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## 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!



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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 "Making a Difference for Equine Owners - \$1 million 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

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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**

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## Local Equestrian Group Improves Horseriders' Campground

On a hot summer day in August, the Southern Kettle Horse Trail Association (SKMHTA) gathered a team of hard working volunteers to install new corrals on campsites in the Kettle Moraine State Forest - Southern Unit's equestrian campground, located in Palmyra, Wisconsin.

Fundraising events, sponsorships from local businesses, private donations and a large grant from the Wisconsin Horse Council allowed the club to upgrade six additional campsites. The newly installed corrals are constructed of Priefert Premium 12 foot panels, which have proven to be a safe and sturdy equine containment system. While traditional equestrian campsites have hitching rails or high line posts to tether animals, campers often prefer the option of a corral.



Many riders who have never camped before have felt confident enough to camp for the first time due to a secure corral waiting at their campsite! As Palmyra and Eagle offer many horse-friendly local businesses, Horseriders' Campground is a favorite among the community, allowing visitors to ride their horse, mule or donkey to get an ice cream cone, cold drink, or hot meal. Local trail hosts, such as Wild 3L Ranch, even offer this experience to those who do not own their own horse!

The SKMHTA would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to several organizations, businesses and individuals for their support of this project over the years: Wisconsin Horse Council, AERC, DRAW, UMECRA, Richard & Cheri Haviza, Karin & Mark Gaugler, The Family & Friends of Rose Turinski, Dr & Mrs Steven Falk, SWIFT Riders, The Family of Shirley Krambs, Dr Amber Erickson DC, For Pets' Sake Veterinary Clinic and Donna Whitehouse. In addition, thanks and recognition go to the 2023 Fall Fundraiser Gold Sponsors: Andrew Toyota, Wild 3L Ranch, Timber Ridge Horse Campground, BCP Transportation, Knucklehead Pub, Winterhorse Park Icelandics LLC, Rustix Mixology Grill, Palmyra True Value, Rushing Waters Fisheries LLC, The Garden Mart, Pet Supplies Plus - Oconomowoc, Friends of Nature, West 20 Ranch & Saddle Co, Senior Health Insurance Connections, Jax Equine Services LLC, Madison Pediatric Dental and Orthodontics, Laura Ingalls Designs, Red Roof Station, BP Gas - Palmyra, and ApDRA.



The Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association, established in 2003, celebrated its 20th Anniversary at their Fall Fundraiser, held annually at Horseriders' Campground. The event welcomes all equestrians from the local and surrounding communities, offering raffle prizes, auction items, amazing food and a chance to ride, drive, camp and socialize. Historically, the SKMHTA has upgraded and maintained many areas of the bridle trails and campground by installing electric campsites, hitching posts, mounting blocks and porta potties, as well as encouraging social events, informing and welcoming visitors online via Facebook and their website: [SKMHTA.com](http://SKMHTA.com).



# 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

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**More Information**  
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## Friends “Raise the Roof” at Governor Dodge State Park



In October, a beautiful new 20'x36' picnic shelter was erected along the multi-use Driftless trail at Governor Dodge State Park, forming part of the group gathering area at the equestrian campground. The shelter offers a great place for riders and hikers to take a break when enjoying the park's extensive Driftless perimeter trail and provides a shady and dry space for campers at the equestrian campground to gather. The \$55,000-plus project was funded by the Friends of

Governor Dodge State Park after several years of seeking donations, holding fundraiser trail rides and selling trail passes. The Friends are grateful to the Wisconsin Horse Council Trail Committee for their event sponsorships and the \$3,000 grant that helped fund this great trailside amenity.

In late September the shelter materials kit, purchased from Cedar Forest Products in Michigan, arrived at the park in pieces on a flatbed truck. Under the capable leadership of project manager Duane



Deutmeyer (Pine Hill LLC) volunteers donated 70 hours of time to tasks including staining boards, columns and roofing trusses, and assisting with carpentry. The shelter is part of an accessible group gathering area at the equestrian campground, next to a large fire ring and concrete patio where bricks are displayed



recognizing the many “Extraordinary Friends” who donated \$1,000 or more to the campground project. A permanent display recognizing the generosity of campground major donors including the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation and the estate

of Iris Cooley, and the Wisconsin Horse Council Trail Committee is in the design phase and should be in place sometime in 2024.

