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Wisconsin High School Rodeo Association

By Lori Jason Loch

A huge thank you to the Wisconsin Horse Council for your generous sponsorship and continued support of youth rodeo in Wisconsin!

The Wisconsin Junior High Rodeo Association had an outstanding State Finals with 43 contestants completing more than 250 runs. We are excited to send 27 junior high contestants to the National Junior High Finals Rodeo!

The Wisconsin High School Rodeo Association also had an incredible State Finals, with 70 contestants completing 435 runs. We are proud to have 70 high school contestants qualifying for the National High School Finals Rodeo!

Your support helps provide opportunities for countless rodeo contestants and equine enthusiasts across our state. Between our junior high and high school rodeos, we estimate that more than 150 horses participated at our rodeos!

Please join us in following the Wisconsin Horse Council and supporting the important work they do to promote and strengthen Wisconsin's equine community.

Thank you for investing in the future of rodeo and horsemanship!



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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 "Stick to the Rules".

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

Help us continue to Put More HORSEpower in Congress...

Support the AHC today!

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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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Trail School 2026 - More Work, More Fun Than a Walk in the Park

By Lauren Cnare



It was a perfect week to hit the trails - even if it meant carrying in shovels, marking flags, Pulaskis and McCleods instead of a saddle bag picnic lunch or a backpack.

That's what 10 students at Wisconsin Horse Council's 2026 Trail Master Certification Course did May 13-16 at Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit to learn and practice trail design, maintenance and construction. Students leave with a certification in trail design, construction and maintenance, and crew leadership.

Trail School brings together park professionals, trail riders, bikers and hikers to learn how to properly plan a new trail or re-route; repair an existing trail segment suffering from wear and tear, and construct new simple and complex

trails. After learning all about water movement, soil types, contours and human nature, students always comment: "I'll never look at a trail the same way again...."

Because so many trails are managed by volunteers groups (horseback rider trail associations, city, county and state park friends groups, Ice Age Trail groups, and off-road bicycle clubs), students also learn critical and practical "crew leader" or volunteer management skills through hands-on practice and creative role play.

According to Mike Riter, owner of Trail Design Specialists and course instructor, "All trail systems benefit from community partnership and engagement. Trail maintenance volunteer days connect people to each other and their favorite trails and activities. When volunteer days are thoughtfully planned and safely run, people leave with more skills and more enthusiasm to be part of caring for trails - and that's critical as outdoor recreation continues to grow and professional staff are called on to do more in their own roles."

In a mix of indoor lecture and outdoor action, students worked on a 50-foot section of a horse trail, installing a rolling grade dip to guide water off the trail and prevent erosion. They also re-routed a 100-yards segment of the Ice Age Trail moving the path of fragile areas of a hillside.

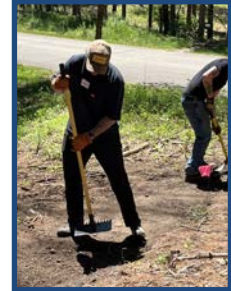
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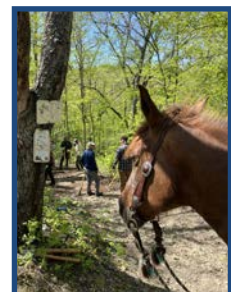
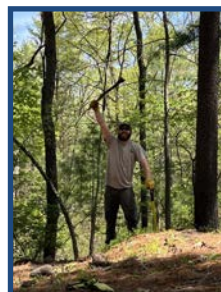
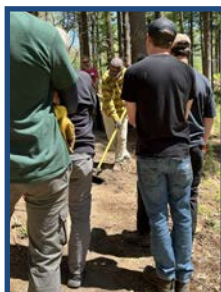
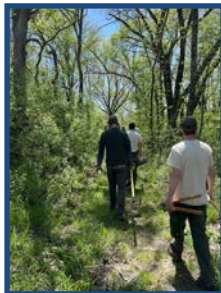
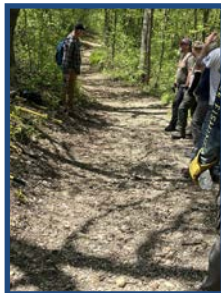
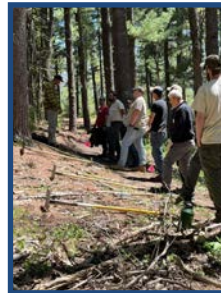
Trail School 2026 - More Work, More Fun Than a Walk in the Park

Many thanks to the South Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association for welcoming and feeding the weary crew with a catered pasta dinner, and spending time with the students to share their own trail support strategies and gratitude for the work.

