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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
"What Is The Wisconsin Horse Council All About?".

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

The WHC currently sends out six issues per year.

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



Every day the AHC works to ensure the equine voice is heard in Washington, DC

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Welcome to the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

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



Visit our website www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org – Go to the WSHCEF tab at the top of the page

What is the mission statement of the WSHC Equine Foundation?

The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation was created to better serve Wisconsin's growing equestrian community and to help that community realize its fullest potential. The Foundation is a tax exempt, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, and as such allows individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to support Wisconsin equine projects.

The mission of the Equine Foundation is to support Wisconsin's expanding equestrian community by funding:

- * Educational Initiatives
- * 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

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Wisconsin Farm Technology Days

July 14 – 16, 2026

By Nancy Young, WSHC Equine Foundation Treasurer



Left to right: Mark Long, WHC District 5 President and Anne Murphy, WHC President

The Wisconsin Horse Council and the WSHC Equine Foundation were represented at Wisconsin Farm Technology Days at Redetzke's No Joke Dairy in Stratford, which is located in Marathon county on July 14 – 16, 2026. The site was in WHC District 2, but closely bordered by WHC District 5.

Monday the 13th, was set-up day for the booth. When I arrived our booth location was mapped out as being at the end of the Equine Tent under the overhang and anchor ropes. After a talk with the Trainer's Challenge Coordinator, (who is a WHC Level II member) and the WFTD General Manager, we were given a much nicer location right next to the arena. We had a 15' x 15' canopy of breezy shade, highly visible, and out of the path of the 10 Belgians stabled in the Equine Tent.

Initial set-up of the booth Monday was handled by Nancy Young and Mark Long.

The three days of WFTD were hot and humid with smoke wafting in Tuesday afternoon from northern Minnesota and the Ontario Canada wildfires. The highest attendance day was Wednesday. Although the booth itself wasn't as busy as at the Midwest Horse Fair, we picked up a few new memberships for the Wisconsin Horse Council and a few potential scholarship applicants for the WSHC Equine Foundation. Quite a few people took advantage of the shade and prime viewing spot for the Equine Arena events. Midwest Rodeo Queen and Alice in Dairyland both popped in for photos and conversations.

The committee that organized our presence at the WFTD 2026 were Nancy Young, Mark Long, and Anne Murphy who also staffed the booth. We also received extra help in the morning set-up from the Trainers Challenge participants.



Alice in Dairyland

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Wisconsin Farm Technology Days - July 14 – 16, 2026

Volunteers who helped staff the booth were Lori Seliger and Kevin Griepentrog, Sydney from Heartland Stables, and Randy Lauer from Marshfield Saddle Club. Nancy, Mark, Lori, and Randy logged volunteer hours through the WFTD sign-up system. These hours should result in a donation to WSHC Equine Foundation from Wisconsin Farm Tech Days.





Save the Date

April 16, 17 & 18 - 2027

ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER | MADISON, WI

Amber Marshall Back at Midwest Horse Fair!

Midwest Horse Fair is excited to announce that famous equestrian and Canadian actress Amber Marshall of the popular and long-running TV series Heartland on CBC is planning to come back to the fair in 2027!

Amber is a role model for many, captivating audiences worldwide as Amy Fleming on the acclaimed television drama "Heartland".

More details to come this Fall on ways to meet and see Amber at the Midwest Horse Fair 2027!

Proudly sponsored by Double Dan Horsemanship.



Volunteer and Earn Free Admission!



Be part of the team that has helped make the Midwest Horse Fair the premier destination for so many equine enthusiasts over the past 45 years!

Midwest Horse Fair relies on our amazing volunteers each year to deliver the largest 3-day horse fair in the USA. Come join us in 2027 as we "Enjoy the Ride" together and celebrate our horses!

As our thank you for your help, every 3 hours of volunteering earns a one-day admission pass and if you volunteer 9 hours you will earn a 3-day weekend pass!

**The volunteer application opens late September at
MidwestHorseFair.com under "Partnerships"**

Visit Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for more information.



Save the Date

April 16, 17 & 18 - 2027

ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER | MADISON, WI

Announcing: Wild Horse Challenge!



