WHC PROGRAM DEADLINES!

It is that time of year again! Time to wind down yet another year and start thinking about submitting your applications, nominations and hour logs for the many WHC programs!

Please take a moment to mark your calendars with the list of WHC Program deadline dates shown below. Some program submission deadlines include the WHC Annual Awards nomination forms, Scholarship applications, Sponsorship/Grant applications, Trail Grant applications, Ride Wisconsin Trail Ride/Drive Program Hour Logs, etc. Please don’t miss out on participating in our programs due to simply missing a deadline!

WHC Equine of the Year Nomination Deadline - 12/1/17
Annual Awards Program Nomination Deadline - 1/10/18
Sponsorship/Grants Program Submission Deadline - 1/31/18
Ride WI! Trail Ride/Drive Program Hour Logs Due - 1/31/18
Trail Grant Submission Deadline - 2/1/18
Scholarship Submission Deadline - 2/15/18
WSHCEF Jan Spencer Scholarship Submission Deadline - 2/15/18

You can find all of the details, guidelines and application/nomination/submission forms for each of these programs under the "Programs" tab of the WHC website, www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

Complete and send in the appropriate forms today!
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To promote the horse through leadership, education, service and communication.

And to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

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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 – Click on 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.

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The WSHC Equine Foundation is a federally approved 501C(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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The equine industry and its partners in the agriculture and small business sectors continue to engage Congress and the Administration on key elements of the GOP’s “unified framework for tax reform,” released on September 27. While the framework outlines broad themes for reform, AHC and its partners are focusing efforts on repeal of the estate tax, also known as the “death tax,” as a pillar for a 21st century tax code. Below are summaries of tactics used to move the legislative process forward, and highlights from conversations with congressional and administration officials.

**Congress Hears from Small Business, Agriculture:**

On September 12 – two weeks prior to release of the GOP framework – AHC joined nearly 150 small business groups in a coalition letter to congressional leadership urging full repeal of the estate tax. When the government imposes estate taxes on an equine operation, surviving family partners may be forced to sell equipment and other assets to save the family business. Signatories represent a cross-section of American business, including builders and contractors, grocers, truckers and cattlemen. Advocates emphasized the fact that repeal of the estate tax would not only cost the treasury relatively little revenue in the short term, but ultimately increase tax revenues by $145 billion over a ten year period. Underscoring minimal, short-term impacts on the federal budget is crucial to moving tax reform through the budget reconciliation process, which requires Congress to demonstrate that the new and improved tax code will ultimately achieve deficit reduction.

**“Budget Reconciliation,” a Procedural High Jump:**

Before moving forward with a tax reform bill, Congress must first pass a federal budget for FY2018 which includes instructions for tax legislation. The process, known as “budget reconciliation,” allows the Senate to pass a bill with 51 votes, therefore bypassing the 60 vote threshold necessary to avoid the filibuster that applies to most legislation. This parliamentary tactic is crucial for tax reform legislation, where Republicans must receive the support of the vast majority of their Senate members to pass a bill. On October 4, AHC joined more than 40 agriculture groups – including the American Farm Bureau Federation and American Veterinary Medical Association – in a letter to Congress expressing support for passage of a budget resolution with reconciliation instructions for tax reform. On October 5, the House of Representatives passed its $1.132 trillion budget, which it claims will achieve $6.5 trillion in deficit reduction over ten years.

Attention now turns to the Senate, which is expected to consider a $1.5 trillion budget during the next four weeks. To make sure lawmakers remain focused on the tax reform process, please call your senators today and tell them “to pass a budget today that paves the way for tax reform.” You can contact your senators’ Washington offices by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-225-3121.

**Status of the Debate:**

AHC and its partners have met this week with congressional leadership offices and White House staff, who remain optimistic that substantial progress toward tax reform will take place during the weeks ahead. Policy makers have also made it clear that to push tax reform across the finish line, the legislation must include major provisions that bolster the middle class. To that end, officials have underscored the importance of mortgage interest and charitable giving deductibility, the prospect of lower rates through consolidated deductions, and the overall simplicity of a streamlined code. The House Ways and Means Committee has created a template “postcard” to illustrate the taxpayer-friendly approach favored by proponents of reform. To view a copy of the proposed, streamlined tax form, click on the following link: [https://waysandmeans.house.gov/tax-form-simple-fit-postcard/](https://waysandmeans.house.gov/tax-form-simple-fit-postcard/).