Trail Master Certification Course is offered annually in early- to mid-summer by the Wisconsin Horse Council. The location rotates around the state, focusing on an area that includes horse trails. Look for details on the next class at the WHC website <https://wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/trails> in late 2026 or early 2027.



This course is sponsored and supported by a grant from the Wisconsin DNR and the Wisconsin Horse Council.





Save the Date

April 16, 17 & 18 - 2027

ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER | MADISON, WI

Enjoy the Ride: Bring Your Breed or Discipline to Midwest Horse Fair 2027

Make your plans to join the 46th Midwest Horse Fair with your breed or discipline group and provide the opportunity to educate and entertain thousands of horse enthusiasts visiting from all over the country.

Fan favorite Liberty Run presentations showcase the power and pride of the horse. The presentation seeks confident and seasoned horses to appear in a brief yet exciting performance in Blain's Farm & Fleet Coliseum!



Applications for Breed & Discipline demonstrations & Liberty Run presentations open July 1, 2026 under "Horse Participants" at www.midwesthorsefair.com.



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Midwest Horse Fair has been nominated in the Best Event category for the 2026 Best of Western Horseman Awards!

The Best of Western Horseman Awards celebrate the people, brands, events, and organizations that help preserve and promote the Western lifestyle. We're honored to be recognized alongside so many outstanding members of the equine and Western communities.

First Round Voting ENDS July 1, 2026!

Help us take the top spot & vote today at: whmag.co/Vote



Save the Date

April 16, 17 & 18 - 2027

ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER | MADISON, WI

Connect with Thousands of Equestrians & Exhibit at Midwest Horse Fair 2027



If you sell an equine related product or service, there is no better place to be than the 2027 Midwest Horse Fair.

Market your business, expand your clientele, and generate sales from tens of thousands of horse lovers.

We also have a wide variety of sponsorship opportunities available and will develop customized packages based on your marketing needs.

Learn more about Exhibitor and Sponsorship opportunities at www.midwesthorsefair.com under "Exhibitors" and "Partnerships"

Midwest Horse Fair *Outside the Arena* Podcast!

Listen to the Midwest Horse Fair "Outside the Arena" podcast to hear wonderful real life stories and expert advice from the equine clinicians and entertainers from around the country who have been a part of the largest 3-day horse fair in the USA.

Watch for new episodes every month on your favorite podcast player!



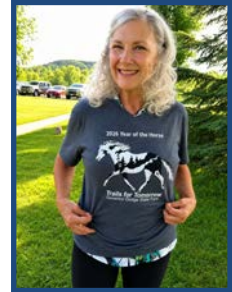
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Fundraiser Ride/Hike Supports Future Trail Improvements

By Sandy Rogers

More than 90 participants enjoyed beautiful weather and camaraderie at the 11th annual Friends of Governor Dodge Equestrian Fundraiser Ride and Hike on June 7 at Governor Dodge State Park. Activities included a treasure hunt trail ride and hike, taco bar lunch, jar raffle, Galloping Garden Wand assembly, and plenty of opportunities to reconnect with friends. Participants also received a custom "Trails for Tomorrow" T-shirt commemorating this year's event.



The ride/hike, combined with an online auction held the previous week, resulted in a highly successful fundraiser. Thanks to the generous support of numerous sponsors—including the Wisconsin Horse Council—as well as local businesses and individual donors, the event exceeded its fundraising goal. Additional contributions from equestrians who support expanded trail opportunities at Governor Dodge further boosted the total.



A key focus of the campaign is the proposed connector trail linking the 15-mile Driftless Trail to the park's inner trail network. The trail would provide new riding opportunities while improving safety and access for equestrians. The project recently moved a step closer to reality after being included in the draft Master Plan for the Western Coulees and Ridges region, which includes Governor Dodge State Park. Event attendees had the opportunity to learn more about the planning process and how to provide feedback supporting the connector trail.