Midwest Horse Fair is teaming up with Forever Branded and the Bureau of Land Management to bring you the **Forever Branded Invitational - Wild Horse Challenge!**

20 wild horses. 20 experienced trainers. One incredible journey.

These 20 untamed horses, gathered from BLM lands, will be paired with 20 talented trainers who will have just one goal: build trust, create a partnership and discover what's possible.

After their training journey, the teams will arrive at Midwest Horse Fair to put their partnership to the test in two preliminary competitions on Friday and Saturday.

Then, the field will be narrowed to just 10 teams for the Final Round on Sunday, April 18, where they'll compete for an incredible \$50,000 in cash and prizes!

From untouched wild horse to a trusted partner—you won't want to miss this transformation unfold.

Midwest Horse Fair®

MISSION: To provide the ultimate experience for equine enthusiasts and the public, through exposition, education & entertainment with net profits returned to equine community through Wisconsin Horse Council programs.

VISION: To be America's premier destination for the equine community

Proudly presented by Wisconsin Horse Council since 1972.

Northern Saddle Club Thanks Sponsors for Successful Mounted Orienteering Event



HOMESTEAD, Wis. – The Northern Saddle Club and the Wisconsin/Minnesota Competitive Mounted Orienteering Club extend their sincere appreciation to the businesses and organizations that donated in support of their mounted orienteering event held June 13-14, 2026, at the Halls Creek Equestrian Facility.

Riders from Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota attended the weekend event, which featured a fun treasure hunt on horseback through Florence County's scenic trail network. Participants enjoyed a weekend of horsemanship, navigation, and camaraderie while exploring the trails and competing in a friendly, mounted orienteering challenge.

The success of the event was made possible through the generous support of local sponsors and donors, including 4 Seasons Beer Distributing, Boss Plow, Stephenson Marketing Cooperative, Tractor Supply, Mirror Lake Customs, and the Northern Saddle Club, and the Florence County Forestry and Parks Department.

The Northern Saddle Club is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting horseback riding and preserving equestrian opportunities in the region. The club works closely with the Florence County Forestry & Parks Department to help maintain and promote the County's horse trail system.

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Northern Saddle Club Thanks Sponsors for Successful Mounted Orienteering Event

Florence County's equestrian trail network features more than 35 miles of trails and two trailheads, Halls Creek and Bush Lake Flats, both located off County Highway C in the Town of Homestead. The extensive trail system attracts riders from throughout the Upper Midwest and provides opportunities for recreation, competition, and outdoor adventure. Riders can also take advantage of rustic camping with no reservations required and no camping fees at either trailhead. Amenities include potable water, privies, highlines, and areas for portable horse pens, making the area a popular destination for weekends and extended riding trips.

The club's next meeting will be held September 10th, at the Aurora Town Hall, 1358 Calvary Drive. A social hour will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6 p.m. Members, prospective members, and anyone interested in Florence County's equestrian trail system are encouraged to attend.

The Northern Saddle Club's next event will be its Annual Fall Ride and Poker Run on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the cost is \$10 per rider. Participants are invited to ride at their own pace, meet new friends, and enjoy Florence County's beautiful trail system.

Bucket raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and Northern Saddle Club T-shirts will be available for purchase throughout the day. Ticket sales will continue until 3:30 p.m., then raffle drawings will be held, and winners announced. Around 4pm, a potluck meal and campfire gathering will follow the day's activities.

The Northern Saddle Club welcomes everyone with an interest in supporting local trails and equestrian recreation. You do not need to own a horse to become a member or participate in club activities.

The club is currently accepting donations for the Fall Ride and Poker Run. Funds raised through donations and fundraising activities are used for trail maintenance and improvements, helping ensure Florence County's horse trails remain safe, accessible, and enjoyable for future generations of riders.

For more information about the Northern Saddle Club, visit the club's Facebook page or online at www.northernsaddleclub.org. Trail maps are available at www.northernsaddleclub.org/riding-trail-maps or at the trailhead kiosks. Questions may also be directed to Heidi at 906-396-7457.



