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#### **In Memory of Ray Antoniewicz**

Article & Photo by Anne Murphy, WHC President

One of the founding members of the Wisconsin Horse Council and the Midwest Horse Fair passed away on January 21, 2025.

Ray earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in animal science from UW Madison, where he went on to spend more than three decades as the UW-Extension Horse Specialist: retiring in 1998.

He is known as the "Father of the 4-H Project", having organized the first State 4-H Horse Show in 1969 and established the Wisconsin 4-H Association in 1971. He greatly expanded the 4-H Horse Project's curriculum, encouraging youth to meld their personal interests with the care of horses, and organized riding expeditions to Wyoming for teens.



And of course, there was the establishment of the Wisconsin Horse Council and the Midwest Horse Fair. The Midwest Horse Fair has evolved into a 3-day event, and from the initial few hundred attendees to thousands annually.

Ray was interviewed as one of the few remaining founders of the Wisconsin Horse Council for the Council's 50th anniversary. He subsequently received an Honorary Lifetime Membership in honor of his investment and efforts to help the Wisconsin Horse Council and the Midwest Horse Fair be successful.

A horse statue on the lawn of the Village of Oregon Historical Society museum's lawn has been dubbed "Professor Raymond" in his honor.

His family shares that of the many interests that he had, he was most proud of his work training horses and developing young people.

In his free time, he made a splash in the horse show classes, showing his pinto Arabians. He was at the forefront of the color craze in horses.

Raymond Antoniewicz was an amazing person, well loved and well respected. He will live on in the hearts and minds of many, with gratitude for his passions and accomplishments.

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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 29 & 30 to fold as a handy brochure to keep or to share! This month's featured brochure is WHC's Ride Wisconsin Program -**Award Program for Trail Riders/** Drivers".

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!





#### 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

\* Trail Development

\* Equine Research

\* 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.

#### WSHCEF Officers, Board Members & Volunteer Committee Members

#### Officers

#### **Volunteer Committee Members**

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#### Plan Your Trip & Download the Schedule!

MidwestHorseFair.com is your one stop shop for planning your weekend

- ✓ Hotel Information, directions to the grounds and parking information
- ✓ Schedule, grounds maps, participant listings and locations

Get ready to make your JOURNEY and map out your plans today!







#### **NEW Maker's Clinics Teach Old World Skills!**

New Maker's Clinics bring experts to the fair to teach old world skills such as Saddlemanship, horse painting and western creative writing! Space is still available!

- 1.Join custom saddle maker **Ed Odgers** for a deep dive into western saddle fit and function for horse and rider.2. Learn to Paint a Horse with award winning painter **Larry**
- 2. Learn to Paint a Horse with award winning painter Larry Schultz, famous for painting Midwest Horse Fair program covers!
- 3. Join award winning song writers and performers **Joni & Olivia Harms** for a workshop on Creative Writing.

Learn more at midwesthorsefair.com-features -around-the-grounds - makers-clinics.

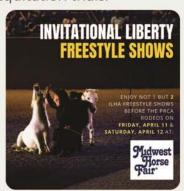


Visit Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram for the most up-to-date information.



#### **Watch the Competitions!**

Make plans to catch the excitement at Midwest Horse Fair with action packed competitions! We are proud to once again host the largest attended PRCA Rodeo in WI on Friday & Saturday evenings. Plus in 2025, each night will kick off with an International Liberty Horse Association (ILHA) Freestyle Show where 5 Top ILHA competitors will showcase their Liberty skills and compete for \$2,500 cash & ILHA Buckle! Also throughout the weekend, join us to watch top USAWE competitors display timeless versatility and precise horsemanship skills as they compete in three Working Equitation trials!







#### Join Our Team!

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

We're always looking for volunteers to help us deliver a wonderful 2025 Midwest Horse Fair.

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

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



Visit Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram for the most up-to-date information.

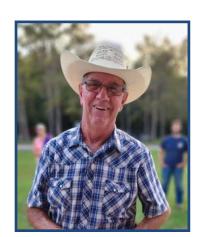
#### **WHC Annual Award Winners for 2025**

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award - Floyd Finney**

Floyd's lifetime dedication to improving the Wisconsin horse industry started as a young man in the 1950's while helping his father clear trails in the Southern Kettle Moraine State Forest. His next endeavor was serving as the Horse and Pony Leader for the Chuckwagon 4-H Club in Jefferson County. In 1990 he became the co-superintendent of the Rock County Horse and Pony program which was a position he held for 20 years.

In 1991 Floyd took on a new challenge by adopting wild mustangs through the Bureau of Land Management adoption program and training them. His mustangs have done demos at the Midwest Horse Fair.

Floyd has been an active member of the Rock County Natural Resources and Advisory Board. Thanks to his efforts Rock County now has five horse accessible trails.



Floyd has also been a key contributor to the Wisconsin Horse Council by representing District 4 on both the Board and Executive Board. In 2010 he became co-chair of the WHC Trails Committee where he worked to enhance trail programs across the state. Floyd has a Trail Masters Certification and through his leadership the WHC Trail School has trained many individuals.

Floyd Finney's contribution to the Wisconsin horse industry makes him a very deserving recipient of the 2025 WHC Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations, Floyd!

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award - Andrew Halbach**



Andy Halbach has been active with ponies and horses from two years of age. Andy showed the Arab circuit back in the seventies earning many regional and national awards while showing in many events. He later purchased a Hackney pony and went on to win many events in driving events.

Andy was an Agriculture teacher in Portage, WI, and the FFA advisor for the area. When not teaching or showing he spent time sharing his knowledge, and volunteering to help others learn. Over the years Andy has judged numerous horse events and has been a

clinician for many organizations and disciplines. He does a great amount of volunteering at the Midwest Horse Fair, 4-H activities, along with other events.

Andy is very respected in the horse world. The Wisconsin Horse Council is proud to present Andrew Halbach with the 2025 WHC Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations, Andy!