Horsemen and horsewomen can deliver a timely message by contacting their elected officials and expressing the need to modernize the code in general, and specifically to repeal the outdated death tax. Other issues that will emerge as the debate moves forward will include deductibility of business interest, expensing of depreciable assets, and establishing a top rate of 25% for sole proprietorships, Subchapter S-Corporations, and other small business entities. If you would like more information related to tax reform, please contact Bryan Brendle at bbrendle@horsecouncil.org.
2017 Trail Master Certification Class
Written by Margaret Kraege,
WHC Trails Committee Member & GDHTA President

The Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) sponsored a Trail Master Certification Class, also known as 'Trail School', from May 31st to June 3rd, 2017, which was organized by the WHC Trails Committee. This was the 11th successful class that the WHC Trails Committee has hosted. We worked closely with the Glacial Drumlin Horse Trail Association (GDHTA) who provided the tools used during the class and the LaRiviere Riders local horse trail riding group. We also worked closely with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to bring together trail volunteers and land managers. The WDNR obtained Recreational Trails Program grant money to assist in paying student fees for many of the class attendees. The cooperation of the WDNR shows their support of what we do to better trail sustainability and educate others.

LaRiviere Park is unique in the fact that the LaRiviere Riders, maintain the trails and campgrounds in this Park owned by the City of Prairie du Chien. They helped secure a place to hold the morning classroom portion of the schooling and provided areas for the practical afternoon portion of the class. The LaRiviere Riders group further engaged themselves with the class by providing a dinner cookout one of the evenings.

The Trail School is filled with four full days of information on how to design and build sustainable trails. Once a person attends the class and learns the tried and true rules of what makes trails sustainable they will never look at trails in the same way again. We hire Mike Riter from Trail Design Specialists to be our instructor for these classes. Mike has built trails throughout the country and is well respected not only by equestrians, bicyclists, hikers and other trail users but also by land managers at County Parks, State Parks, National Parks and National Forest Services levels.

'Trail Design Specialists’ Trail Master Certification Class covers the latest advances in trail design, construction and maintenance with a focus on long-term sustainability and ease of maintenance. Participants are provided with a detailed booklet specific to each segment of the course. Topics include how to properly design and lay out a trail, how to avoid erosion and other environmental issues, how to handle user conflicts, proper construction techniques, how to rehabilitate existing trails, and a host of other topics. The course includes both classroom learning and hands-on practical trail experience.

We look forward to continuing to provide this vital resource for the future of trails and connecting trail users and land managers.
With the start of fall, it is important to protect horses from emerging risks such as equine influenza virus, equine herpesvirus and parasites. Administering booster vaccinations and target deworming treatments can help protect horses health.

“If you have a horse that travels for fun or competition, it’s recommended that he be vaccinated twice a year against equine influenza and equine herpesvirus to help boost his immunity,” said Kevin Hankins, senior veterinarian of Equine Technical Services for Zoetis.

While annual spring vaccinations help offer disease protection and can activate an immune response, the American Association of Equine Practitioners vaccination guidelines recommend at-risk horses be vaccinated for equine influenza and equine herpesvirus, also called rhinopneumonitis, every six months.

Key disease risk factors include: Horses younger than 6 years old or older than 15 years old, stabled in boarding barns and/or traveling off-property or housed with horses that do.

For horse owners, it is important to be aware of emerging disease risks during the fall months, which can include equine influenza virus and equine herpesvirus. Equine influenza is one of the most common respiratory diseases in horses, spreading by aerosol transmission (coughing or sneezing) from horse to horse in distances as far as 50 yards. Like humans with a cold, horses may experience dry cough, nasal discharge, fever, depression and loss of appetite.