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### **Friends “Raise the Roof” at Governor Dodge State Park**

Although the campground is now complete, the Friends Equestrian Committee will continue working to support equestrian projects and facilities at Governor Dodge State Park. The focus in 2024 will be on trail maintenance and improvements and funding an endowment to ensure that money will always be available for campground maintenance and upgrades. To donate to the endowment, see [www.FriendsofGovernorDodge.org](http://www.FriendsofGovernorDodge.org).



Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Friends’ 2024 “Happy Trails” fundraising ride/hike on Sunday, June 2nd, during the State Park’s free admission weekend. To become an event sponsor, register, or purchase trail passes visit [www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com](http://www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com).





## 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!







## 2024 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, 2023.

**Awards will be presented to the winners at the Wisconsin Horse Council Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 21, 2024 during the Midwest Horse Fair®.**

Nomination forms can be accessed at [www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org) under "Programs" & then "Annual Awards" or by contacting the WHC Office at [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org).

**All Nominations are due by January 10, 2024 with the exception of Equine of the Year which is due by December 1, 2023.**

## Northwoods Obstacle Trail Challenge & Horse Fest

**By Shaughn Novy, Director of Volunteers - Black Hawk Hill Horse Park**



Black Hawk Hill Horse Park in Antigo hosted the Northwoods Obstacle Trail Challenge & Horse Fest on August 5-6, 2023.

This year several classes were added including in-hand and novice. Money was added by a Ho-Chunk Gaming of Wittenberg donation to promote community and tourism. One competitor from Kentucky, planned her trip to Wisconsin to coincide with the event. Most competitors came from the counties surrounding Langlade County; however, we were pleased to host riders from Dane, Door, and Eau Claire counties to name a few.



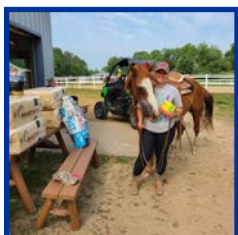
Black Hawk Hill Horse Park and all participants would like to thank the Wisconsin Horse Council Sponsorship Program for making it possible to showcase equine demonstrations and interactive riding games including the Golden Horseshoe and Miners Scavenger Hunt. Little cowboys and cowgirls that were in attendance were shown how to make stick horses and were given the stick horses to take home and practice the obstacle games and the barrel races.



Maleah Reddman, a River Falls student, gave a demonstration and program on Mustang adoption and training. She is a Mustang Makeover winner and is extremely knowledgeable on Mustangs. Maleah and her Mustang were an educational and inspiring addition to the event.



The judge for this event was Frieda Maertz, and she did an outstanding job!



Tori Boyea was the photographer, and she took amazing pictures for everyone to enjoy. The vendors in attendance added information and opportunity as well. All the Volunteers and the Novy Family want to once again thank the Wisconsin Horse Council for their sponsorship at the Black Hawk Hill event and we recognize the work and dedication of staff and members. Thank You!





## Equestrian Trails at Hartman's Creek State Park



It had been a very warm summer last year, but with that said, things were still happening on the horse trails that summer. Saddle Bags equine group was busy with trail maintenance and improvements

Last summer, with the help of a grant from the Wisconsin Horse Council and group volunteers, we were able to put in a manure pit at the horse trailhead/parking lot. It took 27 hours of volunteer work, but it looks great and is a big help in keeping the parking lot clean. With the installation of the pit, forks and wheelbarrows were purchased for the convenience of riders to use to pick up behind their horses in the parking lot. With money from that grant, there were three new very sturdy mounting blocks built, which will be placed at various places on the trails where it may be necessary for someone to dismount/mount their horse. There

were 51 hours of volunteer work put in on those. There were three trail clean-up days scheduled and performed as well.