#### **WHC Annual Award Winners for 2025**

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award - Wendy Konichek**

Wendy Konichek is the current Executive Director and Founder of Horse Power Healing Center in Eagle, Wisconsin. Every year she helps hundreds of therapeutic riding clients and their families with groundwork and riding at her familyowned farm. In 2022, she was named the PATH Intl. Region 6 Instructor of the Year.

Wendy has coached some of her therapeutic students to many accomplishments at multiple breed shows and earning multiple year end breed placings. Her able-bodied students have also received many accolades including



multiple World Championships and Reserve World Championships through OHSA and breed organizations.

Additionally, Wendy has been an active member in multiple breed and equestrian organizations and a longtime member of the Wisconsin Horse Council. She also cares for rescue horses and organizes and attends many outreach events promoting therapeutic riding and horse sports at Midwest Horse Fair.

The Wisconsin Horse Council is proud to present Wendy with the 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations, Wendy!

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award - Gail Seasor**



Gail's love for horses started at a very young age and continues to this day. She purchased her first horse after moving to Wisconsin with her husband Tom. It was also Gail's passion for horses that led her to help form the Glacial Drumlin Horse Trail Association. Gail's search for a community of riders brought her to the Trail Gaiters and she soon became the group's Wisconsin Horse Council Representative. Gail's leadership has helped create a model for trail advocacy that continues to benefit equestrian trail users throughout the state.

Gail has contributed her knowledge and time to nearly every committee within the WHC. She is very dedicated to the Midwest Horse Fair in many ways including managing the WHC Trails Booth.

Gail Seasor's leadership, advocacy, and hard work have created a legacy for the equestrian community. The Wisconsin Horse Council is proud to present Gail with the Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations, Gail!

#### **WHC Annual Award Winners for 2025**

#### Horseperson of the Year - Jeff Pintz

Good leadership and hard work are requirements in order to have safe and fun riding trails in Wisconsin . Jeff Pintz is a prime example of that. Jeff has been the President of the La Riviere Riders for the past six years, and his leadership and the great group he has working with him have brought the campground back to life. Upgrades to the campground include over ninety electrical sites, water faucets at each end of the campground, and other upgrades.

Jeff's hard work and dedication has certainly made the horse park successful. Riders come from Wisconsin and surrounding states each year to ride the beautiful trails and enjoy the campground.

The Wisconsin Horse Council would like to congratulate Jeff Pintz as the Horseperson of the Year recipient. Congratulations, Jeff!



#### **Equine of the Year - Ke Ja Co Herger – "Herger" – Owned by Wendy Konichek**



Horses can have a huge impact on people's lives in many ways. That can be said for Ke Ja Co Herger, a coming 28-year-old Norwegian Fjord from Horse Power Healing Center in Eagle, Wisconsin. He is owned by Wendy Konichek.

Herger has an impact on people of all ages through his work as a therapeutic riding horse and is a volunteer favorite. He has also visited many senior homes along with parades and presentations honoring military veterans.

Herger has many impressive achievements in the show

ring as well. He has won several dressage awards. He is also a two-time OHSA World Champion in Hunt Seat Equitation. Herger was named the 2022 PATH Intl Region 6 Therapy Horse of the Year and has his own book that tells his life story from his birth on a family farm in Canada to his adventures at the 2010 World Equestrian Games.

The Wisconsin Horse Council is proud to present Herger with the Equine of the Year Award. Congratulations, Herger!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THIS YEAR'S WINNERS!

# WSHC Equine Foundation Scholarship Recipients for 2025



<u>Alison George</u>, from Mondovi, WI will be attending University of Wisconsin- River Falls as a freshman to study pre vet large animal veterinarian, equine specialist.



<u>Allison McDonald</u>, from Wausau, WI, will be attending as a freshman either University of Wisconsin River Falls to study Biomedical and Health Science/Animal Science (pre-vet) or University of Wisconsin Lacrosse to study Biomedical Sciences/Psychology (pre vet).





**Elaina Brier**, from Radisson, WI will be attending University of Wisconsin River Falls as a sophomore to study Animal Science: Equine Management



<u>Jenna Hume</u>, from Orfordville, WI will be attending Dickison State University, Dickinson, ND as a junior to study Agriculture Studies- Equine Emphasis





<u>Kaylee Jahnke</u>, from Friesland, WI will be attending lowa State University as a freshman to study Animal Science, minoring in Equine Science (pre-vet).



<u>Emily Szpylman</u>, from Bristol, WI will be attending Black Hawk College East, Galva, IL as a freshman to study Equestrian Science and Horse Science Technology.





<u>Kristina Ricki Vinger</u>, from Dodgeville, WI will be attending one possible 4 choices as a freshman to study Architecture Designing and building horse barns/arenas, barndominiums.



Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation awards scholarships to eligible member applicants each year in amounts of \$500 - \$5000. To learn more about eligibility for this program, visit the Wisconsin Horse Council website (www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/WSHCEF).

We wish all of our award winners continued luck in their Equine educational experience!

### Wisconsin Horse Council

Proudly Presents The

Midwest Horse Fair

#### WISCONSIN SPOTLIGHT

Stop by the WHC booth to meet and greet some of Wisconsin's special equine celebrities; Miss Rodeo Wisconsin - Ashley Johnson, Dan Grunewald, Amber Sawyer and others.



No one goes to the tack store because they need something.

You go to a tack store and let it tell you what you need.



#### FREE YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

Learn about exciting programs and activities.



Come to booth for details and get your 2025 map.





Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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THE MIDWEST HORSE FAIR® owned by the Wisconsin Horse Council which uses the proceeds from its Fair to support the growth and development of Wisconsin's equine industry.

Ask how you can get involved.

- · Scholarships
- Sponsorships
- Certified Judges Program
- Legislation Watchdog
- · Ride Wisconsin
- · Trail Grants
- · Trail Building School
- · WSHC Equine Foundation 501(c)3
- · Equine Of The Year
- · Horseperson Of The Year
- · Judge Of The Year
- · Lifetime Achievement Award

#### Become A WHC Member Today!)

Check out our website for discounts, insurance and other benefits of becoming a member, or stop by our booth at the MHF in the Coliseum.