Clinical infections of equine herpesvirus are most commonly seen in weanlings, yearlings and young horses entering training or those exposed to other horses through boarding or transport. Equine herpesvirus poses severe risks, including respiratory infection as well as abortion, birth of weak, nonviable foals, and can lead to sporadic neurologic disease. Equine influenza and equine herpesvirus can lead to costly veterinary bills and increased days out of the saddle, making it all the more important to help safeguard your horse’s health with an effective, trusted vaccine.

Fall is also a key time for equine deworming in many parts of the country. Parasite transmission decreases with cold weather and the conclusion of grazing season. Key parasites to target with fall deworming include tapeworms and bots. Horses may harbor tapeworm infections without showing signs of discomfort; however, the parasite can cause colic — from mild to severe colic episodes requiring surgical treatment.

The AAEP recommends tapeworm treatment once a year, in the late fall or early winter. To ensure protection for your horse, work with your veterinarian to identify fall booster vaccination and deworming needs.
Middle Inlet Horse Camp

By Patty Wisneski

On a cool, cloudy, and rainy weekend in October, the Clip Clop Riders provided an open house for the Middle Inlet Horse Camp, in Marinette County. If you thought they did not have a very successful weekend you would have been wrong. This hard-working group of trail riders hosted at least 28 rigs, more than 40 horses and over 70 people! The club provided trail guides for those who were not familiar with the trails and a very impressive potluck dinner. After dinner the club was presented with a check from M & M Area Community Foundation for $1180.00. Clip Clop Riders have also received a $500.00 grant from CellCom along with the grants from Wisconsin Horse Council. Most notable was the check provide by the Great Northern Paint Horse Club for $4,100 to assist with their projects.

The Clip-Clop Riders club was established in January 2016, with a vision to work with State, County, local and private land owners, along with land management organizations to develop and maintain trails for horses and other non-motorized use. In the spring of 2016, the club established a horse camp and trail system in the Middle Inlet area, in Marinette county. The trail head accommodates rustic camping and provides high lines for your use, although pens are also acceptable. A pit toilet has been installed and a well was dug at the end of October in 2017. Camping is by a county permit that can be purchased at most gas stations in the area. The permits are valid for the year and cost $12.00 and only $6.00 for those 65 and older.

The trails are primarily single track and do require some technical riding to avoid rapping your knees on the trees. They are very clearly marked and follow the trail map well. There are three loops that intertwine - red, green, and black. The trails are not rocky if you are concerned about the footing. If you enjoy a more active ride, though not difficult, these are some trails you would appreciate. There is no cost to ride the trails but donations are always accepted.

In January of this year the Clip Clop Riders met with Marinette County Forestry and Parks Department and developed a five-year plan for camp and trail improvements at the Middle Inlet Equestrian Trail System near Lake Mary. Specific goals discussed were to expand the camping area and add more picnic tables and fire rings, along with the well. This was a clear indication of the popularity of these trails.

In the very short time these trails have been available for riding, this particular destination has become a favorite of mine in the north woods. I encourage you all to make the trip to Middle Inlet and ride these wonderful trails.

The Clip Clop Riders always welcome new members with what I consider a nominal membership fee. They do have a Facebook page if you are interested in looking up the club.

Because these trails are so new the Middle Inlet Horse Camp is not listed in the Wisconsin Trails book. The directions to the camp are -

Hwy 141 to Middle Inlet (Marinette County)
County Rd X to the East to Lake Mary Rd.
Lake Mary Rd. North to Forest Rd. 901
Forest Rd. 901 for 2 miles.
The Horse Camp is on the left.
Northern Saddle Club Trail Grant Update

By Heidi Dumke

The Northern Saddle Club received a grant from the Wisconsin State Horse Council Trail Grant Program this year to make improvements on the restroom, campground and trails at the Horse Shoe Falls Equestrian Trail System. This trail system is located near Dunbar-Pembine, WI, and has 25 miles of trails to horseback ride.

Many volunteers helped build and stain the restroom, install fire rings and picnic tables at the parking/camping area at the trailhead and they also improved signage on the trails.

