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Introducing the New

Wisconsin Horse Council Logo!

The WHC recognized that it was time for a new logo to go along with the new programs and other updates that have been implemented recently. This transition will roll out slowly, so you will see the old logo here and there for a while yet. We hope that you will like our new look!



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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 pages 25 & 26 to fold as a handy brochure to keep or to share!
This month's featured brochure is "Sharing Trails Safely with Horses".

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

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

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Welcome to the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

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

Visit our website www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org – 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 Horse Council?

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

The 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.

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Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation President Tours the Midwest Horse Fair

By Anne Murphy, WHC President



Left to right: Dana Sechler, WHC Director & WHC Legislation Committee Chairperson, Teri Giannetti, Executive Director of the Midwest Horse Fair, Anne Murphy, President of the Wisconsin Horse Council, and Brad Olson, President of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

The Midwest Horse Fair had a new visitor this year. Wisconsin Horse Council District 1 Director, Chris Nelson, arranged for the President of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation, Brad Olson, to drop in and see what the Midwest Horse Fair had to offer.

President, Olson didn't have a lot of time to take it all in, but WHC Director & Secretary & Midwest Horse Fair Advisory Board Member Jill Feller, accompanied by WHC District 1 Director Chris Nelson, provided a tour to show him the highlights of the best equine event in the Midwest!

Chris shared that President Olson was impressed by the size of the event and the organizational details that he saw during the tour. He was also surprised by the amount of visitors and vendors interested in equine. President Olson appreciated the invitation and the tour. He had a very positive opinion about the size of the event and was very impressed that the event has grown to be so well attended.

The Wisconsin Horse Council has been reaching out to collaborate with other professional organizations to strengthen our efforts in supporting the equine industry in Wisconsin.

Left to right: Brad Olson, President of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and Chris Nelson, WHC District 1 Director at the Midwest Horse Fair.



Left to right: Chris Nelson, WHC District 1 Director and Brad Olson, President of the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation at the WHC Booth at the Midwest Horse Fair.

Miss Rodeo Wisconsin, Tori Boyea Joins the WHC Booth at the Midwest Horse Fair



Above: Miss Rodeo Wisconsin, Tori Boyea, wearing the WHC's new logo t-shirt at the WHC Booth at the Midwest Horse Fair.

Tori also was a presenter at the WHC's March 5, 2024, Youth Membership Program Zoom event. She gave a presentation on how she became Miss Rodeo Wisconsin 2024, and what her duties and obligations are. WHC Members were able to ask questions and get to know Tori after her presentation. We encourage you to "Like" her Facebook page and we wish her good luck in the year to come!

Right: Miss Rodeo Wisconsin, Tori Boyea posing with a young admirer while signing autographs at the WHC Booth at the Midwest Horse Fair.

Tori Boyea, 2024's Miss Rodeo Wisconsin performed at Wisconsin's first rodeo of the year at the Midwest Horse Fair on April 19-21, at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Tori performed at both PRCA Rodeo performances, which were held on Friday and Saturday nights.

Tori was available to sign autographs at the Wisconsin Horse Council booth on Friday from 2:30-3:30 pm, Saturday from 10-11:30 am, and Sunday from 1:00-3:00 pm.

It was a pleasure having her join the WHC and we would like to thank her for her time and talents!



Wisconsin Horse Council's Newest Program - ROUNDUP!

Welcome to the WHC's newest program! The WHC is working to support the equine related retailers in the State of Wisconsin, and we thought that this new program would be a good start!

This program contest begins May 1st, 2024. No stamps will be given before that date. Completed maps must be received by the WHC Office no later than February 28, 2025.

Winners will be announced March 8, 2025 via email and/or phone plus posted on WHC Facebook page and www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

Maps can be picked up or requested from the WHC Office in Columbus and some of the retail locations. One map per participant. Must go to all 16 locations for 1st Place Prize drawing and 10 locations for 2nd Place Prize. Those names will stay in for the rest of the prize drawings also. Maps with at least 7 dealer stamps will be entered into a random drawing to win all other Prizes, 3rd thru 20th.