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## WHC CERTIFIED JUDGES SEMINAR 2025 SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION FORM

#### SATURDAY, April 5, 2025

8:00-8:30 Registration - Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54482

8:30-10:30 Classroom: Holiday Inn Stevens Point, Clinician Lita Perrin will speak on

"Judging & Scoring Equitation & Horsemanship Classes & Scribing"

10:30-10:45 Morning Break

10:45-11:30 Classroom Session Continues

11:30-1:00 Lunch Break at Holiday Inn

1:00-3:30 Heartland Equestrian Center, 7510

Deer Road, Custer, WI 54423 Clinician, Lita Perrin will work with Live demos - **PLEASE dress for the** 

weather at this facility!

3:30-4:00 Live Judging

4:00 Written tests handed out

#### THIS IS A ONE DAY SEMINAR!

Take home written test will be available after the live judging has been completed. No tests will be mailed; only Judge/Candidate attendees who are present for the entire seminar will receive the test.

Test must be completed and returned to WHC office postmarked no later than **April 22, 2025.** We recommend that you return the test by certified mail.

#### Seminar Facilities

#### Classroom Sessions

Holiday Inn Stevens Point 1001 Amber Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54482 (715) 344-0200

#### **Live Demos & Judging**

Heartland Equestrian Center 7510 Deer Road Custer, WI 54423 (715) 323-3666

#### Accommodations - We do NOT have Rooms blocked for Attendees

**Holiday Inn Stevens Point** - (715) 344-0200 **Fairfield Inn & Suites** - (715) 342-9300 **Econo Lodge Inn & Suites** - (715) 341-5110

**Holiday Inn Express Suites** - (715) 344-0000 **La Quinta Inn & Suites** - (715) 344-1900 **Cobblestone Hotel & Suites** - (715) 343-0522

2025 SEMINAR R	EGISTRATION FORM	. <i>(R</i>	egistration Deadline: March 14, 2025)
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City	State	Zip	Telephone ( )
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* Pleas	se include names of <u>AL</u>	<u>L</u> participants i	registering for name tag purposes.
* Make che	ecks pavable to WHC an	nd mail to WHC	, P.O. Box 72, Columbus, WI 53925.
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* Walk-ins w	• •	r, limited availa	ability of seminar materials may exist.

#### WSHC Equine Foundation - Winter Fun Day 2025

Wanted! Snowmaking machine for Feb 2026! Two years in a row we got burned by no snow for Winter Fun Day. Even with no snow, the day at Springbrook Events was a good day filled with many of our usual activities including the dog sled demos, the outside activities with horse hoops and stick horse races, and the super big warming fire sponsored again by Crystal Creek Riders Saddle Club. The smores lasted all day! The bob sled was a wagon being pulled by a big team of draft horses to give people rides thru the scenic grounds, and one hardy horse and cart kept the peoples interest. All the snow in the northern part of the state kept many participants from traveling to the event.





Nerrissa the Carving Artist was busy from early morning making her beautiful wood carving with chainsaws.

Inside on the first floor of the warm event barn was numerous vendors to appease your shopping appetite, but the Sleigh Bell Café was ready to fill your plates with tasty chili, potato soup, brats, hot dogs, and famous grilled cheese, as well as cookies and more treats. The bucket auction had almost 50 items that you could purchase tickets to try and win your choice of prizes. The success of this auction is all due to the many donations from our loyal vendors and local businesses that are generous enough to help the

#### WSHCEF.

Upstairs was the biggest model horse show in the Midwest. Attendance was very good, we had 47 exhibitors coming from Wisconsin, Illinois, Upper Michigan, Minnesota, and Iowa. Many rare models were shown. Several classes had over 50 models in them. Our Champion Awards were extra special this year. It was the 13th year for the show and several people had been to all or all but one of the shows. Many say it is their favorite show of

the year.



Thanks to all who came and enjoyed Winter Fun Day! This was our 15th anniversary year, so we had very nice mugs made, which are still available for only \$10 to add to your memories.

We want to thank all of our supporters, and call out our top donors to WSHCEF Winter Fun Day 2025 - Invenergy, Compeer Financial, Klodowski Real Estate, Trophy Asphalt and Paving, Tractor Supply of Waupun, and Leroy Meats.

This event is put on 100% by volunteers. We all put many hours in ahead of the event, the day of the event, and follow-up. But without two special people that put in hundreds of hours organizing everything

Winter Fun Day would not be possible. Thank you Sharon Hookstead and Karen Meekma for your years of continuous volunteering!

If you would like to help out or be part of WSHC Equine Foundation or Winter Fun Day, please reach out to any of our board members or volunteers.



# Dodge County Horsemen's Association Annual Buckle Chase Awards Banquet

By Jennifer Juliuson, DCHA - WHC Director



Dodge County Horsemen's Association held its Annual Year End and Buckle Chase Awards Banquet on 1/18/2025. It was at the Copper Bell Venue in Burnette. We had a lot of clapping, high fives, hugs, and even some tears of happiness. The DCHA Buckle Chase was started five years ago with the goal of increasing attendance and class sizes at the local horse shows. This has been very successful and it shows by the increase in number of Buckle Chase participants and points. The Buckle Chasers accumulated 12,374 total points for 2024! It has been said that DCHA awards the best buckles around and this has been made possible with the help of the Wisconsin Horse Council's support and we appreciate you!!