SKYLODGE CHRISTIAN CAMP

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July 27, 2026

To the Wisconsin Horse Council,

The Sky Lodge Christian Camp Horse Program would like to thank the Wisconsin Horse Council for the generous sponsorship of \$1,500 towards the concrete project for our future tack room! This improvement on our barn has allowed it to be safer and more functional for all the horses and kids that participate in our program! We now have a level surface to store all of our saddle stands and other equipment. The dust level in the barn is also greatly reduced. Your support is making a difference for up to 72 girls that attend our summer horse camps every year! Additionally, there are many children and guests who enjoy our trail rides all season long! Thank you again for your support!

Becky VanDamme

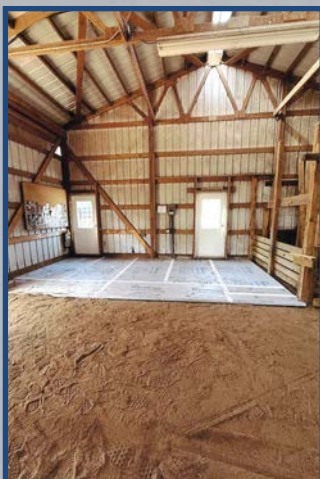
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Says Thank You Wisconsin
Horse Council for
Sponsorship!**



Farm Technology Days 2026 - Stratford, Wisconsin

By Anne Murphy, WHC President



Another successful Farm Tech Days event has come and gone. This year it was held in Stratford, WI just inside the border with WHC District 2. District 5 took the lead in the WHC booth that was provided for us, in a wonderful location, on the rail of the Equine Exhibition arena. Nancy Young, representing WSHC Equine Foundation, and D5 President, Mark Long, took on the major responsibilities

throughout the event, including setting up and tearing down. Nancy also served as an FTD volunteer for the Equine area.

Districts 5 and 2 set a new precedent for collaborating for this event. I'm hoping that this will start a new trend, to benefit more WHC members throughout the state. A big thank you to all of the WHC members from District 2 and District 5 who came to lend a hand for this event.

The extreme heat, with a heavy level of smoke at times, provided some challenges, but horse people persevere! The equine presentations included the Meyer's 10 horse pyramid hitch. They did several presentations a day with their gorgeous Belgians! The standout was their lead horse, a high stepping mare named Charlie!

There were demonstrations of competitive shooting by Mounted Justice. They proved to be very knowledgeable and gave great explanations on all aspects of competitive shooting, besides being fun to watch!

This year there was a new event, the MP-Horses Trainer's challenge. This challenge was designed to showcase thoughtful training, horsemanship and the versatility of horses in a short, intense period of time.

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Farm Technology Days 2026—Stratford, Wisconsin

Five selected trainers received untrained 3- or 4-year-old horses, APHA or AQHA, from the host breeder under a foster to train agreement. These selected trainers received their horses March 1, 2026

Each day, several times a day these competitors were in the arena, showing the audience their skills in Ranch Trail Riding, Fun Class, Trail Obstacle, Musical Free Style, and a Costume Class.

Congratulations to all the trainers who made it to this event. They all did fabulous job with their horses!



I want to highlight one of the trainers in particular, Sam Kraft and her horse, MP Steelhearts, aka Freckles. When I watched them in the Ranch Trail class, I found it hard to believe that she had only been working with him since March. He moved quietly and did everything she asked for without hesitation or a mis-step. I had the privilege of watching her compete with her very proud parents, Thomas and April Kraft.

Sam and Freckles took 3rd in the Ranch Trail Class. By the third day of the MP Trainer's Challenge, Sam and Freckles received the Grand Champion title. Well done!

Sam Kraft has now formed her own business, TKR All-Around Horsemanship, LLC.

The Kraft family is a member of the Waukau Flying Manes Riding Club, a Wisconsin Horse Council member.

The Midwest Rodeo Queen, Grace Cove, stopped by the WHC area to greet everyone and was also seen riding shotgun on the Meyer Hitch!

She's having a very busy year, going from event to event. She really enjoys what she's doing and she does it well!

Farm Technology Days has not yet made an announcement on the dates for the 2027 event, only saying that it will be held somewhere in southern Wisconsin. WHC District 4, heads up!





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 has implemented a “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 on 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.
- * The Free Youth Membership Application **MUST** be filled out **COMPLETELY**.
- * WHC Liability Waivers must be signed by all members prior to participating in any event.

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



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WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL TRAILS

ALL THINGS TRAIL RELATED!

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

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Notes of Thanks...