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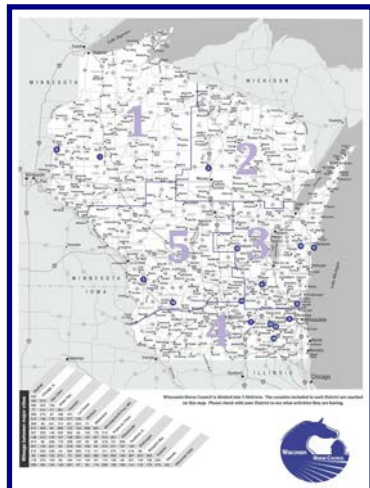
1st Place Prize \$600 Gift Certificate 2nd Place Prize \$400 Gift Certificate

3rd - 7th Place Prizes \$200 Gift Certificate Each Place

8th - 20th Place Prizes \$100 Gift Certificate Each Place

Completed maps must be received by the WHC Office no later than February 28, 2025, and should be mailed to:

**Wisconsin Horse Council
121 S. Ludington St.
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<p>1 3 Bar Tack Shop 720 16 1/2 Street Darien, WI 54433 715-458-4157 M-F 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm Best to call first for hours</p>	<p>2 Circle L Tack, LLC 143887 Navigator Drive Merrill, WI 54452 715-675-4991 M-Sat 9am-5pm Best to call first for hours</p>	<p>3 Fradette Saddlery 789 County Road N16 Viroqua, WI 54605 608-606-1375 Saturdays 9am-12pm OK by appointment</p>	<p>PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (Please write legibly) Participants must be WHC Level 1 member for 2024. Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ WHC District #: _____ Contest begins May 1st, 2024. No stamps will be given before that date. Completed maps must be received by the WHC office no later than February 28, 2025. Winners will be announced March 8, 2025 via email and/or phone plus posted on WHC Facebook page and www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org. Participants may pick up a free map at the WHC booth at Midwest Horse Fair April 18, 20 and 21, 2024. After that maps can be picked up at the WHC office in Columbus and some of the retail locations. If some maps are still available, one map per participant. Limited number of maps available. Must go to all 16 locations for 1st Place Prize drawing, 10 locations for 2nd Place Prize. Those names will stay in for the rest of the prize drawings also. Maps with at least 7 dealer stamps will be entered into a random drawing to win all other prizes, 3rd thru 20th. PRIZES 1st Place Prize \$600 Gift Certificate 2nd Place Prize \$400 Gift Certificate 3rd - 7th Place Prizes \$200 Gift Certificate Each Place 8th - 20th Place Prizes \$100 Gift Certificate Each Place Gift Certificates will be Wisconsin Horse Council Bucks that can be spent at any of the businesses I thru 16 on this map. That business will send it to WHC to be reimbursed. Gift Certificates must be used by June 1, 2025 and sent to WHC Office by June 30, 2025. For retailer reimbursement. Gift Certificates are not redeemable for cash. Completed map must be received by the WHC office no later than February 28, 2025. MAIL TO: Wisconsin Horse Council 121 S. Ludington St. P.O. Box 72 Columbus, WI 53925 <i>Good Luck!</i> ©2024 WHC/WHC Bucks - 800-665-2025</p>
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WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Free Youth Memberships run concurrent with the school year

Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Date Processed: _____

Date Mailed: _____

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

Name: _____ Age: _____

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

County: _____ WHC District #: _____ Number of Horses: _____

Equine Organization(s) that you belong to that are WHC Level II or III Members: _____

Contact information to the organization(s) you are joining under: _____

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: _____

***All information requested above is required and must be complete and accurate.**

LEVEL I YOUTH MEMBERSHIP OPTION

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

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

Note:

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

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

Return application to:

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Phone: 920-623-0393
www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org**



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!



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Wisconsin Pinto

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“Dust It Off” Clinic a Success

By Bonnie Shepherd



On April 28th, the Dodge County Horsemen’s Association hosted a clinic at the Sackett Ranch in Burnett, WI. Thank you to the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation and the Wisconsin Horse Council District 3 for helping back the clinic expenses. In spite of the cold rainy weather, a dozen eager learners stepped into the arena to “Dust Off” their skills in Showmanship, Horsemanship and Trail activities. Many auditors huddled in the bleachers.

Jessica Cole and Lee Sackett coached them and give tips on how to improve plus enhance their prestatation in the show ring. We can’t wait to see them all kick off the horse show season with what they learned.

Jessica Cole commented these good points -

There were total beginners and also some much more advanced people.