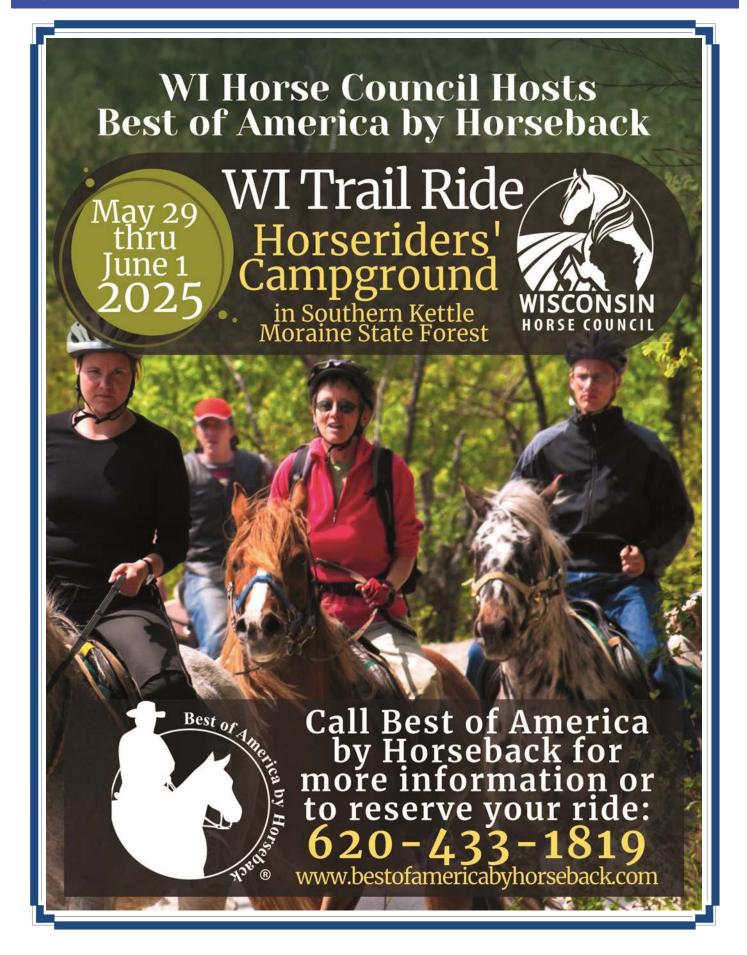
We would like to congratulate all the Buckle Chase winners and DCHA member award winners! It takes a lot of hard work, determination, wet saddle blankets, sweat, and a team if you are lucky to have one! Even if you did not win a buckle, we still applaud you because you showed up, did the work, learned and hopefully had fun.

Our Buckle Chase program has both speed and pleasure divisions and includes all ages. This year we have a new division for In Hand, so even if you don't ride, you can



chase for a buckle! If you would like to join in the fun please check out Dodge County Horsemen's Association Facebook page for more information. We are excited for the Buckle Chase this year, and hopefully we will see you and your beautiful horse at the shows in 2025!







### Wisconsin Horse Council Trails Committee

Proudly working with the horse community to provide Trail Grants, Trail Building Master Certification, updates to trailmeister.com, and more!

# DODGE COUNTY HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION HOME OF THE BUCKLE CHASE

2025 EVENTS

APRIL 26 - CLINIC - "KICK OFF THE DUST" SPEED AND GAMING

APRIL 27 - CLINIC - "DUST IT OFF" - SHOWMANSHIP/

HORSEMANSHIP

JUNE 21ST - DCHA SPEED SHOW

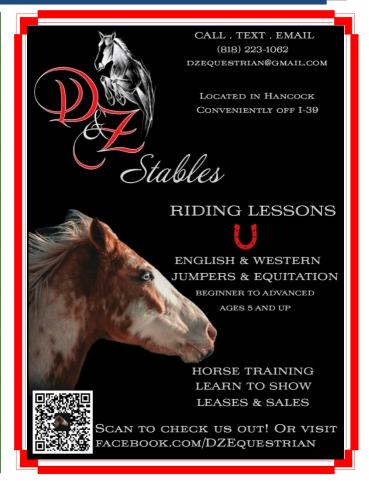
JULY 27TH - DCHA PLEASURE SHOW

SEPT. 20TH - DCHA SPEED SHOW

JAN. 17, 2026 - DCHA ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK TO FOLLOW FOR MORE EVENTS, FORMS AND UPDATES.





#### **Florence County Horse Trails & Camps**

#### Halls Creek & Bush Lake Flats Trailheads

Florence County Parks and Recreation along with The Northern Saddle Club Inc., maintain more than 30 miles of signed trails with two horse friendly camping trailheads. Trails are open May 1st to November 1st, and are free to use. Donations can be left at the campground and will be used for maintenance and future improvements.

Go for a quick loop or go for the entire day! These trails meander through meadows, creeks, open fields, ridges, old growth forests, and wetlands. There are many trails to explore, and some can be challenging with its steep ascents down to a creek crossing and back up the other side so use caution. These trails are spectacular and offer something for everyone, don't forget to ride them in the opposite direction as they are unique no matter which way you travel

Both horse camps offer picnic tables, fire rings, potable water, a privy or porta potty, mounting blocks, highlines and areas for portable fencing with accommodation for the biggest rigs or the day rider. No reservations are required as these trailheads have first come- first served. Trails are open May 1st to November 1st.

No electricity is available, and cellphone service may be limited. The drilled wells can be pumped by hand or plugged in to your portable generator capable of supplying 110V.

Bush Lake Flats Horse Camp and Trailhead, 1159 Fire Tower Rd Florence, WI 54121 is less than a mile off of County C and is located near East Bass Lake and West Bass Lake which are great for swimming and fishing. West Bass Lake Campground has showers and firewood.

Halls Creek Horse Camp and Trailhead, 2450 Halls Creek Dam Rd, Florence, WI, 54121 is located off County C in the town of Homestead. Halls Creek Road is a sand and gravel road (1.7 miles). Go slow and use caution on the road as you may encounter ATV's, rigs, cars or horses and the road can be narrow at points.

The Halls trailhead is also home to Halls Creek boat landing, giving you access to a truly spectacular wildlife area by kayak or small boat. Take a hike on the new trail before the boat landing, that goes to Sunset Rock, for a spectacular sunset view of Halls Flowage. Riders are often spotted cooling off below a small dam in a flooded pool at the creek.