Hello Everyone,

We all wanted to give you one last shout out for your donations. All four of our special needs riders had so much fun!

Each of them brought many ribbons home from all their hard work. And we had 1 World Champion win (1st place Ribbon and Belt Buckle) and 1 Reserve World Champion win (2nd place Ribbon and Vest).

Without your generous donation we would not have made this trip possible.

Thank you from all us parents for helping our young adults and Lucky Stables/Lucky Foundation.

Sincerely, Brianna, Aiden, Alyshia, and Emma

Dear WHC District 1:

On June 13 and 14, 2026, the St. Croix County Sheriff's Office, St. Croix County Posse, Washington County Mounted Patrol, veterinarians, Fire/EMS, and others were able to participate in the most phenomenal training at Top Line Equine in Glenwood City, WI.

We could not have accomplished our goal without the support of the Wisconsin Horse Council.

We worked together as a group and teams to provide life saving measures in emergency situations not only to our equine partners but also to cattle, sheep and swine.

We learned how to create secure and contained areas around the emergency situation, delegate individuals to perform vital tasks, and work together as a successful team. It was inspiring to learn all the techniques and find out just how much further we are able to move forward in saving animals.

One of our goals is to provide a contact list in case of local, state, and National emergencies where we are able to volunteer and assist with rescues. Everyone was so impressed with the training provided by the Wisconsin Large Animal Emergency Rescue Team.

We have already begun to look forward to next year to stay current with emergency training and also to build our emergency equipment for responses.

We cannot thank enough for your support. I look forward to meeting and personally thanking all of you.





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



September 2026

September 5-6 WDHA Festival Open Show, Sunnyview Expo Center, Oshkosh, WI, Many Walk Trot/Jog, Jackpot, Snaffle Bit Western, Ranch Rail, Driving, ACT/Academy and must more for all levels to enjoy, Visit www.wdhaarabian.com or Wisconsin Desert Horse Association Facebook page for class list, updates, and registration, Contact Kathy Filen at katfilen@gmail.com or 920-810-7470

September 7 Labor Day

Sept. 11-13 Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Prairie du Chien, WI

September 12 Lazycreek Farm 2026 Pleasure Show, 10 a.m., W5358 Old Sixty Rd., Juneau, WI 53039, DCHA Buckly Chase Approved

September 14 WHC District 4 Monthly Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Zoom invite only

Sept. 18-19 DRAW's Colorama Classic 2026 at Northern Kettle Moraine Horserider's Campground W404 County Rd SS New Prospect WI. Contact Barb Gardner 920-291-5641 email: barrb@doublebarallic.com Event link on our website: <https://www.drawisconsin.com/>

September 19 Dodge County Horseman's Assoc. Speed and Fun Show, Boots and Saddles Arena, W8827 Hemlock Rd., Beaver Dam, WI 53916, Follow DCHA on Facebook for updates and showbill.

September 19 Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association's 2026 Fall Fundraiser, Horseriders' Campground, Palmyra, WI, Raffles, Tack Sale, Dinner including catered beef brisket, pulled pork, a variety of sides, and desserts, Kids under 10 eat free, go to SKMHTA's website for all details and to purchase tickets

September 23 WHC Monthly BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 p.m.

September 26 Beaver Creek Apple Cider Open Speed and Fun Show, 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

September 26 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Barrels & Buckles Speed/Fun Show, MFSC Show Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy. 164, Sussex, WI, all breeds and rider levels welcome

September 27 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Pleasure Show, MFSC Show Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy. 164, Sussex, WI, all breeds and rider levels welcome

September 30 WHC Sponsorship Application Submission Deadline

October 2026

October 3 Eau Claire Bit & Spur Halloween 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

October 3-4 Eau Claire Bit & Spur Annual Tack Sale. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/EauClaireBitAndSpur>. Location Eau Claire Bit & Spur Saddle Club, 10409 W Cameron St Eau Claire, WI 54703

October 4 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Barrels & Buckles Speed/Fun Show, MFSC Show Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy. 164, Sussex, WI, all breeds and rider levels welcome

October 10 Waukau Flying Mane Riding Club Ranch Show, 3133 State Rd 116, Omro, WI 54963, 8:30 a.m., Contact Teri Meyer at 920-789-8800