The success of it makes me think of a few things:

1. Inclusivity of breeds, disciplines, and skill levels. Horsemanship is for everyone who wants to improve.
2. The way item #1 promotes COMMUNITY, because everyone feels welcome at Sacketts.
3. The way #1 and #2 bring people out of the woodwork to participate even on a chilly day and an off the beaten path location.
4. The way organizations can step up to provide an opportunity for members that will benefit the organizations and the members for years to come. People who learn something valuable and intriguing come back for more. More clinics and more showing. These organizations are literally creating and maintaining their own customers with this event.



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“Dust It Off” Clinic a Success

As a lot of larger breed organizations ask themselves how to bring in new people, today's clinic was one great answer for how it can be done.

Sharon Hookstead provided a huge feast for lunch. During lunch, Diane Sackett gave a talk about the three organizations that helped make this day possible, and all of their efforts on growing a strong youth and horse focus. We hope with continued support and partnerships to be able to offer more clinic events in the future.



All riders received a t-shirt and swag bag full of goodies.

Follow the Facebook pages for these three organizations for updates on future events.

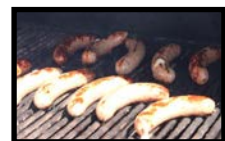


Jefferson County Draft Horse Association

By Jackie Schuster, JCDHA Secretary

Spring is finally here, and we hope it stays and with no more surprises! We held our brat fry fundraiser in April, and on May 4-5th, we were down at Old World Wisconsin plowing. More details and pictures of these events will be included in the next newsletter article. Shown here are pictures of our past events.

We hope that everyone had a chance to enjoy the Midwest Horse Fair, and that we will see you at the fairs and Old World Wisconsin. Best of luck to everyone!





WADE HOUSE



Wade House Driving Clinic SAVE THE DATES:

Saturday & Sunday, May 18 & 19, 2024

- 45 Minute Individual Clinics with Nicole Cable
 - Auditing of clinic sessions
- Lunch & Learns with Nicole Cable

A lover of horses since she was small, Cable has become one of the most revered and sought after trainers of carriage horses in the country. She will be at Wade House on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19 to provide 45-minute individual lessons on the topic of your choice. Auditing of the lessons will be available for a small additional fee. Over lunch on each day, Cable will provide a focused talk on a carriage driving-related subject and answer questions.

BOOK NOW at WADEHOUSE.ORG!

For more information, contact Wade House Site Director, Bridgitt Zielke, at:
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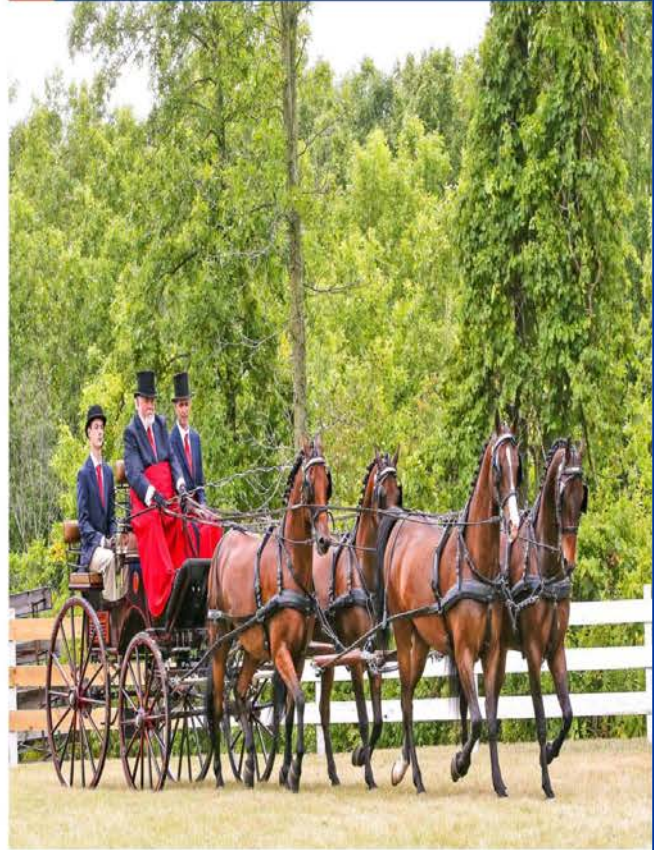


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WADE HOUSE



Wade House Carriage Driving Days SAVE THE DATES: July 19 - 21, 2024

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For more information or to volunteer, contact Wade House Site Director, Bridgitt Zielke, at:
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WSHCEF Provides Grant for Youth Equitation Clinic

By Sabine Hartmann



Twin Oaks Performance Arena, Loyal, WI hosted a Youth Equitation Clinic with trainer Jennifer Bull on Saturday April 27, 2024. The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation provided a financial grant to make this event possible. Nancy Young worked closely with me to ensure the event went smoothly.