Florence County Forests are managed for timber and recreation so be aware that logging may be occurring, so at times a trail maybe closed or re-routed. Please use caution when equipment is present as you will see or hear it long before they see you.

Blueberries, raspberries, and blackberries are abundant through the trails, so stop and enjoy a snack. Keep alert as bear and other wildlife are often seen on these trails. The trails are also shared with hikers and hunters, so please wear orange during hunting season. Some of the trails will crossroads and ATV trails but are not dual use trails.

These trails are located on Florence County Property, and you can explore the County's Forest off-trail also, but please do NOT horseback ride on the hiking trail into LaSalle Falls.

Trail maps are available at the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center in Florence, club website: northernsaddleclub.org and Trailmeister. You can use QR code to download map. For an interactive experience use Avenza Maps.

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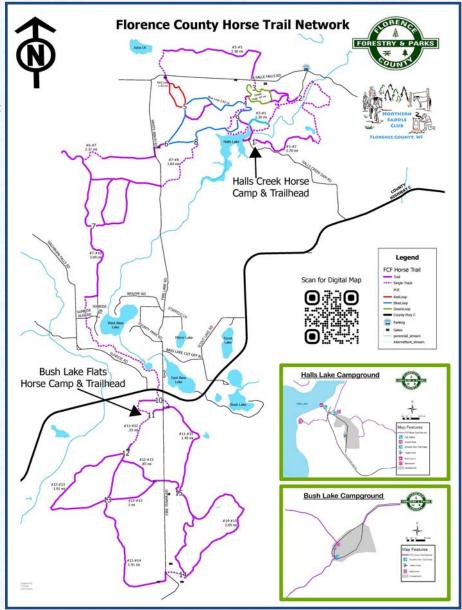
Avenza Maps is an app for iOS and Android mobile devices. It allows a person to use maps on a mobile device and locate your position using the GPS in the device. It does not require Internet or cell network connections. Avenza Maps allows a user to record GPS tracks, add placemarks, photos, and more.

- Phone Cell service is limited, so download map or print off ahead of time.
- Don't rely on Google Maps, unfortunately, it doesn't always show correct location

#### About the Northern Saddle Club

The "Vision of the Northern Saddle Club is to work with landowners and land management organizations to preserve and ensure safe riding areas for our present and future equestrian enthusiasts".

The Northern Saddle Club, established in 1999, is a familyoriented, non-profit trail riding group who dedicate many hours



yearly to maintaining these facilities and trails for all to enjoy for free. The Club has group rides, parties, meetings, work bees and fundraising events throughout the year.



The club has received grants and donations from the Wisconsin State Horse Council, Lumberjack RC&D Council, Florence Chamber of Commerce, the former Great Lakes Arabian Horse Association and many other businesses and private people.

If you are out visiting our trailheads, please consider leaving a donation in the donation boxes, as they are used for improvements and maintenance. You can also mail a donation to Northern Saddle Club, Inc., PO Box 312, Florence, WI 54121. To join or contact the Northern Saddle Club please visit our website: northernsaddlclub.org, email us at northernsaddleclub@yahoo.com, or call Heidi at 906-396-7457.

#### Wade House Carriage Driving Clinic Featuring Expert Clinician Joe Yoder - Individual Lessons, Auditing and Lunch & Learns

Learn the art of carriage driving during a hands-on session at the reins.

Dates: Wednesday, July 9 and Thursday, July 10, 2025 **Lesson Times on each day:** 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., and 6 p.m.

- Cost per individual lesson \$100 per lesson
- Your lesson ticket purchase includes lunch and learn on the day of your lesson.
- Cost to audit lessons \$35 per person per day
- Cost to attend Lunch & Learn sessions 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. \$20 per person per day
- Featuring Joe Yoder providing a focused talk and Q&A on a carriage driving-related subject.



- Rein Handling Lunch topic for Wednesday, July 9
- Training Exercises and Q&A on a carriage driving-related subject -Lunch Topic for Thursday, July 10

For more information and to book your lesson, visit Wadehouse.org. Email <u>bridgitt.zielke@wisconsinhistory.org</u> with questions.

#### Wade House Carriage Driving Days -**ADS Pleasure Show and CT**

July 11-13, 2025 Wade House Historic Site- W7965 Hwy. 23 - Greenbush, WI

Entries for Carriage Driving Days must be postmarked by July 1, 2025

- Friday, July 11 Combined Test

#### Saturday & Sunday, July 12 & July 13 - Pleasure Show

#### **EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Early Bird Opportunity Lessons & Lunch & Learns with Clinician Joe Yoder on Wednesday, July 9 and Thursday, July 10
- Compete in Wade House's New Arena & on our New Cones Course
- Pleasure Drive Pace Courses on Beautiful Historic Site Setting
- Complimentary Access to Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum

Event Volunteer Opportunities Available - to volunteer email bridgitt.zielke@wisconsinhistory.org or call 920-254-7137. For more information, visit Wadecarriagedays.com.



Photo Credit: Bob Mischka

#### **Time for a Break**



For a decade, the Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrians (and many volunteers) have worked diligently to "put the FUN in FUNdraising. It was our mission to host quality, well-organized events that would bring folks together to experience our beautiful park, enjoy a special camaraderie with friends old and new, and raise funds for special equestrian projects.

Fundraisers started back in 2015 and 2016 with our "Get the Ball Rolling" and "Keep the Ball Rolling" ride/ hike events which raised money for park equestrian

amenities like mounting blocks and hitching rails, and a welcomed rest stop at the south end of the park. We then hosted several poker rides, "Ante Up," "Deal Me In," and "Winning Bet." These events included auctions and the support of MANY generous donors and sponsors and helped fund Phase 1 of the long-awaited



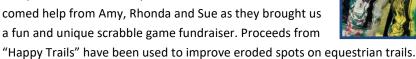
campground project, the revamp of the day-ride parking area to include a more organized parking plan, vault toilets, hitching rails, and picnic area.



While Covid put a halt on so many activities in 2020, we didn't let it stop us. Our "Ride On" event was a welcomed opportunity for participants to get out to enjoy a fun scavenger hunt individually and in small groups. Our online auction was a huge success.