But last summer wasn't all work, despite the warm weather, riders were out enjoying the trails. Saddle Bags had two rides scheduled per month as a standard, and we frequently contacted each other to meet at the park for non-scheduled rides. There were many non-Saddle Bags riders out enjoying the trails, and hikers too. Hartman's Creek doesn't allow bikers on the horse trails, but hikers are welcome. Hikers please remember horses are a prey animal, so their first response to meeting something they aren't sure of is to run away. When meeting a horse and rider on the trail, stand still and talk so the horse knows you aren't something they need to be afraid of. This will help keep everyone safe. If you want to pet their horse please ask the rider for permission first. They will let you know if their horse is okay with that.



We then welcomed Fall...the best season trail riding has to offer!

Happy trails!



# Midwest Horse Fair®

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## Top Hand Challenge is Back in 2024!

**Sunday, April 21, 2024 in the Blain's Farm & Fleet Coliseum**

Who is ready for another electrifying competition, which brings together, speed, accuracy, cowboy skills and a whole lot of thrills? Midwest Horse Fair is proud to present the 2024 Top Hand Challenge, a competition of grit, showcasing a range of speed, roping and precision. Witness as horse and handlers of all ages and backgrounds compete for **\$5,000 in cash prizes** and the ultimate title.



## NEW in 2024! Threatened & Critical Rare Breed Showcase

Per The Livestock Conservancy, Critical Breeds have an estimated global population of less than 500 & Threatened Breeds have an estimated global population of less than 5,000.

In 2024, Midwest Horse Fair is offering a new feature that will showcase and help educate on threatened and critical breed groups.

The following new groups will be showcasing their endangered breeds at Midwest Horse Fair 2024: Akhal-Teke Association of America, Nokota Horse Conservancy, North American Boulonnais Association, and Dales Pony Society (UK).



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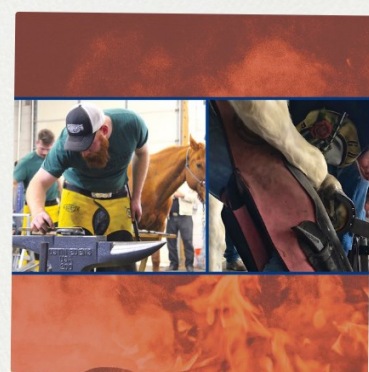
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## Modern Blacksmiths Compete!

World Championship Blacksmiths are back to compete at the Midwest Horse Fair in 2024 to inspire excellence through education within the farrier industry. For centuries, blacksmiths have created and repaired farm implements, crafted ornamental work, and forged countless horseshoes. This art requires practice, skill, and discipline. Competitors will hastily forge horseshoes from a stock piece of steel to the judge's specifications during timed events. Each class is scored, and points are awarded to the winners as they craft their way to a spot in the heated National Championship. The competition closes with a LIVE SHOERING CLASS!



## New in 2024! Equine Career Exploration

NEW to Midwest Horse Fair in 2024 will be Equine Career Exploration feature with several events throughout the weekend where you can explore horse related career paths and college opportunities.

- Career Exploration Forum on Saturday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm in Pavilion 1 to learn about various equine related career paths.
- One-on-one consultations available by appointment with equine career expert, Karin Bump, PhD.
- Equine Related Career Exploration Presentations by Karin Bump, PhD on pursuing college and career options in the equine industry.
- Participate in a 'careers in the industry' fun Scavenger Hunt.



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

## Remembering Bob Michaels: A Trailblazer, Craftsman, and Friend



The Southern Kettle Moraine lost one of the good guys this past September. Bob's impact on the equestrian community and trail system in southeastern Wisconsin has left an indelible mark, touching the hearts of those who had the privilege of working alongside him.

Bob was a fixture in the Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association (SKMHTA). His contributions spanned over fifteen years. Many first encountered Bob and his wife Margaret at SKMHTA meetings or events, where he quickly became known for his meticulous craftsmanship and unwavering commitment to enhancing the horse trail experience.

Trail coordinator - Bob's accomplishments as trail coordinator include organizing trail cleanups, hitching post installation and maintenance, and most notably overseeing the installation of electrical to the campsites at Horseriders' Campground in Palmyra, WI. He also built the kiosk at the entrance to the campground. In addition, Bob and Margaret were instrumental in installing trail markers and posts along the 33 miles of horse trails and 55 miles of loop trails.