October 10 2nd Annual Ranch Bash, Palomino Pines Guest Ranch & Horse Company, W727 Mill Road, Kewaskum, WI 53040, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., for all horse lovers and all things Western featuring Buffalo Bill's Best of the Wild West show, sponsored by Palomino Pines Guest Ranch & Horse Company, Advance Horsemanship, LLC, and the Wisconsin Horse Council

October 11 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

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



WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events



October 2026

- October 12** **Columbus Day**
October 17 Lazycreek Farm 2026 Pleasure Show, 10 a.m., W5358 Old Sixty Rd., Juneau, WI 53039, DCHA Buckly Chase Approved
October 17 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Ranch Buckle Series Show, MFSC Show Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy. 164, Sussex, WI, all breeds and rider levels welcome
October 18 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Pleasure Show, MFSC Show Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy. 164, Sussex, WI, all breeds and rider levels welcome
October 24 Menomonee Falls Saddle Club Barrels & Buckles Speed/Fun Show, MFSC Show Grounds, N75 W25500 Hwy. 164, Sussex, WI, all breeds and rider levels welcome
October 28 **WHC Monthly BOD Monthly Meeting, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925, 7 p.m.**
October 31 **Halloween**

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



Friends of Governor Dodge State Park
Equestrian Committee
4175 State Highway 23N
Dodgeville, WI 53533

Dear WI Horse Council Friends,

Thank you for being a sponsor of our **"Trails for Tomorrow" Treasure Hunt Ride/Hike** on June 7. Your sponsorship was one of many generous contributions that made this event such a success.

We were fortunate to enjoy beautiful weather, an outstanding turnout, and a day filled with fun and camaraderie. Combined with proceeds from our online auction, the event raised more than **\$20,000**, bringing us one step closer to partnering with the Wisconsin DNR to make the much-needed Connector Trail a reality.

The Connector Trail will link the 15-mile Driftless Trail with the park's Inner Trail System, creating new riding opportunities for equestrians while also providing a vital emergency access route when needed. We remain committed to raising the funds needed for this important project, which will provide lasting benefits for equestrians, other park visitors, and the future of Governor Dodge State Park.

Your support, along with that of our many sponsors, donors, volunteers, and participants, is helping turn this vision into reality. Thank you for investing in the future of our trails.

Most sincerely,

The Friends of Governor Dodge State Park



RIDE WISCONSIN

**Award Program
for Trail Riders/Drivers**



**Get out and enjoy the trails
with your equine partner and earn rewards
for your hours riding/driving the trails!**



Visit the WHC website for all of the
guidelines, forms & application!

SHARE THE TRAILS

www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org





2026 WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL Ride Wisconsin - Trail Riding/Driving Award Program Application Form

To participate in the Trail Riding/Driving Award program, please complete this application. Forward the completed application and all applicable fees to the address shown at the bottom of this application form. We invite you to join and have fun with your horse.

Please check one:

- ☐ Current WHC Individual/Family or Youth member *OR*
☐ New WHC Individual/Family or Youth member
 (Include WHC Membership Application, check WHC website for other benefits of membership)

Please check one:

- ☐ Current Trail Riding/Driving Award program member *OR*
☐ New Trail Riding/Driving Award program member

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Street/P.O. Box: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Enrolling Additional Family Members:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Equine-related clubs you belong to:

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

Annual Trails Riding/Driving Program Fee \$15 _____ x \$15 = \$ _____

Annual WHC Individual Membership fee: \$20 \$ _____

Annual WHC Family Membership fee \$30 \$ _____

If you'd like a copy of the newsletter printed \$30 \$ _____

Total Payment Enclosed. Make checks payable to WHC: \$ _____

Questions/Comments: Jill Feller, Program Coordinator – 920-948-9502 – jfeller5732@outlook.com

WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL

Ride Wisconsin – Trail Riding/Driving Award Program

121 S. Ludington Street

P.O. Box 72

Columbus, WI 53925

Voice: 920-623-0393



WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

All Memberships run from January 1st through December 31st

Office Use Only:

Payment Type: _____

Check #: _____

Amount: _____

LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Individual Name: _____

Youth Name(s): _____ Age(s): _____

Family Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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

LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS (Please check type of Membership & choice of newsletter.)