Although the connector trail is relatively short, the project carries an estimated cost of nearly \$75,000 and requires extensive planning and permitting. The Friends continue to work with the DNR to secure the necessary approvals, including permits for a water crossing, while actively pursuing grant opportunities and welcoming donations designated for the project.

The proposed connector trail may be small in length, but its impact on the equestrian experience at Governor Dodge will be substantial.

Amy Miess-Alexander, of Ranchers Spirit Photography, was there to capture the smiles, memories, and fun of the day.



Wyoming Saddle Co. & Rocking M Ranch Arena

By Anne Murphy, WHC President

Wyoming Saddle Co. and Rocking M Ranch Arena are nestled among the steep hills and deep valleys of Richland County.

This is a family owned and operated family business. Mike and Terri McCormick provide whatever you might need from new saddles to saddle fitting and restoration. The store may not be large, but it is filled with merchandise and the smell of leather. A fragrance favorite among many horse people!

Adjacent to the retail building is the Rocking M Ranch Arena. This event venue hosts NBRA and IBRA events all season. WHC District 5 has become a sponsor for the Rocking M Ranch Arena events this year. The place to go for barrel racing competitions and viewing! Good luck to all the competitors!



Photo left to right: Billy McCormick, Terri McCormick, Mike McCormick

The Ideal State of Funding for the Wisconsin Outdoors

Report by Anne Murphy, WHC President



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages over 1,700 miles of land-based state trails and partners with county entities for co-operative trails. Trail planning, funding, and maintenance are advised by statewide councils and supported through grants and coalitions.

The Wisconsin DNR has organized a new group to help foster good relationships between trail user groups and the DNR. This group includes people

who are part of hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, equestrian, ATV and snowmobiling, cross country skiing, etc.

The first gathering was held at the Horicon Marsh DNR Center in May 2026. Seating was assigned, and each table of eight had a cross section representation of different user groups.

Key Points from the Consortium

Includes more funding. Members overwhelmingly agree that more funding is needed. Members cited statewide and group-specific surveys indicating that there is grassroots willingness for Wisconsinites to pay more to support conservation and outdoor recreation.

Is equitable for Wisconsinites. There is support from members for a funding solution that is equitable across all those who benefit from a well-managed and maintained Wisconsin outdoors, including consumptive, non-consumptive, and commercial users, as well as the general Wisconsin population (e.g., a sales tax that is applied to all residents regardless of user affinity).

Is sustainable for future generations. Members support a funding solution that will be sustainable in the long-term, securing funds for the Wisconsin outdoors for generations to come. Solutions like a percent of sales tax are attractive because they are robust to future inflation changes. There is also support for increasing license fees, with some members specifying that increases should continue to occur in regular increments every few years to keep up with inflation in the future. One-time or short-term solutions are not seen as attractive because they will only be “band-aids” to a larger problem.

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The Ideal State of Funding for the Wisconsin Outdoors

Builds on the success of established models. While an ideal solution must be large-scale and sustainable, it must also be realistic. Members look to the success of other established models and mechanisms that are perceived as conservation funding successes, such as the Missouri Model and the Minnesota Model.

Unifies the Consortium and all who care for the Wisconsin Outdoors. There is broad consensus across Consortium members that funding for the Wisconsin outdoors is a critical issue that affects all. There is support to mobilize the Consortium to action, and that those actions can unify us across outdoor-focused groups. Members discussed opportunities to “broaden the tent” and unify even more groups.

Suggestions and Concerns Raised by Members

Negative feedback loop. Members are concerned that, as DNR has to cut services over funding issues, it may cause further problems with public perception, as the public receives less benefits (e.g., less positive experience at state parks, less hunting and fishing opportunity) and may become less willing to pay more to support those services if they are having a negative experience.

Frustration with securing additional funding. Members are frustrated that desired changes are difficult to get implemented. Members perceive broad consensus for additional funding and are frustrated with a lack of progress toward implementing solutions by decision makers. Several members suggested that Consortium member groups and others band together to initiate action.