Our more recent events expanded the themes for scavenger hunts with a "Focus on the Future" to help fund

the construction of new campground. The costumes we saw with "Trails to Treasure" and "Find the Magic" added even more fun to the fundraisers as proceeds helped equip the new campground with horse pens and a beautiful picnic shelter. In 2024 we wel-





Now it's time for us to take a break from fundraising. We are truly grateful for the support of so many and feel honored to have earned your trust to get things done. Equestrians now and in the future will benefit from our combined efforts. We do not believe in fundraising just for the sake of fundraising, so until the time comes when

another worthy project comes to the forefront, we will just be enjoying everything we've worked for during the last 10 years. To be clear, though, we still need donations as we build the endowment fund to ensure that the new campground will always remain operational, and we welcome efforts to organize informal fun rides at Governor Dodge. Thank you to all – we look forward to seeing you on the trails!









## WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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### Wisconsin Horse Council

ATTENTION :
FREE....Upcoming Events section on Website.

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

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

I would li	ike this event posted on the Wis	consin Horse Council website.
Date:		
Location:		
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	www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org	920-623-0393
	121 S. Ludington St. Colum	mbus, WI 53925



#### **WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events**



#### **March 2025**

March 1 Winter Wonderland Show Series, Mandt Equestrian Center, 4452 Cty. Rd. B, Oregon, WI,

Judge - Tia Koehler, 9 a.m., Contact carlsonsquarters@hotmail.com or 715-966-2340

for more information

March 5 Ash Wednesday

March 7 Wine, Women & Horses 2025 Workshop Series, #2 Horse Handling - Building skill and

confidence in handling horses, Plum Lake Event & Equestrian Center, 8177 Plum Lake Station Rd, Sayner, WI, appetizers & Beverages available, All inclusive fee is \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance. Register at www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com, on our

Facebook page or call 414-312-1630

March 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 10 Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association Monthly Meeting, Rusty Spur Saloon,

New Fane, WI, 7 p.m.

March 16 WHC District 2 Meeting, Black Hawk Hill Horse Park, N1760 Hwy 45 S, Antigo, WI, 2 p.m.

March 17 WHC District 3 Meeting

March 17 St. Patrick's Day March 20 Spring Begins

March 26 Ag Day at the Capitol, Monona Terrace, Madison, WI

March 26 WHC BOD ANNUAL Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925

#### **April 2025**

April 4 Wine, Women & Horses 2025 Workshop Series, #3 A Duo Workshop Combining

Mounting & Tack Cleaning, Plum Lake Event & Equestrian Center, 8177 Plum Lake Station Rd, Sayner, WI, appetizers & Beverages available, All inclusive fee is \$25 at the door or \$20 in advance. Register at www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com, on our

Facebook page or call 414-312-1630

April 5 WHC Certified Judge Seminar

April 5 Winter Wonderland Show Series, Mandt Equestrian Center, 4452 Cty. Rd. B, Oregon, WI,

Judge - Dawn Scully, 9 a.m., Contact carlsonsquarters@hotmail.com or 715-966-2340

for more information

April 11-13 Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

April 14 Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association Monthly Meeting, Rusty Spur Saloon,

New Fane, WI, 7 p.m.

April 15-17 International Trails Summit, Monona Terrace, Madison, WI

April 20

**Easter Sunday** 

April 26 & 27 DCHA Clinic Weekend, Sackett Ranch, Burnett, WI, Saturday timed events, Sunday

judged events, 9 a.m., Check DCHA Facebook page for details, Contact Diane Sackett

920-689-2625

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



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Call first for hours - usually M-Sat Find them on Facebook

Geitner Homestead Equine Campground

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5883 Oak Road Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235 920-493-7669

geitnerhomestead.com & Facebook 8am-8pm

**Horse Emporium** 

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1924 #2 MacArthur Road Waukesha, WI 53188 262-549-5422

M-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 12pm-4pm horseemporium.com & Facebook

**RNR Ranch and Tack** 

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**Round Two LLC** 

Thiensville, WI 53092

262-242-5200

229 N. Main Street

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St. Croix Falls, WI 54024 715-483-9292 or Cell 715-557-1696

Call first for hours or by appointment rnrranchandtack.com & Facebook

Sweeny's Outfitters

5912 Nagel Road Valders, WI 54245

920-946-5088

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West 20 Saddle Co.

W4812 Hwy. 20

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East Troy, WI 53120 262-642-4272

shop.west20.com & Facebook Open 7 days a week / 10am-6pm

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608-206-7169, Call Gina for appointment Helenville, WI 53137

920-376-4126

TC Saddles & Tack

N5120 Coffee Road

tcsaddleup.com & Facebook Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Weekends by appointment

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Willow Creek Tack Shop

W4844 Happersett Lane Redgranite, WI 54970

Find them on Facebook
Call for hours & check Facebook for open days

Merrill, WI 54452 715-675-4991

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W849 Butter Cup Court Berlin, WI 54923 920-361-9819

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Horsey Habit Saddlery & Tack, Inc.

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Manitowoc, WI 54220 4000 Redwood Drive 920-686-3890

horseyhabit.com & Facebook M-F 10am-6pm, Sat 9am-2pm, Sun 10am-2pm

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W11350 Van Buren Road

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The Corral Trailer Sales

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Helenville, WI 53137

N5120 Coffee Road

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Burnett, WI 53922 920-210-3848

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Columbus, WI 53925 920-623-4222 or Cell 920-296-2707

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roundtwotack.com M-W,F 10am-6pm, Thurs 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm

thecorralinc.com & Facebook M-F 8am-5pm, & Sat by appointment

wyomingsaddlecompany.com & Facebook Tues-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

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789 County Road NN Viroqua, WI 54665 608-606-1375

fradettesaddlery.com & Facebook Saturdays 8am-12pm, OK by appointment

for 2025.

