



2025 Community Report

**Northern New Mexico
Horsemen's Association**

“Year in Review” of Events, Future Plans

For the fourth consecutive year, we share highlights of our accomplishments. As a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization, we always seek to meet the interests of our members, partnering donors and the general equine community.

We continue our long-range planning to guide us toward future opportunities. Our regional focus remains northern New Mexico, and we continue to work collaboratively with organizations, groups and individuals such as equine owners, trainers, clinicians, rescue or shelter groups, veterinarians, farriers, area elected and appointed officials and equine facility owners.

You will find in this report an overview of what we hosted, helped fund or otherwise supported. Of course, everything we do ties closely to serving others in our community.

We Focus on Helping Others

Our overall mission is to encourage and educate with regard to equine wellness and equestrian activities. At the heart of our work is the SGS (Sponsorship Grants Scholarships) Giving Program. We are proud of our support of worthy causes that support our mission.



Donors Help Support Our Programs

Today, much of our funding comes from investments. Other important sources include member dues and branded clothing. However, we anticipate needing more support through contributions and partnerships to not only sustain but also help expand and enhance our efforts.

As we grow, others that partner with us will be key in supporting NNMHA financially and with in-kind generosity. With donor help, we can extend the reach and frequency of our giving program, program meetings, clinics, demonstrations, equine advocacy, and more.

We are in the early stages of developing a process for managing relationships with others who share our mission and would join us in various joint enterprises. interests.

Current Giving...from Student Competitions to a Horse Camp

During 2025, we continue to offer financial support to individuals, organizations and event organizers through our SGS Giving Program. This year, we supported 12 applications in providing sponsorships or scholarships. Our total gifting was \$17,000. These are in addition to the other activities and events we provide throughout the year.

In all cases, we are grateful to our members, sponsors, donors and others in supporting and partnering with us.

We continue to seek opportunities to connect kids and adults with equines, in hopes of fostering life-long interests. Interacting with the young and young-at-heart is what we and our critters do best. You can learn more about our SGS Giving Program on our website, where you will also find details and application forms.

Together, we can make a difference.

Sponsorships

Sponsorships are intended to help support specific equine events produced by various groups and organizations. They received most of our funding in 2025. The annual statewide 4-H Online Quiz Bowl student competition was provided with team and individual prizes.

Rodeo de Santa Fe was supported with a contribution for the talented young women who represent this interest year-round. We also helped sponsor the Dulce Youth Rodeo and provided funding to Jicarilla Apache Royalty Program for travel expenses to a national competition.

NNMHA was a sponsor for the Land of Enchantment Horse Show, an all-breed, multidiscipline competition show. Burro packing and racing is an up-and-coming sport. NNMHA provided NM Back Burros funding for an inaugural burro packing clinic held in Santa Fe. There, participants learned packing basics and burro safety.

We established a working relationship with a well-known trainer to deliver our Partnership-based Youth Riding Program. The program provides riding lessons exclusively for youth identified by our partnering organizations.



We provided awards for a community roping event and helped support the San Miguel - Mora County 4-H Horse Camp and Show.

Scholarships

Our scholarships are awarded based on merit for career-oriented educational programs. The Eldon and Karen Reyer Youth Scholarship recipient, Abrie Tucker, started her first year at Oklahoma State in the pre-veterinary program.



This is the third year in a row that we have awarded this special annual scholarship. It is intended to help address the shortage of equine professionals in our area.

The Reyer scholarship is in memory of two leaders in the community who supported horse health and welfare for many years. We are proud to recognize them with this annual youth scholarship.

Grants

Grants may be awarded to exemplary individuals and groups as they pursue valuable goals such as clinics, shows, lessons or other events. No grants were awarded in 2025.

Outreach Meet-and-Greets for Kids and Adults, Alike



Our equines (with us as volunteers) visited the Santa Fe County Fair and three festivals at El Rancho de las Golondrinas for fun and educational meet-and-greets.

While there, people asked questions, stroked a donkey's ear, brushed a horse's shoulder, and more. They also practiced ranch roping and learned about equine hooves from a local veterinarian.



They also saw demos of how a donkey pulled farming equipment to plant crops in frontier days.

Our outreach efforts are often the first time that people may experience direct contact with equines.

Ridge Rider Rides

Riding with others amid spectacular scenery is a favorite must-do. The rides are seasonal and hosted by our experienced trail boss. This year, we held seven Ridge Riders rides, from April through October.

Riding groups were generally 10-12 riders and ranged in age from youth to adult.

Rides are generally two hours long and in beautiful federal and state areas such as Caja del Rio, Cerrillos Hills State Park, Camino Real Trail in the Caja del Rio, Nambe Badlands, Pajarito Mountain and Rowe Mesa.



Rides are free of charge and open to all members. Safety is always a primary concern, and all rides are planned with both youth and adults in mind, as

well as various riding abilities. Horse riding safety and etiquette are always on deck.

Monthly Meetings Mix Fun & Meeting Others

Throughout 2025, we hosted nine monthly program meetings that featured expert speakers on a variety of topics. They ranged from horse wellness and riding safety to equine emergencies and rare horse breeds in other countries.