Importance of communication and education. Members stressed that people need to know what their dollars are supporting. There is broad consensus over the importance of effective public communication, including media attention on the Consortium and showing the public that user groups are involved in these discussions. Effective communication and education about the importance of the outdoors was seen as critical to support both funding solutions, as well as generally exciting people about the incredible natural resources in our state.



Shared Memories from the Midwest Horse Fair's 45th Anniversary Event in 2026

The following memories were submitted by those visiting the Wisconsin Horse Council booth at the Midwest Horse Fair in 2026 in honor of the them celebrating their 45th event. We asked everyone to share their favorite memory from their time spent at the Midwest Horse Fair. Thank you to those who took the time to share their memories, we hope that you enjoy reading them!

- ◆ “Bringing my mare for marvelous clinics in 2015.”
- ◆ “Marie Hoffman Total Horse Method Clinic.”
- ◆ “Seeing drill teams for the very first time.”
- ◆ “Watching my youngest son cantering and jumping behind the barn.”
- ◆ “Loving the excelling clinicians.”
- ◆ “Friend reunions.”
- ◆ “Being a vendor outside in rain, snow, wind, and even sun! Twenty years of memories.”
- ◆ “Breakfast with Amber Marshall.”
- ◆ “Getting to see friends that you rarely get to see and finding tack.”
- ◆ “Rodeo with my mom.”
- ◆ “Seeing the Hotshots perform.”
- ◆ “My favorite memory is the rodeo.”
- ◆ “Nice fair with nice people.”
- ◆ “Performing in the Coliseum during the rodeo with my second family, my drill team, on my rodeo pony Rocket. Rocketman always gets excited and perks his ears up when he hears the crowd. - G.C. Mid-Western Rodeo Queen”
- ◆ “We drove through a blizzard so my daughter could ride bareback and bridleless in the Grand March. What a memory?”
- ◆ “Riding the perimeter.”
- ◆ “Dan James at the evening show, dancing with his palomino.”

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Shared Memories from the Midwest Horse Fair's 45th Anniversary Event in 2026

- ◆ "Judging the FFA competition."
- ◆ "I brought home a new work saddle and still use it."
- ◆ "Bedding stalls with Ray Antoniewicz in 1979."
- ◆ "Seeing the clinics they are the best!"
- ◆ "I love the horses so much!"
- ◆ "Learning trick riding."
- ◆ "Spending the day with my friend. A beautiful day after a ton of rain!"
- ◆ "I've been coming for the last 16 years. I come to watch the sales and shows."
- ◆ "Picking out a new silk scarf from Wild Wild Rags each year."
- ◆ "The amazing transitions from the drill teams competition to anniversary celebrations."



"To understand the soul of a horse is the closest human beings can come to knowing perfection.

- Author Unknown



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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: _____ School Grade for Current Year: _____

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:

**Wisconsin Horse Council
P.O. Box 72
Columbus, WI 53925
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.

We are planning on three or more 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!



SAVE THE DATE!

Wisconsin State Horse Council **EQUINE FOUNDATION**

Presents their annual

♥ **“Winter Fun Day”** ♥

February 13, 2027

at

**Springbrook Events
N8400 County Road I
Burnett, WI 53922**

- **Model Horse Show**
 - **Vendors**
- **Bobsled/Wagon Rides**
 - **Dog Sled Demos**
- **Sleigh Driving Exhibition**
 - **Skijoring Demos**
 - **Pie Contest**
 - **Raffle Prizes**
- **Kids Activities/Games**
 - **Sleigh Bell Café**

Admission is Free





WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL TRAILS

ALL THINGS TRAIL RELATED!

Our committee meets via zoom to ensure trails are celebrated in all aspects!



TRAIL GRANTS

Offering financial support to friends' groups for trail improvements totaling almost \$1 Million in benefits



TRAIL MASTER CERTIFICATION SCHOOL

Training land managers and volunteers to design, and build sustainable trails



RIDE/DRIVE WISCONSIN

Celebrating your accomplishments on the trails! Log your hours in the saddle to earn great prizes!