Participants must be WHC Level I member

INFORMATION **PARTICIPANT** 

Horse & Ranch Supply

N9320 Fir Road

Phone

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WHC District #

**Lucky M Leather Shop** 

Lyndon Station, WI 53944 430 County Road HH 608-495-5036

luckymleathershop.com & Facebook Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm

at Midwest Horse Fair April 11, 12 and 13, 2025.

After that maps can be picked up at the WHC office in

Participants may pick up a free map at the WHC booth

and/or phone plus posted on WHC Facebook page and the WHC office no later than February 28, 2026. before that date. Completed maps must be received by

Winners will be announced March 6, 2026 via email

Contest begins April 15, 2025. No stamps will be given

www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

Columbus and some of the retail locations, if some

maps are still available. One map per participant.

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. 10 locations for 2nd Place Prize. Those names will stay Must go to 18-16 locations for 1st Place Prize drawing Limited number of maps available

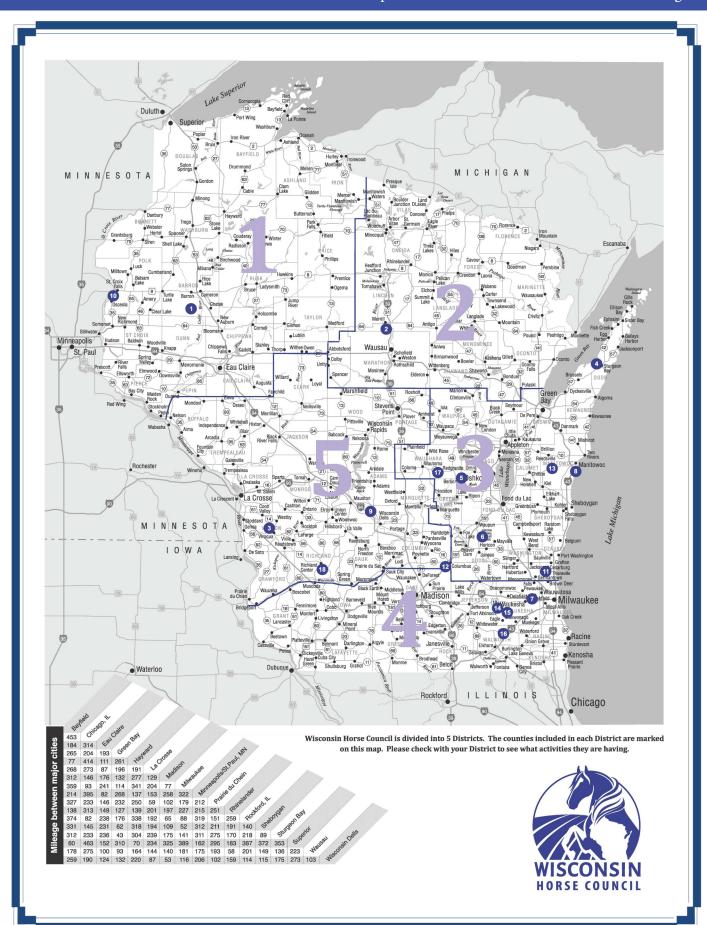
1st Place Prize \$600 Gift Certificate
2nd Place Prize \$400 Gift Certificate
3rd - 7th Place Prizes \$200 Gift Certificate
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8th - 20th Place Prizes \$100 Gift Certificate

reimbursed. Gift Certificates must be used by June 1, 2026 and sent to WHC office by June 15, 2026, for retailer reimbursement. Gift Certificates are not this map. That business will send it to WHC to be that can be spent at any of the businesses 1 thru 18 on Gift Certificates will be Wisconsin Horse Council Bucks redeemable for cash.

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## WIHA State Finals 2025: Celebrating Excellence and Teamwork

This past fall the Wisconsin Interscholastic Horsemanship Association (WIHA) concluded its 15th annual state finals competition at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison. This prestigious event brought together qualifying teams from schools across the state, competing in 19 events over 3 days for top honors.

Thirty-eight teams across four divisions showcased their skills and teamwork in a bid for the state title. "Competing as a team at the state level offers a valuable learning experience for these students," said Cara Schueller, WIHA Board President and coach of the Chippewa Falls team. "Equestrian sports are often individual endeavors, but the team structure provides a perfect opportunity for riders to work together towards a shared goal."

The 3-day event began on Friday, October 25, 2024, with riders competing in Trail, In-Hand Trail, and Ranch Riding. Saturday's events included Showmanship, Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat, and Western disciplines, culminating in the Western Reining class. Sunday featured Obstacle Driving and the team Mascot footrace, leading into the thrilling speed events including Barrels, Pole Bending, Flag Race, and Key Race. The competition concluded with the Two-Person Relay, where horse and rider pairs handed off a baton in a limited space.

#### **Division Winners**

Div	ision A	Div	ision B	Div	ision C	Div	ision D
1.	Chippewa Falls	1.	EC Memorial/Fall Creek	1.	Granton	1.	Lakeside
2.	Oregon	2.	Thorp	2.	Denmark	2.	Madison West
3.	Menomonie	3.	Winneconne	3.	Omro	3.	Wild Rose

#### State Qualifying Teams

Division A: Oregon, Chippewa Falls, Menomonie, Seymour, Coleman

**Division B:** Kettle Moraine, Slinger, Jefferson, Reedsburg, Winneconne, EC Memorial/Fall Creek, Mondovi, Thorp, Weyauwega/Fremont

**Division C:** East Troy, Wilmot, Fort Atkinson, Deforest, Richland Center, Neenah, Omro, Ripon, Bloomer, Spring Valley

**Division D:** Hartford, New Berlin, Granton, Denmark, DC Everest, Madison West, Lakeside, Ithaca, TKR, Wild Rose, Cornell, Xavier, Suring

#### A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Volunteers

This event would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. We extend our deepest gratitude to the coaches, parents, and community members who contributed their time and effort to ensure the success of the competition. Your support and commitment to the students and the sport are truly invaluable.

Thank you for making the WIHA State Finals 2025 a memorable and successful event!





## WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\*All Memberships run from January 1st through December 31st\*

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#### 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



# RIDE WISCONSIN

# AWARD PROGRAM APPLICATION

Please complete and forward this application and all applicable fees to: Wisconsin Horse Council, **RIDE WISCONSIN** Award Program, P.O. Box 72, Columbus, WI 53925.

Please check one:

Current WHC Individual/Family or Youth member OR

Youth member (Please check the WHC website for other benefits of membership.) New WHC Individual/Family or

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New RIDE WISCONSIN program member

City, State, Zip: Address: Phone: Name:

**Email Address:** 

**Enrolling Additional Family Members:** 

Name: Name:

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

Annual Program Fee:

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Annual WHC Individual Membership fee:

Annual WHC Family Membership fee:

Total Payment Enclosed: \$

Please make checks payable to: WHC

sheet for reporting hours and additional applications. Visit our website to download and print log

Questions or Comments? Please contact:

Jill Feller - Program Coordinator jfeller5732@outlook.com 920-948-9502

Wisconsin Horse Council Inc. 121 S. Ludington Street Columbus WI 53925 Phone: 920-623-0393 P.O. Box 72

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# WISCONSIN!



# Trail Riders/Drivers Award Program for

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The Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) Trails Committee sponsors a trail riding / driving program to reward equestrians for enjoying trail riding throughout the year. The intention of the program is to ride and enjoy the many trails in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

# Program Guidelines

 Ride Wisconsin is open to anyone, including non-Wisconsin residents, who are members of Wisconsin Horse Council. If not currently a member, sign up when applying for the Ride Wisconsin program. Application forms and log sheets are available at www.wisconsinshorsecouncil.org, can be emailed in a Word, Excel or PDF format, or mailed to participants.

- 2) Participation in the program is easy and based on hours spent trail riding or driving. The program provides equal opportunity for all participants regardless of riding/driving speed.
- 3) Logging of hours begins the date the application and paid fees have been received at the Wisconsin Horse Council office and current membership is confirmed. Hours cannot be logged retrospectively.
- 4) Hours ridden/driven must be logged on a Wisconsin Horse Council official program form. Log sheets are available at www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org, can be emailed in a Word, Excel or PDF format, or mailed to participants. Additional copies maybe printed by participants as needed.
- 5) Hours logged are for the rider, not the horse or mule. Multiple horses or mules can be ridden/driven, and participants do not need to own the animal.
- 6) The purpose of the Ride Wisconsin program is to encourage and reward riders for experiencing trail riding. Hours may be accumulated any time participants trail ride or

drive anywhere in Wisconsin or out-of-state. Activity needs to be classified as "trail-type" riding/driving.

\*Clarification: Hours may include riding/driving on public trails. Hours may not include riding in an arena or round pen either indoors or outdoors, schooling or training for any type of show, or participation in trail challenge competitions. Hours may include riding/driving on public roads or in fields. Competitive distance and endurance riders are eligible, and may include hours logged while competing as long as you are on trails. If in doubt contact the Program Manager.

7) Ride Wisconsin is based on the honor system. No proof of hours is required. Any person knowingly falsifying information will automatically be disqualified. No refund of program fees will be issued and future enrollment requests will be denied.

8) Completed log sheets should be submitted to the Wisconsin Horse Council office by January 31 of the following year. Any log sheets received after January 31 of the following year will not qualify.

9) Hours are cumulative from year to year. Awards or recognition will be given at the following milestones: 75, 125, 250, 500, 750, 1,000, and every 500 hours thereafter (1,500, 2,000, 2,500, etc.) BONUS HOURS! Hours you spend working on trails may be counted on your log sheet! For every hour you volunteer to work on public equine trails, you earn 1.5 hours in the Ride Wisconsin program!

Contact an officer from the organization that maintains the trail system for a signature on your trail work sheet. There is no limit to the number of hours you may work on trails.

There is no limit to the number of hours you may work on trails.

\*Suggestions for trail work will be posted on the website

### Awards

1) Hour milestone awards will be awarded during Midwest Horse Fair the following April. Any award not picked up at the Midwest Horse Fair can be picked up at the WHC Office in Columbus. Costs to mail awards will be paid by the recipient.

 Names of milestone achievers may be used in various WHC promotional materials. Pictures may also be featured when available.

#### Cost

1) Ride Wisconsin fees are \$15 per year, per participant.

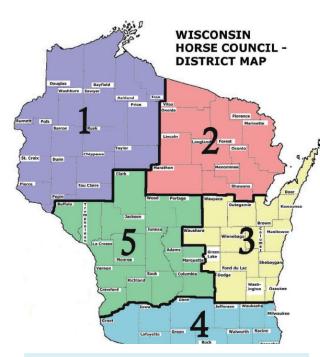
2) Ride Wisconsin fees are intended to cover the cost of the program only. This is not a fundraiser for the WHC.

# Join today and begin accumulating hours to earn recognition.

Questions or comments: Jill Feller - Program Manager 920-948-9502 or jfeller5732@outlook.com

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

#### WHC District 3:

Contact - Katie Bachhuber 920-539-0601 rideendurance2@yahoo.com

#### WHC District 4:

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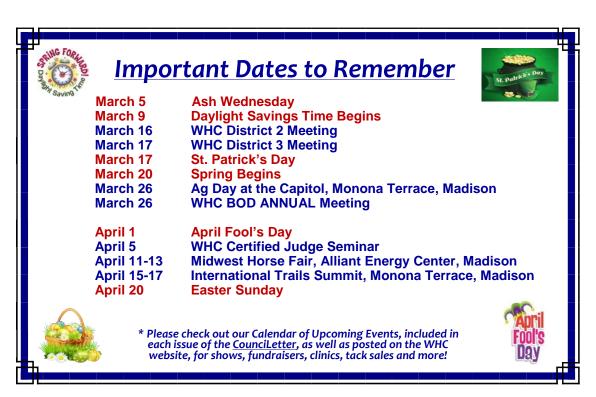
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