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| ☐ Individual Membership (no insurance) | \$ 20 |
| ☐ Individual Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) | \$ 45 |
| ☐ Family Membership (no insurance) | \$ 30 |
| ☐ Family Membership PLUS (includes \$1 Million personal liability insurance) | \$ 80 |
| ☐ Youth (age 17 & under = free with <u>paid</u> Level I adult membership) | \$ 0 |
| ☐ Individual Lifetime Membership (<i>one-time fee which includes the 1st year of liability insurance</i>) | \$ 250 |
| ☐ Annual fee on Lifetime Membership for \$1 Million personal liability insurance..... | \$ 25 |
| ☐ Printed Newsletter mailed to the address above..... | \$ 30 |
| ☐ Free E-newsletter sent to the e-mail listed above..... | \$ 0 |

Description:

Level I membership class is available to any individual/family whose interests are similar to those of the Council and is for individuals/families only. Level I and Level II members elect Directors to the WHC Board to represent their District. Family membership is for a family of 2 or more living at the same residence and has 1 vote in the elections and business of their District. Membership must be current to vote at District meetings.

- Programs such as the Certified Judges and Ride Wisconsin require a Level I membership - even if you are a Director or a contact person for a Level II or III organization, you will need to be a Level I member yourself to participate in programs.
- Youth (17 & under) are free with a **paid** Level I adult membership.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP is an individual Level I membership with a one-time fee, giving the individual a paid-up membership for his/her lifetime. If LIFETIME MEMBERS wish to retain the \$1 Million personal liability insurance after their first year, they must purchase it on an annual basis.

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

Funding

Since 1979, WHC has owned and produced one of the largest and most successful horse fairs in the nation, the Midwest Horse Fair. Funds generated from the fair as well as from membership and donations support WHC operations and efforts.

Midwest Horse Fair®

How To Get Involved

- ◆ Become a WHC Member
- ◆ Become a WHC Director
- ◆ Join a WHC Committee – Trails, Public Relations, Member Services, Sponsorship, Trail Grants, Legislative, etc.
- ◆ Volunteer at Midwest Horse Fair



Above all, the WHC strives to reach more people, especially youth, interested in the equine industry to ensure its continued growth.



The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation (WSHCEF) was created to better serve Wisconsin's growing equestrian community and to help that community realize its fullest potential. Our mission is to support equine priorities identified and supported by Wisconsin equine owners and organizations.

The WSHCEF 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.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the WSHCEF. Thank you!

Donations can be made payable and sent to:

WSHCEF
P.O. Box 72
Columbus, WI 53925

WSHCEF Board Members, Officers & Volunteer Team Members

President: Katie Bachhuber
Vice President: Linda Ernsberger
Secretary: Diane Sackett
Treasurer: Nancy Young
Board Members: Lori Helmer, Jan Pieper, Gail Seacor, Jennifer Julison
WHC EB Rep. & MHF Rep.: Gail Seacor

Volunteer Team

Karen Meekma, Sharon Hookstead,
Rich Ernsberger,
Dave Kluge & Roxanne Crombecke Kluge

What Is The Wisconsin Horse Council All About?



**WISCONSIN
HORSE COUNCIL**

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The WHC's Mission & Vision Statements

- ◆ To represent, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication.
- ◆ To take a pro-active role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

Organizational Overview

WHC is a non-profit organization representing horse owners and enthusiasts, and the equine industry in Wisconsin. We promote the horse through leadership and education. Our role is to support, serve and protect our equine industry in Wisconsin. We are an open organization and welcome all who are interested in horses, whether horse owners or not.

What We Do

Leadership – We are the only organization that is here for the horse and the people who own them or simply love them. We are not a breed organization, a saddle club, or a riding discipline; we exist solely for the welfare of the horse and the betterment of the equine industry as a whole.

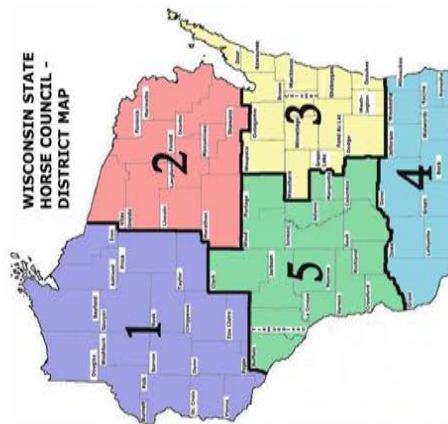
Legislation – we play an active role in legislative matters affecting both the state and national equine industry; we strengthen our ag/livestock partner relationships by participating in Ag Day at the State Capitol.