ADVOCACY & MORE

Partnering with trailmeister.com to keep Wisconsin Horse trail maps current. Working with the DNR to advocate for horse trails around the state.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS 4D BARREL RACE

**SPRING HAS SPRUNG SERIES
MAY 15 - JUNE 19 - JULY 24**

**FALL FINALE SERIES
SEPT 11 & OCT 3 (SATURDAY @ NOON)**

4PM TO 5 PM - OPEN ARENA

5PM TO 6 PM - EXPO RUNS

6PM TO 6:30PM - ARENA PREP

6:30PM - START OF OPEN 4D

75% PAYBACK TO TOP 3

IN EACH DIVISION

DRAG EVERY 5 RUNS

CARRY-OVERS ALLOWED

OFFICE/TRACTOR FEE - \$10 PER HORSE

EXPO RUN - \$5

OPEN 4D BARRELS - \$25

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YOUTH 3D BARRELS - \$15

1 SEC. SPLIT (AGES 3-17)

ADULT 3D BARRELS - \$15

1 SEC. SPLIT (AGES 18+)

OPEN 2D POLES - \$15

1 SEC. SPLIT

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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 like this event posted on the Wisconsin Horse Council website.

Date: _____

Event: _____

Location: _____

Phone: _____

www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

920-623-0393

121 S. Ludington St. Columbus, WI 53925



WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



July 2026

- July 4** **Happy Independence Day!**
- July 6-12** Plum Lake Equestrian Center Summer Youth Horse Camps, 8177 Plum Lake Station Rd., Sayner, WI 54560, Students will gain basic knowledge of horse care through hands-on experience, mounted lessons begin when basics are mastered. \$250 per session with 10% discount given to families registering multiple children or for more than one camp, Contact Penny 715-892-2216, 414-312-1630, plumlakeequinectr@gmail.com, www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com for more info
- July 10** Beaver Creek 2026 Summer Twilight Classic Speed Shows, W3194 Cty. Rd. A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 p.m., contacts for more info Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com or Facebook
- July 11** Beaver Creek 7th Annual "Look Out, Here We Come" Show 10 and under, show as you are Pleasure & Speed, W3194 Cty. Rd. A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 9 a.m., contacts for more info Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com or Facebook
- July 11** WSCA Game Show and Obstacle Course Challenge. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- July 11** Lazycreek Farm 2026 Pleasure Show, 10 a.m., W5358 Old Sixty Rd., Juneau, WI 53039, DCHA Buckly Chase Approved
- July 11 & 12** UMBHA/WWHSA Sanctioned Pleasure Show, Black River Falls, WI
- July 11-12** WPTHA All Are Small Mini & Pony Show, 3 Judges, Elkhorn Equestrian Event Center Walworth County Fairgrounds, Elkhorn, WI, Contact Tina Langness 715-760-2496, wisconsinpinto@gmail.com, wisconsinpinto.org or check our Facebook page
- July 12** WSCA/Open Ranch Show. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- July 14-16** Wisconsin Farm Technology Days, Stratford, WI
- July 17** Eau Claire Bit and Spur Friday Night Fun show. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- July 18-19** WSCA Pleasure Show. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- July 18** Waukau Flying Mane Riding Club Pleasure Show, Double Judged, 3133 State Rd 116, Omro, WI 54963, 8:30 a.m., Contact Teri Meyer at 920-789-8800
- July 18** Wausau Boot & Saddle Club Game Show, 5302 W. Wausau Ave., Wausau, WI 54401, 9 a.m., Contact Emily Vehlow 715-575-9076
- July 19** Waukau Flying Mane Riding Club Jackpot Speed Show, 3133 State Rd 116, Omro, WI 54963, 8:30 a.m., Contact Teri Meyer at 920-789-8800
- July 21** Beaver Creek 2026 Summer Twilight Classic Pleasure Shows, W3194 Cty. Rd. A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 p.m., contacts for more info Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com or Facebook
- July 22** **WHC Monthly BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 p.m.**
- July 26** Dodge County Horseman's Assoc. Pleasure Show, Boots and Saddles Arena, W8827 Hemlock Rd., Beaver Dam, WI 53916, Follow DCHA on Facebook for updates and showbill.
- July 26** WHC District 2 Monthly Meeting, 12 p.m., Mill Yard, Merrill, WI
- July 28** Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Tuesday Night Speed Series, MFSC Show Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy. 164, Sussex, WI, all breeds and rider levels welcome