We had 6 students for each 3-hour session. Ages ranged from 6 to 18 years of age. Horses ranged in experience from show horses to trail horses. Each child was asked to come with an exercise that they would like to practice and become more comfortable with. Side passing, loping, stopping and lead departures were several of the exercises to name just a few.

Jennifer evaluated the level of horse and rider and worked with each child individually. The

children were asked to watch and learn as others went through their paces. They were asked to process questions and respond to the best of their ability. Even the adults pondered these questions. Voice projection was encouraged! Some of the kids were shy and by the end of the sessions they were all more comfortable. Smiles were often seen as the kids accomplished something they had never done before, such as loping, and confidence made as they were pushed a bit out of their comfort zone.

The WSHCEF provided swag bags with fun goodies for all the families. Mark Dunne made trail obstacles (jump, rope gate, mailbox) for our door prizes. Thank you very much for these well made obstacles.

It was a pleasure to work with this association and we were proud to be able to encourage young people to be involved with horses and other kids with similar interests!

Of course, thanks goes to Jennifer Bull for her guidance, patience, and fun attitude to bring smiles out on all of the kids.

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WSHCEF Provides Grant for Youth Equitation Clinic





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 \$ _____

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WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



May 2024

- May 4** Aubrey Anton Clinic, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, 520 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935, Contact 920-979-7752
- May 5** Fuzzy Wuzzy Open Show, Fond du Lac County 4-H Horse & Pony Project, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, 520 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935, 8:30 am, Show Clothes Optional, DCHA Buckle Chase Approved Show, Contact Tessa Birschbach or Julie Grossman, FDLhorseproject@gmail.com or our Facebook page, 920-979-7752
- May 5** West 20 Open Pleasure Horse Show Series, 1 of 5, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co, W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- May 11** Lazycreek Farm 2024 Pleasure & Speed Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, 10 am, Contact 920-386-8058
- May 10-12** Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association Horse Show, Sunnyview Exposition Center, Oshkosh, WI, Contact Tina Langness 715-760-2496, WisconsinPinto@gmail.com, www.wisconsinpinto.com or on Facebook at Wisconsin Pinto Horse Association, ABO & Pinto classes
- May 11-12** Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association Horse Show, Jackson Co. Fair Park, Black River Falls, WI on Hwy 54, 8 a.m., Contact Katya Koperski, WIFQHAshow@gmail.com, www.wifqha.org, or on Facebook at Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association
- May 12** **Mother's Day**
- May 18** **Armed Forces Day**
- May 18** WHC District 5 Obstacles Clinic by Clinician Billy Yoder, Walnut Acres Farm, 26884 Cty. Rd. ET, Tomah, WI, Contact Pat Jenkins at 608-633-0273
- May 18** Wausau Boot and Saddle Club, "Come As You Are" Open Horse Show Series, 5302 W. Wausau Ave., Wausau, WI 54401, 9 a.m., Contact Danielle Lampe 715-551-5897, Michelle Lampe 715-443-3266 or Audrey Mueller 715-551-1231
- May 18-19** Wade House Driving Clinic, Individual Lessons, Learning Audit, Lunch & Learn, Wade House Historic Site, W7965 State Highway 23, Greenbush, WI 53026, WHS box office, 608-264-4848 or boxoffice@wisconsinhistory.org, [Upcoming Events - Wade House \(wisconsinhistory.org\)](http://Upcoming%20Events%20-%20Wade%20House%20(wisconsinhistory.org))
- May 22** WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925
- May 26** 51st Annual Memorial Day Weekend Open All Speed Show, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club, W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 8 am, Contact Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com
- May 27** 54th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Open Pleasure Show, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club, W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 8 am, Contact Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com
- May 27** **Memorial Day**
- May 31-June 2** Spring Trail Ride & Camp, join the Gresham Lions Club and Ride for Ty for a weekend of riding, music, raffles and fun, Camp across from Captain's Cove resort, questions about Gresham Lions or the Trail Ride Contact Dave 715-853-5447, Questions about Ride for Ty Contact Tricia 920-619-7984 or Mike 920-595-0336, www.rideforty.org