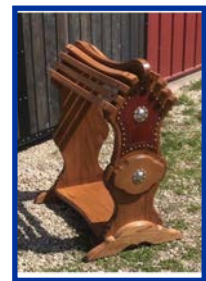


Anne Korman, Property Supervisor of the Southern Kettle Moraine Forest, commented that conversations about SKMHTA projects with Bob and Margaret were always productive. She remembers Bob's "kind smile and easy-going personality." Anne recalled Bob's willingness to clear downed trees on the trails and fix whatever needed repair.

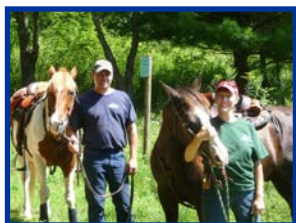
Bob was generous with his talents. Many people commented on his welcoming demeanor when involving others on projects. Don Dane, WI DNR Parks and Recreation Specialist, commented on how Bob would ask permission to complete various projects and the confidence that everyone had in Bob that the project would be done right. Bob was competent, well-rounded and knowledgeable. He attended trail school as well as chain saw safety classes. He was very safety conscious.



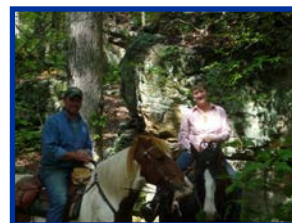
Hammered Horse, LLC - Bob's talents extended beyond trail work. His creations, such as unique hoof picks, saddle stands, and other horse related handmade products were very popular. He sold these items worldwide through his company, Hammered Horse, LLC. He specialized in products made of wood, leather, and metal. Bob often had a booth at the Midwest Horse Fair. He donated items for fundraisers and supported various causes, leaving a lasting impact on the wider equestrian community.



As we bid farewell to Bob Michaels, we celebrate a life well-lived and a legacy that will endure through the trails he helped shape, the people he touched, and the memories he created. Happy Trails, Bob. Your dedication, kindness, and craftsmanship will be cherished forever.



**Article by Ada Duffey.  
These two photos by  
Don Clemons.**





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**In addition to the article, by Ada Duffey on the previous page, please read the comments below about Bob from his friends and colleagues.**

Bob was a meticulous craftsman. It didn't matter whether it was clearing a tree blocking a trail, building a hitching rail for riders at a rest stop, or designing and constructing a kiosk for Horseriders' Campground. Bob tackled every job as if he had to sign off on it for an OSHA inspector. -Gary Press, Past SKMHTA Trail Coordinator

He was such a friendly, good -natured guy; you couldn't help but listen to every word he had to say. He offered common sense solutions to any kind of problem that came up. It seemed like he could figure out anything! Bob not only donated his time and talent to SKMHTA, but he also generously supported other worthy causes, like the Hags on Nags Saddle Club 'Pink Ribbon Ride' to benefit breast cancer research and treatment. In 2019 a newly formed group began fundraising to build a brand-new equestrian campground at Governor Dodge State Park. Bob put his support into this group, too." -Sandy Rogers, SKMHTA Member and Friends of Governor Dodge State Park

After raising money to redesign and put in electricity at the campsites we were fortunate to have Bob's talent and knowledge along with his background in construction to plan, layout and execute the successful implementation of the improvements. - Annette Mayfield, Past SKMHTA President

Bob was one of the friendliest, most supportive and encouraging people I have ever met! No matter what your age or appearance, he was right there telling you "you can do it!" I remember working side by side with Bob over the years, but what really sticks out is his enthusiasm for pushing yourself to learn new things. He motivated me to attend the Trail Building School a few years back, and this spring we attended the Chainsaw Safety course together! I will always appreciate his efforts to involve everyone. -Amy Janacek, SKMHTA President

Debbie & Scott Beckwith: "Bob was always helping the SKMHTA and DNR with trail clean-up, trail signage, hitching posts along the trails, and always doing projects with his gift of wood working and welding to help better our horse community."