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



WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



August 2026

- August 3-9** Plum Lake Equestrian Center Summer Youth Horse Camps, 8177 Plum Lake Station Rd., Sayner, WI 54560, Students will gain basic knowledge of horse care through hands-on experience, mounted lessons begin when basics are mastered. \$250 per session with 10% discount given to families registering multiple children or for more than one camp, Contact Penny 715-892-2216, 414-312-1630, plumlakeequinectr@gmail.com, www.plumlakeequestriancenter.com for more info
- August 7** Beaver Creek 2026 Summer Twilight Classic Speed Shows, W3194 Cty. Rd. A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 6 p.m., contacts for more info Lisa Caswell 920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com or Facebook
- August 8** Lazycreek Farm 2026 Pleasure Show, 10 a.m., W5358 Old Sixty Rd., Juneau, WI 53039, DCHA Buckly Chase Approved
- August 8-9** WDAWI Dressage Show. For more information visit <https://www.wdawi.org/upcoming-events>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- August 8-9** WPOAC Stars of Tomorrow: 65th Futurity Show, Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI, Contact: Jon Haldemann, 262-305-4787, jhaldemann@gmail.com Event link on our website: <https://wpoac.org/event/stars-of-tomorrow-65th-futurity-show/>
- August 14-15** WPtHA Harvest of Color Show, Pinto/Mini/Pony/All Breed Show, 4 Judges, Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI, Contact Tina Langness 715-760-2496, wisconsinpinto@gmail.com, wisconsinpinto.org or check our Facebook page
- August 15** WWHA Versatility Show, Salm's Hickory Hill Farm, 3931 Larsen Rd., Larsen, WI 54947, Start time 9 a.m., Contact Peggy Butler 920-450-0653 or butlerpia@gmail.com
- August 15-16** UMBHA/WWHA Sanctioned Pleasure Show, West Salem, WI
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- August 22-23** WSCA Pleasure Show. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703
- August 22** Waukau Flying Mane Riding Club Tiny Tot Show, 3133 State Rd 116, Omro, WI 54963, 8:30 a.m., Contact Teri Meyer at 920-789-8800
- August 22-23** DRAW's Prairie River Ride at Underdown Recreation Area at W32221 Copper Lake Avenue Gleason WI 54435. Contact Sarah Watts 920-672-7422 or email drawpr@gmail.com or Ann Ruesch 715-630-790 or email drawpr2026@gmail.com, Event link on our website: <https://www.drawwisconsin.com/>
- August 22-23** Horse Power Healing Center Benefit Open Shows, Walworth Co. Fairgrounds, 411 E. Court St., Elkhorn, WI 53121, www.horsepowerhealingcenter.org, Contact Wendy Konichek 262-594-3667, show@horsepowerhealingcenter.org
- August 23** WWHSA Benefit Pleasure Show, West Salem, WI
- August 26** WHC Monthly BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 p.m.
- August 29** Wausau Boot & Saddle Club "Come As You Are" Open Horse Show Series, 5302 W. Wausau Ave., Wausau, WI 54401, 9 a.m., Check our Facebook page or website, wausaubootandsaddle@gmail.com or Contact Michelle Lampe at 715-443-3266

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Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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

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- Individual Membership (no insurance) \$ 20
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- Family Membership (no insurance) \$ 30
- Family Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) \$ 80
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- Individual Lifetime Membership (**one-time fee which includes the 1st year of liability insurance**) \$250
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- Printed Newsletter mailed to the address above..... \$ 30
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Description:

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- 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.

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Return application and payment to:

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Columbus, WI 53925
Phone: 920-623-0393
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For more information

Disposing sharps properly is not only the right thing to do, it is the law.

Follow these simple guidelines and keep everyone in your community safe from needlestick injuries.

For more information and guidance on disposing animal health sharps, talk with your veterinarian or the waste management specialist in your local DNR office.

