying to move into a suitable spot for you to pass, wind you window down and politely request that they let you pass.
4. A rider / group of riders are seemingly unaware of your approach, and have not left room for you to pass. One of the most common things I see is the driver blasting the horn – not helpful for the riders, and even less helpful for you. Please wind your window down and call out "Excuse me, or ask "Am I OK to come past?" to the riders – much less scary for the horses!
5. You see a horse and rider riding along a pavement. This is not the correct place for riding. However, the fact is a lot of drivers believe that the horse is out of the way and so drive in the same place on the road and same speed as if the horse wasn't there. If you should see a rider on the pavement, please still slow down and allow the same amount of room as if they were on the road.
6. A group of riders can often provide more of an obstacle for a vehicle user to pass. The safety of all of the horses and riders needs to be considered. The group should be riding in pairs (on a major road) or single file (on a minor road/approaching bends) and should all keep close together. If a rider on a slower horse is separated, or the group is generally very spread out, please don't be tempted to 'bunny-hop' between riders; simply wait for a bigger gap in oncoming traffic and overtake the group as whole.

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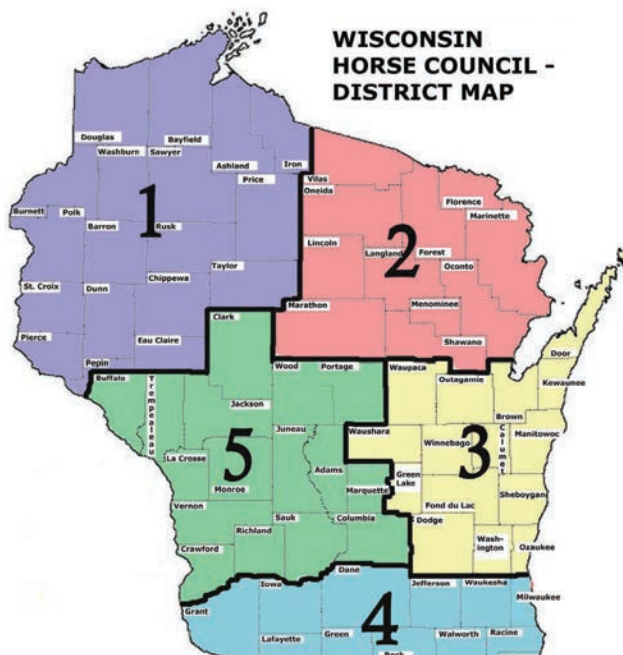
7. If a horse and rider appear to be doing something incorrectly, anger and abuse are not the way to resolve a situation – the horse or rider may be young and/or inexperienced and not all riders are lucky enough to be able to 'train off-road'. You may see tabsards such as 'young horse' or 'Caution' so please take extra care when passing.
8. If a rider waves you on around a blind bend, please DO NOT take their word that it is safe – unless you can see for yourself that it is. Unfortunately some uneducated riders (especially those that do not drive cars themselves) will do this, especially if you sit on their tail and cause the horse to become unhappy – keep your distance and wait until it is clear to overtake.
9. If a rider asks you to slow down (arm held out and moved up and down slowly), or stop (arm out towards you, palm facing) please obey them - there will be good reason for them to do so. Horse-riders have a higher line of visibility than car drivers so will have seen a hazard up ahead that may cause a problem if you attempt to pass
10. If you have passed a horse in a considerate manner and not seen any thanks from the rider, please do not assume that they are rude or ignorant – it may not be safe for them to take a hand off the reins to wave, and a smile/nod is easy to miss when you are concentrating on the road ahead.



"Please Slow Down"



Join the Wisconsin Horse Council's Legislative Committee. We discuss issues over the internet using a Google group: <http://groups.google.com/group/whc-legis> which connects each of the members by email. This site keeps all of our discussions threaded and new members can very quickly bring themselves up to speed on issues. We have 21 members with representatives from each of the 5 WHC districts. We have room for you in our committee, please consider joining. E-mail the committee: whc-legis@googlegroups.com



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