The Northern Saddle Club is a non-profit club that is family oriented and you do not have to own a horse to join. They have helped establish 3 equestrian trail systems within a 20 mile radius: Hall's Creek Equestrian Trail System, Bush Lake Flats and a connector trail between these two trails are located in Homestead, WI in Florence County.

For more information about the trails or Club, please visit their website at northernsaddleclub.org or call Heidi at 906-396-7457. Thank you!

Horse rescue farm fundraiser meets goal

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MENOMONIE — A St. Croix County horse rescue farm received the final donations it needed Sept. 27 to convert part of a large steel building into a hospital.

“We needed to raise $6,000 to finish the hospital building,” said Sandra Gilbert, executive director of Refuge Farms, northeast of Spring Valley.

The farm’s fundraiser at Applebee’s in Menomonie reached that goal and went over by enough to buy a few hundred gallons of propane to heat the hospital in winter, she said.

Several items were raffled off, including a 1977 Corvette that had been donated to the farm’s fundraiser.

Proceeds go toward completing the conversion of a 26-by-30-foot portion of the farm’s steel building into an insulated, heated area where horses can get medical treatment throughout the year.

The farm currently is home to 17 horses, Gilbert said, and two of them — both without sight — were outside Applebee’s Sept. 27 to educate patrons about rescue animals.

Learn more about Refuge Farms at refugefarms.org.
Horse pasture care in fall can pay off all year

By Emily Wilmes, U of M Extension Livestock Educator
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Fall is officially here, and it is quite possibly the busiest time of year for farmers; there are so many things to be thinking about and doing. While many people think about crops and harvesting them, fall is also an important time of year for pasture care, especially for horse owners. Let’s review the top eight fall pasture tips for horse owners, designed to keep pastures looking great and giving them a boost for next year.

- Seed pasture grasses. Mid-August to mid-September is the best time of year to seed or reseed pastures because there is usually adequate moisture, less weed competition and cool, desirable weather conditions. However, frost seeding in the later fall also can be successfully done.

- Take soil samples. See if pastures need any nutrients. Any time from now until the ground freezes is a good time to take samples because the soils are drier and more stable.

- Dispose of manure. Those planning to fertilize pastures with manure should sample the manure first so they know how much they should spread. Only spread manure on pastures if more than 2 acres per horse are available. Nevertheless, it’s nice to remove the manure pile once a year.

- Fertilize. Use compost or a commercial fertilizer and drag manure piles in the pasture. As stated above, test soils first to know how much is needed.

- Weed control. For those who want to control perennial weeds with an herbicide, now is the time. Perennial plants are storing nutrients for winter in their roots. As the nutrients go into the roots, so will the herbicide, giving the best chance for a successful kill.

- Check fences. Make sure fences are in good shape before the snow flies. Pay special attention to posts, and fix any broken posts before they are frozen into the ground.

- Rest the pasture. If a pasture is over-grazed, rest it for the remainder of the year. This will give the grass a chance to store up nutrients for next year so the pasture will be healthier in the spring. On average, a pasture needs 30 days of rest after one to two weeks of grazing.

- Move animals during frosts. Hoof traffic after a frost can damage grasses. Have a sacrifice area set aside where the horses can be held until the grass thaws.
Jefferson County Draft Horse Association (JCDHA) Update

By Jackie Schuster

Autumn on the farm has come to an end for another year for the Jefferson County Draft Horse Association members. On Saturday, the teamsters took logs to the saw mill to be cut into different widths and thickness. All the logs are spray painted; red-red oak, blue-cherry, white and red-white bur oak, white-white oak and blue and white-hickory. The numbers on the log tell the person operating the saw how the log should be cut up. The lumber is used at Old World Wisconsin for repairs and new projects or if not needed, it would be sold.

Ron had Dixie and Kayla, (the red Percherons) and Dick had Ruby and Cora, (the crossbred Belgian and Haflingers), pulling the stone boat loaded with logs from the staging area to the saw mill. After the logs are unloaded, a man with a metal detector scans them for metal. If the scan is positive it is pulled away and used for something else. Saturday was cut short due to the rain, but thankfully, Sunday was a better day. They were able to get all of the logs that were in the staging area sawed.