Education – our districts often conduct seminars and clinics for horse owners. The WHC Trail Committee offers an annual four-day Trail Design School on designing and building sustainable multi use trails.



Districts

The WHC is comprised of five geographical districts, each of which has its own set of member-elected officers and up to two member-elected representatives that it sends to the Board.



Programs

The WHC encourages equine events, sporting activities, youth activities and equine programs that help build membership. These include:

The WHC has given out more than \$885,400.00 through its programs since 1995! Please visit the WHC website for a complete breakdown.



Sponsorships & Grants – we support therapeutic riding organizations, trail safety and enhancement for recreational riding, riding clubs, equine charity events, mounted search and rescue, emergency response and more.

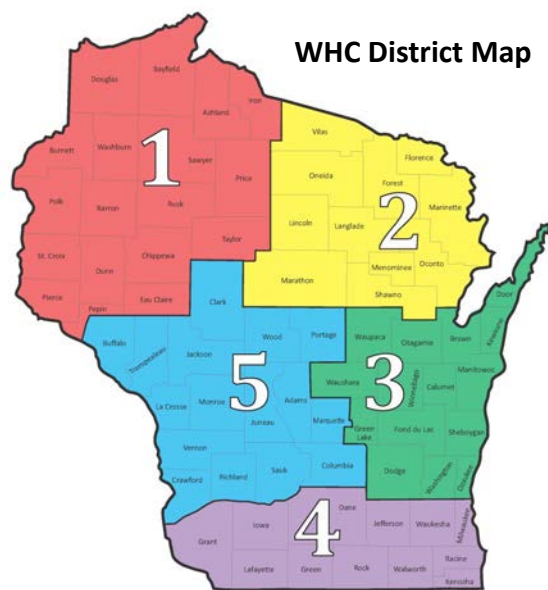
Trails – WHC partners with local horse clubs to assist with the development and improvement of Wisconsin's public equestrian trails, shared use trails and campgrounds. We award grants for campgrounds, new trail development, as well as trail improvements, enhancements, and repairs. We have representation on Wisconsin governmental trail councils whenever possible.

Annual Awards – we encourage and recognize people who have invested their time and money in growing and developing the equine industry through mentoring young horse enthusiasts, initiating new programs, offering leadership, and promoting responsible use of horses. Annual Awards include Horseperson of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Special Achievement, Equine of the Year, Show Judge of the Year and the WHC Director of the Year.



Certified Show Judging – we improve the level of open show judging through educational seminars and certification.





WHC District Map

District 1 includes the counties of: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iron, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor and Washburn

District 2 includes the counties of: Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas

District 3 includes the counties of: Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago

District 4 includes the counties of: Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, and Waukesha

District 5 includes the counties of: Adams, Buffalo, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, Vernon, and Wood

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CouncilLetter Deadline

The deadline for articles, upcoming events and advertisements for the WHC CouncilLetter is:

November / December Issue:

October 15th at noon

Articles must be equine related, may not be for commercial benefit and must be sent to us in a timely fashion. The Editor reserves the right to revise or refuse articles.

Ads and articles are best sent in electronic format (prefer MS Word or Adobe Acrobat) to:

info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org

Office hours: Monday-Friday - 8am-4pm



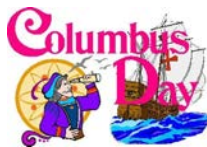
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Important Dates to Remember

September 7	Labor Day
September 11-13	Villa Louis Carriage Classic
September 14	WHC District 4 Monthly Meeting
September 23	WHC BOD Monthly Meeting
September 30	WHC Sponsorship Deadline

October 12	Columbus Day
October 28	WHC BOD Monthly Meeting
October 31	Halloween



* Please check out our Calendar of Upcoming Events, included in each issue of the [CouncilLetter](#), as well as posted on the WHC website, for shows, fundraisers, clinics, tack sales and more!



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