Leslie Ott: "Bob was a very kind and generous soul. He gave his time, energy expertise and wonderful sense of humor freely to the horse community. Bob had an incredibly positive impact on the many lives he touched and will be greatly missed."

Laura Savatski: "Bob has made a lasting impact on the trail system in southeastern Wisconsin and the culture of trail riding for our community. He has been an advocate for the forest, for the DNR, for horses, for riders, and for volunteers."

Deb Dlobik: "Bob was always so kind and welcoming! If you saw him at an event or just out on the trails he would always take time to stop and visit!"

Kevin & Therese Friedman: "Bob was an amazing man. When we first saw his hoof picks, we knew immediately that he really understood the bond between horse and human. I hope he will live on in others' hearts as he always will in ours."

Don & Laura Clemons: "Bob was one of the kindest and most giving people we ever met. He always had a smile, and his infectious humor made every project more fun than work. There was seemingly nothing he didn't know how to do at a high level. His talents were endless, and he always used them to benefit those around him. The horse community has lost a tireless worker, and his contributions will be missed.

Ada Duffey: "Bob helped with so many projects... Trail markers, chainsaw safety classes, overseeing the electrical project at Horserider's Campground, and building the kiosk at the entrance. He was involved with many of the improvements to the other trailheads and parking areas in the Southern Kettle. He was instrumental in getting the materials ordered and installed for the new parking lot at Hwy Z. He always donated something wonderful for the SKMHTA Annual Fundraiser, and his donations were always the biggest attraction in the auctions."





# Wisconsin Horse Council

## *Council*Letter

### Advertising Order Form

**Advertiser:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ad Agency (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip + 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a current WHC member     
  I am not a current WHC member     
  I'm joining WHC today

| Member Advertising Rates |               |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| \$75.00                  | Full Page     |
| \$37.50                  | 1/2 Page      |
| \$18.75                  | 1/4 Page      |
| \$10.00                  | Business Card |

| Non Member Advertising Rates |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| \$100.00                     | Full Page     |
| \$60.00                      | 1/2 Page      |
| \$35.00                      | 1/4 Page      |
| \$15.00                      | Business Card |

| WSHC Annual Memberships |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| \$20.00                 | Level I   |
| \$45.00                 | Level II  |
| \$100.00                | Level III |

**Run my ad in the following editions:**

|                  |             |                   |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| January/February | May/June    | September/October |
| March/April      | July/August | November/December |

**Total Cost:**

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Ad cost: ____ month(s) at \$_____/Month | \$        |
| Membership: (optional)                  | \$        |
| <b>Total Enclosed:</b>                  | <b>\$</b> |

**Order, payment, and ad copy should be mailed to:**

Wisconsin Horse Council, Inc.  
 PO Box 72  
 Columbus, WI 53925  
 Phone: 920-623-0393  
[info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)



**WISCONSIN HORSE  
COUNCIL TRAILS**



*Up to \$10,000  
available!*



**CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENT  
GRANTS**



**Details and application at  
[wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](http://wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)**



## Jefferson County Draft Horse Association

By Jackie Schuster, JCDHA Secretary

The Jefferson County Draft Horse Association held a fall wagon ride at Mary Jane Swedberg's farm in Mapleton late last year. It was a great day for the wagon ride. The members got to enjoy the fall colors and wildlife that is out in the back forty and catching up with the other members of the club. After the two-hour ride, we had a potluck meal of chili and a variety of dishes that members bought with them. We then held a brief meeting. We are hoping to be down at Old World Wisconsin in 2024, to plow in the spring and fall and hay at the end of June or July. The dates will be finalized this spring, and will be included in future articles. We hope that you all had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in 2024!



### 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 Sponsorship & Trail Grants for 2023

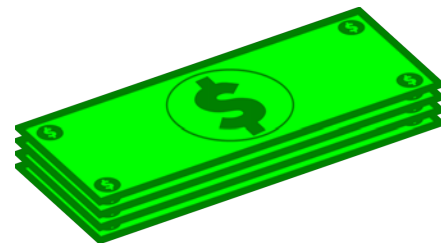
The Wisconsin Horse Council reviewed, approved, and distributed the following sponsorship and trail grant requests in 2023. We received many thank you notes and letters from all of the groups for helping them with their very worthwhile projects. We are so thankful to be able to help these organizations make a difference!