June 2024

- June 1** Lazycreek Farm 2024 Pleasure Fun Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI, 10 am, Contact 920-386-8058, DCHA Buckle Approved
- June 1** West 20 Open Pleasure Horse Show Series, 2 of 5, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co, W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 1** Saddle Up for the Kettles, New Prospect Horseriders' Campground, W404 Cty. Rd. SS, Campbellsport, WI, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., enjoy miles of scenic bridle trails in the Kettle Moraine State Forest, select your starting point and ride your way to the New Prospect Horseriders' Campground to join in a celebration with friends, food, and music. Learn more at NKMHTA.org/saddleup .

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



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June 2024

- June 1 DRAW's Black Hawk Ridge Mock Distance Ride, Black Hawk Ridge, 6950 Wachter Road, Mazomanie, WI 53560, 9:30 a.m., Contact Linda Jacobson at 608-592-3575 or disawesome@lycos.com .
- June 1-2 Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association Horse Show, Jackson Co. Fair Park, Black River Falls, WI on Hwy 54, 8 a.m., Contact Katya Koperski, WIFQHAshow@gmail.com, www.wifqha.org, or on Facebook at Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association
- June 2 Fox River Saddle Club Open Horse Show, 1 of 3, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co, W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 7 School's Out Open Speed and Fun Show, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club, W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 pm, Contact Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com
- June 7-9 Aaron Ralston Reined Cow Horse Clinic, Twin Oaks Performance Arena, W4428 Rock Creek Rd., Loyal, WI, 54446, Contact Sabine Hartmann 715-937-1917, Check on Facebook Twin Oaks Performance Arena events
- June 8 Dan Grunewald Clinic, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, 520 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935, Contact 920-979-7752
- June 8 15th Annual Jean Cyra Memorial Open Horse Show - Western Day, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co, W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 9 15th Annual Jean Cyra Memorial Open Horse Show - English Day, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co, W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 15 Ride for Ty Obstacle Challenge, N519 Fir Rd, Pulaski, WI 54162, 9 am, food and other fundraising items available, Preregistration required, Contact Terri 920-359-0667, ride4tyfundraiser@gmail.com
- June 16 Father's Day**
- June 18 2024 Summer Twilight Classic Pleasure Shows, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club, W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 pm, Contact Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com
- June 22 Dodge County Horsemen's Open Speed / Fun Show, Boots & Saddles Arena, Beaver Dam, WI, Contact Kallie Larson 920-390-0605
- June 23 Fox River Saddle Club Open Horse Show, 2 of 3, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co, W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272
- June 25 2024 Red Oak Ranch Show, N10615 DeGroot Rd, Hixton, WI 54635, 9 am, Contact Ed Johnson 715-984-2346
- June 26 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925
- June 30 Branch River Riders Open Show, Double Judged, Manitowoc County Expo Grounds, Manitowoc, WI, Contact 920-629-7205

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Sharing Trails Safely with Horses



General Guidelines

- Downhill traffic yields to uphill traffic.
- Keep right, pass left.
- Stay on designated trails.
- Avoid muddy trails.
- Respect private property.
- Never ride alone. If you must do so, tell someone where you plan to go and when you think you will be back.
- Maintain a safe distance between riders.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Carry out your trash and that of others.
- Volunteer for trail building and maintenance projects.
- Join a trail advocacy group. There is strength in numbers.
- Let the appropriate land manager know about any concerns you may have about the trail.
- Share your appreciation about good trail experiences as well.

Suggestions for Approaching a Horse Safely

- Speak to the horse in a normal tone of voice to identify yourself as a human.
- Make yourself visible.
- Keep calm and avoid sudden movements which could startle a horse.
- Allow the horse to be on the uphill side of you and the trail where it may feel safer.
- Be alert for instructions from the equestrian. Each horse is different and has its own personality. What spooks one horse may be "old hat" to another.

When Approaching a Horse

The most critical moment is when you approach the horse. When approaching from the front, stop and check with the rider. If necessary, step off the trail on the downhill side to allow the horse to pass. The equestrian will often have the best suggestion about how to pass the horse. When overtaking from behind, call out to the rider and the horse when you think they can hear you. Continue calling until you get a response.