You can also get information on the laws regarding sharps disposal and answers to basic questions on waste management by contacting:

WI Department of Natural Resources

www.dnr.state.wi.us
(search for "sharps")
medwaste@dnr.state.wi.us
(608) 266-2111

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Sharps

Sharps (needles, syringes and lancets) are used on animals every day. For example, dairy cows receive vaccinations, and diabetic dogs and cats receive insulin injections. Although the sharps you use on your animals are not a danger for transmitting disease to humans, they are still harmful if not disposed of properly.

What's the danger?

When sharps are disposed of improperly, they pose an unnecessary concern to garbage haulers and workers. If someone is stuck by a needle from the garbage, they won't know if the needle was used on a human or an animal or if it carries any diseases.

ALL "needlestick" injuries result in expensive testing and can cause long-term emotional distress for the person who was stuck by the needle because of the possibility that he or she may get a disease like HIV or Hepatitis B. It's not something anyone should have to go through.

It's the law

In addition to being a safety issue, you also are breaking Wisconsin law if you dispose of sharps improperly. Sharps are considered infectious waste, and all infectious waste must be disposed separately from other waste.



Sharps cannot be disposed with:

- household waste
- farm waste
- recyclable materials (i.e. glass, metal or plastic containers.)

How to Dispose of Sharps

Safely packaging sharps used on animals for disposal involves three basic steps.

1. Place the sharps in rigid, puncture resistant containers with secure lids or caps.

Acceptable containers include:

- Containers specifically for sharps
- Heavy plastic detergent or bleach bottles with screw caps

Unacceptable containers include:

- coffee cans (the lids are too easily punctured)
- plastic milk jugs
- plastic bags
- pop cans or soda bottles

For containers specifically for sharps, ask your pharmacist or check with your local farm supply stores for availability.

2. Visibly label the sharps container "Biohazard," "infectious waste," or "Sharps."

If you use a detergent bottle, it is a good idea to label it "Do not recycle."

3. When the container is full or you decide to dispose of your sharps, seal and label it, store it out of the reach of children, and dispose of it properly.

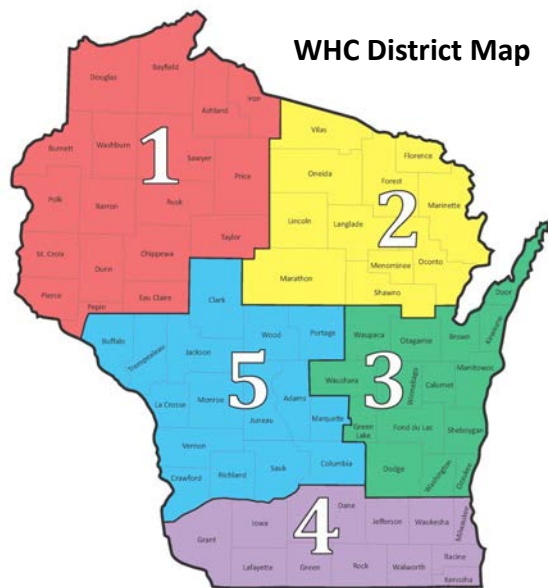
Once you decide to dispose of your sharps, you have 90 days to do it. As long as you are using the container and it isn't full, you can keep it for an unlimited time. When you dispose of the container, do not put it out with the rest of your trash. Take it to a registered sharps collection station, or talk with your veterinarian about possible outlets for disposing of sharps. Some sharps disposal locations may charge fees for disposal.

Locations for Disposing Sharps

Before you attempt to drop off your sharps at any of the following locations, always call ahead to make sure they will take them and if they charge a fee.

- Registered sharps collection stations, such as pharmacies. To find out where these stations are, you can contact
 - Wisconsin DNR (608) 266-2111
 - American Diabetes Association (888) 342-2383
 - UW-Extension (608) 263-4300
- Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (608) 257-3665
- Veterinary hospitals and clinics
- Human hospitals and clinics
- Mail-in sharps disposal programs
- Licensed infectious waste haulers

Consult your yellow pages under "waste disposal" or "medical waste" for possible local locations for disposing sharps. If you transport more than 50 pounds of medical waste per month, you must get a license from the DNR. For more information, call (608) 266-2111.



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**September / October Issue:
August 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:

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