### WHC Sponsorships - Spring 2023

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Quarter Moon Acres Equine Therapy      | \$ 450.00  |
| Wisconsin 4-H Horse Association        | \$3,000.00 |
| WIHA                                   | \$4,000.00 |
| Wisconsin Pony of America              | \$ 300.00  |
| Furrows to Fences                      | \$2,750.00 |
| Dairyland Driving Club                 | \$2,000.00 |
| Friends of Wildcat Mountain State Park | \$ 500.00  |
| HorseSense, Inc                        | \$2,200.00 |
| Waushara County 4-H Horse Association  | \$ 800.00  |
| Three Gaits                            | \$2,500.00 |
| WWHA                                   | \$2,000.00 |
| WAMSTAR                                | \$ 500.00  |
| Racine County 4-H                      | \$ 750.00  |
| Friends of Gov. Dodge                  | \$ 500.00  |
| Black Hawk Hill                        | \$ 750.00  |
| Wisconsin Dressage & Combined Training | \$3,000.00 |
| Wisconsin Quarter Horse Association    | \$ 500.00  |
| Graceful Acres Equestrian Center       | \$ 100.00  |

### WHC Sponsorships - Fall 2023

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Up There LLC                              | \$2,500.00 |
| Triple H Ranch & Therapeutic Horsemanship | \$3,500.00 |
| SMILES                                    | \$1,800.00 |
| REINS                                     | \$4,500.00 |
| Natures Edge                              | \$4,500.00 |
| Menomonee Falls Saddle                    | \$2,000.00 |
| Lake Shore Region Pony Club               | \$3,500.00 |
| Equine Empowerment                        | \$2,000.00 |
| Blue Hills Mounted Search & Rescue        | \$ 750.00  |



### WHC Trail Grants - 2023



|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Northern Saddle Club 1                          | \$3,000.00 |
| Northern Saddle Club 2                          | \$3,000.00 |
| Landover Saddle Club                            | \$3,000.00 |
| Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association | \$3,000.00 |
| Hartman Creek Saddle Bags                       | \$2,000.00 |
| Rock County Multi Use Trail Group               | \$1,500.00 |
| Friends of Wildcat Mountain 1                   | \$2,760.00 |
| Friends of Wildcat Mountain 2                   | \$2,400.00 |
| Friends of Reforestation Camp 1                 | \$3,000.00 |
| Friends of Reforestation Camp 2                 | \$2,000.00 |
| Friends of Governor Dodge State Park            | \$3,000.00 |





## 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)





## WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



### January 2024

- January 1** **New Year's Day**  
**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 15** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
**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 2** Goundhog Day  
**February 10** WSHCEF's "Winter Fun Day", Springbrook Events, N8400 County Road I Burnett, WI  
**February 14** **Valentine's Day**  
**February 14** **Ash Wednesday**  
**February 19** **Washington's Birthday**  
**February 19** **Presidents Day**  
**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 10** **Daylight Savings Begins**  
**March 17** **St. Patrick's Day**  
**March 20** **First Day of Spring**  
**March 27** WHC ANNUAL MEETING, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925  
**March 29** **Good Friday**  
**March 31** **Easter Sunday**

### April 2024

- April 6** WHC Certified Judge Seminar, Heartland Equestrian Center, Custer, WI  
**April 19-21** Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI  
**April 22** **Earth Day**  
**April 26** **Arbor Day**

\*\*\* Also check WI Pleasure Horse Shows on Facebook! \*\*\*

**Upcoming Events Calendar submissions FREE for everyone!**

Please send your equine related event information to [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org) and we will get it added to our Calendar of Upcoming Events on our website and in our printed and e-newsletters!