Use caution when passing horses. Allow as much room as possible to avoid being kicked or spooking the horse. Proceed slowly and steadily while passing, continuing to talk to the rider. If an equestrian gives you the right of way, wait until the rider gives you the signal that it is safe for you to pass.

Our goal is to help us all be good trail citizens to gether. It is in our mutual best interests to work together for successful multi use trails. Be aware of the needs of other users on the trails.

Be courteous, be safe, and have fun!



Trails on public lands are among Wisconsin's greatest assets. Population growth and new technologies mean that trails historically used by hikers and equestrians now support diverse enthusiasts.

A positive trail experience requires cooperation, understanding and courtesy by all trail users. The principles outlined here are intended to help you make informed decisions on how to share the trails safely with horses.

Bicyclist

Bicyclists may not realize that bicycles are swift, silent and low to the ground in ways that resemble natural predators to a horse. Thus, they can trigger a flight response in a horse that may override even years of excellent training.

For safety reasons, bicyclists should yield to horses and foot traffic (hikers.)

When approaching horses from any direction, make verbal contact by speaking calmly. Pass only when a rider has told you it is safe.

Stop your bike and do not advance until you get a definite signal from the equestrian.

If the right of way is yielded to you, pass slowly and cautiously. Resume speed only when you have passed safely.

It is your responsibility to be in control. Do not let your brakes cause slidding, as the sudden noise and dust may frighten a horse



Off-Highway Vehicles

Off-Highway Vehicle operators must be alert to slower traffic, and need to understand that the sound and vibrations of your vehicles can scare horses. It may be best to shut off your engine if horses are spooking, and let horses pass. Having the engine off also makes it easier to communicate with other trail users.

Because they travel at higher speed, OHV's may require greater stopping distance than others on the trail. Drivers should slow down around blind corners and anticipate the presence of other trail users.

While your engine is running, be especially alert visually to compensate for your limited hearing ability.

OHV operators may find that removing your helmet helps calm horses by showing the horse that you are just a human in there.

Equestrians

Equestrians need to let others know if special care is needed to pass your horse safely. Slow to a walk when approaching other trail users, including other equestrians. Start a conversation as soon as possible.

It may be advisable for you to find a place to get off the trail, facing oncoming traffic. Horses tend to feel safer on the high side of the trail. Although horses have the right of way, a horse leaving the trail briefly may have less impact on the terrain than another type of user doing so. Take responsibility for your horse's training. Expose your horse to a variety of situations to desensitize it to potential threats before you encounter them on the trail.

Education is Everyone's Responsibility

Each user group needs to share responsibility for educating and monitoring its own members. Be aware of conditions. It is your responsibility as a trail user to know the rules of the trail and apply them with courtesy. Speak up when you see someone who does not know the rules. Regulations may vary among land management agencies. Check at the trailhead before heading out, or call the agency for clarification if you have any questions.

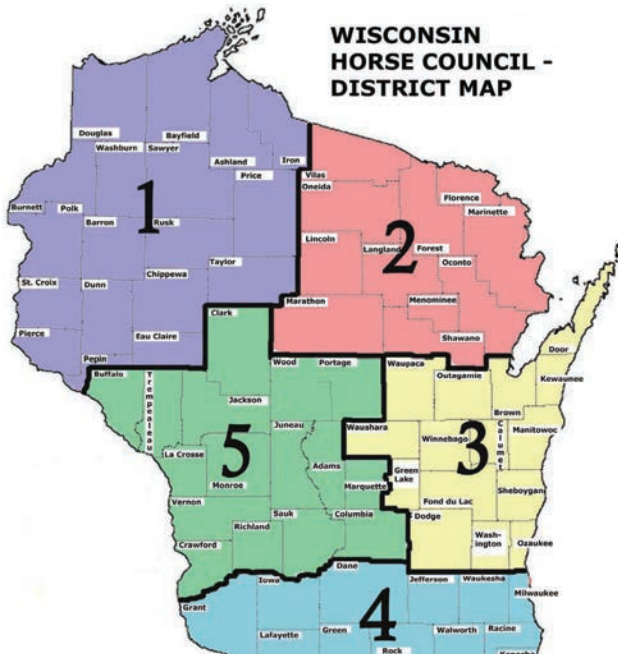
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- We conduct a 4-day school on designing and building sustainable trails for multi use.
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June 9-12	WHC Trail Design School
June 14-16	Midwest Carriage Festival
June 16	Father's Day
June 26	WHC BOD Monthly Meeting



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