These meetings are a great way to meet others who share your interest in learning more about equines. Plus, there's always time to ask questions!





Our two annual social events for members were catered events that provided

informal conversation with entertainment and speakers.

During the winter months, we organized several come-as-you-are Coffee Chat gatherings that are open to the public.

These informal coffee and pastry get-togethers offer members and others a chance to escape from the cold and our usual chores for some casual horse talk. Often, the weather is a popular topic.



Clinics & Demos Offer Hands-on Learning

We offered two well-attended clinics this year that taught us how to work with cattle using typical ranch riding techniques. We also hosted a “dressage for all” clinic that demonstrated how typical “English style” dressage riding can benefit any type of equestrian.

SF County Sheriff Posse members demonstrated the rigorous qualifications needed to serve as a Posse member. It may look easy, but passing a rain slicker from a rider to someone on the ground can be challenging.

Another demonstration introduced us to how certified facilitators coach others to meaningfully interact with horses and donkeys. Such activities are designed to



encourage personal growth by quietly interacting with the equines in ways that foster self-awareness among participants.

Obstacles are always a favorite workshop or clinic,

so we built a variety of challenging obstacles for an Obstacles Day clinic.

Riders successfully (most of the time!) handled such chores as crossing water, negotiating up and down terrain, opening gates and stepping over, in or out of different objects like large tires.

Equines and riders alike learn from such hands-on experiences.



Equine Welfare & Advocacy



Throughout every year, we look for opportunities to speak out on behalf of equine well-being. In 2025, we began working with local Santa Fe County officials to post safety signage on trails and at trailheads.

One of our program meetings featured a veterinarian sharing his expertise on equine emergencies. Another program meeting featured managing equine nutrition through the change of seasons. We also prepared a

position paper regarding electric bike and equestrian safety.

We continue to closely watch development of large land acquisitions by governmental agencies. Such parcels are often former ranches, and we support them remaining suitable for multi-use outdoor recreation, including equestrian riding.

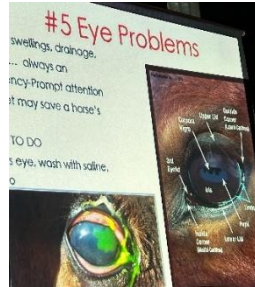
Who and What is NNMHA...

NNMHA has been around for more than 77 years, supporting horse enthusiasts and would-be fans of all riding disciplines, experience levels and ages. We believe lives are better for having equines in them, whether they are big or small, serious competitors or backyard companions.

Our 2025 Board of Directors are: Howard Gershon, Lynn Allen, Ralph Larranaga, Ed Srsic, Leanne DeVane, Karla Lauritsen and David Lyles. Board advisors are Joyce Davis, Karen Denison, Carol Marthens and Sandra Smith.

Our Future Looks Bright

The future of NNMHA looks bright. We will continue to focus efforts on reaching out to youth and others wanting to learn more



about equines. We welcome new members and periodically survey members to better determine their interests, as we plan meeting topics, demos and clinics.

We've enhanced our website and continue to publish a monthly newsletter that includes event news, timely feature stories and alerts. In sum, it's about sharing our passion for horses with you, and others.

Join Up! – We Welcome Your Ideas



Whether as a member, donor or just checking us out, we welcome your involvement.

Does learning more about horses sound fun? Have you always wanted to interact with others about equines? If so, come to a meeting or event. You'll meet people who share your enthusiasm. From beginner to hard-core back country horse person, there's something for you.

Our membership has grown over recent years, and we continue to develop programs and events with both new and more experienced folk in mind. As a member, you receive our monthly newsletter and information about our many events.

Want more info? Get details about upcoming programs and events, learn



how to become a member, have fun reading articles and see lots of photos.

Visit our website: www.nnmha.org.

If you have questions, please send us an email at: contact@nnmha.org.

2025 SGS Giving Program Recipients

Sponsorships

Lariat Nahkai - Graduation roping awards

*Arabian Horse Association in NM - Land of
Enchantment Horse Show*

Rodeo de Santa Fe - Royalty Program

*San Miguel - Mora County Horse Camp
lunches for campers*

*San Miguel - Mora County Horse Show
award buckles*

*NM Pack Burros - Materials for burro
packing clinic in Santa Fe*

Dulce Junior Rodeo - Sponsor

*Jicarilla Apache Royalty Program - Sponsor
travel for two Princesses to Indian National
Finals Rodeo*

*Sophia Hoekstra - Riding lessons for two
sisters (family undergoing health challenge)*

*4H Online Quiz Bowl - Prizes for team and
individuals*

Scholarship

*Abrie Tucker - Karen and Eldon Reyer
Youth Scholarship*

Other Programs & Events

Partnership-based Youth Riding Program

Ridge Riders

Katrin Silva Horsemanship Clinic

Obstacle Playday Workshop

Working with Cattle Clinic

Santa Fe County Fair

*El Rancho de Las Golondrinas, Spring &
Fall Festivals & Festival de los Ninos*



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