## 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](http://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](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)

Questions may be directed to: 920-623-0393 or e-mail [info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org](mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org)



# 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**



*This \$1,000,000 policy is an optional member benefit.*

*Become an individual member of WHC and choose this valuable protection.*

*The value of this benefit is tremendous! Cost of equine liability insurance is estimated to range from **\$300-\$400** per year to the average horse owner... if purchased individually.*

**Wisconsin Horse Council Individual Membership Cost w/ Excess Liability Insurance: only \$40 per year.**

*In addition to \$1,000,000 equine excess personal liability insurance protection, your membership in Wisconsin Horse Council helps to:*

- ◆ *Foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin*
- ◆ *Promote the value of our industry, protect the welfare of our horses and preserve our chosen way of life*
- ◆ *Promote improved health and well-being of Wisconsin horses*
- ◆ *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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Columbus, WI 53925  
Phone:  
(920) 623-0393



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## Making A Difference for Equine Owners

# \$1,000,000

### Equine Excess Personal Liability Insurance



*If an owner's horse hurts someone or damages someone's property, the rider and owner can be held responsible for the damages. Even if proven not liable, you could incur considerable legal defense costs.*

*Seldom is equine liability insurance extended from homeowners policies.*

**\$1,000,000 Equine Excess Personal Liability Insurance is an optional benefit available with an Individual or Family membership with the Wisconsin Horse Council.**

**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.
  - ◆ Any horse, pony or mule is considered eligible under the terms and condition of the policy.
  - ◆ You do not have to be a Wisconsin resident to become a WHC Individual member and get this protection.
  - ◆ Business and professional pursuits, rodeo, and racing exposures are excluded.
  - ◆ 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.*



**WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
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through December 31<sup>st</sup>*

**LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

**Individual Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Youth Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
**Family Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please write legibly, especially e-mail**

\*\*\*\*\*  
**LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS -**  
**(Please circle type of Membership)**

**FREE** e-newsletter with any paid membership;  
sent to your e-mail.

OR

**Printed newsletter mailed to you \_\_\_\_\_ + \$20**

Individual (no insurance) \$ 20  
Individual **PLUS** \$ 40  
incl. \$1 million personal liability insurance

Family (no insurance) \$ 30  
Family **PLUS** \$ 70  
incl. \$1 million personal liability insurance

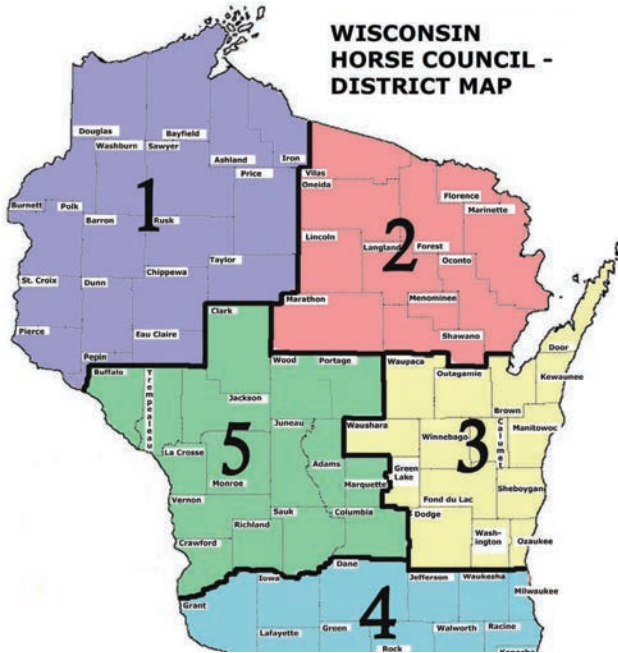
Youth (age 17 & under = free (with paid Level I adult membership)) \$ 0

Individual Lifetime Membership (one-time fee & includes 1<sup>st</sup> year of liability insurance) \$ 250

Annual fee on Lifetime Membership for \$1 million personal liability insurance \$ 20

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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:**

Contact - Paulette Adair  
715-554-2904  
cca2lucky@gmail.com

**WHC District 2:**

Contact - Shaughn Novy  
715-610-1065  
slnovy20@gmail.com

**WHC District 3:**

Contact - Lee Sackett  
920-210-3848  
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:*

**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:*

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

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



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## Important Dates to Remember

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