The appearances of the Jefferson County Draft Horse Association being at Old World Wisconsin is made possible by the grant we received from the Wisconsin Horse Council. This grant helps offset the cost of the teamsters going to Old World Wisconsin. We would like to thank the Wisconsin Horse Council for the grant that we received.

The Jefferson County Draft Horse Association will be back at Old World Wisconsin next May, July, September and October. The specific dates will be decided and published after January, so please watch for future articles with the dates for our 2018 demonstrations.

The Jefferson County Draft Horse Association is having a driving clinic at Old World Wisconsin on November 4th. At the clinic you will learn how to harness, ground drive a team and hitch to a wagon and drive. Please use the following link or phone number to register or get more information on the clinic. The phone number is 262-594-6301 and the website address is owweducation@wisconsinhistory.org. If you want to learn how to drive these gentle giants this is a great opportunity to learn.

We hope to see you next year at Old World Wisconsin!
Guest Worker Visa Reform Gains Momentum, Tell Congress to Finish the Job!

October 4, 2017

Status update:

On September 15, the House of Representatives passed a $1.2 trillion funding bill for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 that will serve as a benchmark for negotiations with the Senate on a final package. Congress must negotiate a final bill by December 8, when the current continuing resolution (CR) to fund federal programs at FY2017 levels will expire. While the equine industry and its allies have taken an important first step by inserting some H-2B visa reform measures within the text of the current House spending bill (such as wage-survey flexibility), the fight to insert broader visa cap relief in a final spending bill continues.

Legislation Moving in Congress:

Fortunately, Congress can fix the broken guest worker visa program by acting on legislation currently moving through the legislative process. AHC members can help push the legislative process forward by weighing in with your elected officials in Washington. Contact your federal lawmakers today and urge them to support H2B visa reform through the following vehicles:

- **FY2018 Appropriations** – Tell your lawmakers to include H-2B visa cap relief provisions in the final spending bill. This must-pass legislation is the most active vehicle moving through Congress. Meaningful cap relief includes common-sense exemptions for returning guest workers.
- **Strengthen Employment and Seasonal Opportunities (SEASON) Act (H.R. 2004)** – Tell your representative to cosponsor H.R. 2004, which will provide cap relief by establishing an exemption for well-vetted workers who have already held a visa. This bill currently has 30 co-sponsors, a number which must grow to gain more political traction. If your representative is already a sponsor, tell him to contact leadership to assure passage.
- **Save Our Small and Seasonal Businesses Act of 2017 (S. 792)** – Call both of your senators and tell them to cosponsor S. 792, legislation that will expedite applications to meet labor demands during peak seasons. This bipartisan bill currently has 12 sponsors, and will need many more to win floor time in the Senate. If your senators are already sponsors, tell them to contact leadership to make the bill a high priority.

To contact your lawmaker’s Washington office, please call the Capitol switchboard at 202-225-3121, and ask to be connected to your elected official’s office. Also, you can tweet your representative and senators by using #SaveH2B.

Emerging Legislation, Next Steps:

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte (R-VA) is soon expected to introduce the Agricultural Guest Worker Act of 2017, legislation that would replace the cumbersome H-2A program with more flexible H-2C visas. The draft text shared with AHC from House Judiciary Committee staff would accomplish the following benefits for large segments of the equine sector:

- The bill would replace the H-2A program outright, with a new program that creates incentives to hire foreign labor through legal channels;
- Reduce financial and paperwork burdens on agricultural employers by discarding H-2A mandates such as free housing and transportation;
- Create marketplace flexibility by establishing “at will” employment between visa holders and agricultural employers;
- Establish a baseline of 500,000 visas, with a built-in “escalator” that can result in 10% increases in the number of guest visas issued in subsequent years. According to State Dept. stats, the number of H2A visas has fluctuated between 65,000 and 135,000 during the past five fiscal years.

The House Judiciary Committee postponed a hearing scheduled for Wednesday, October 4 to formally introduce and review the bill. AHC will keep you updated on developments related to the Agriculture Guest Worker Act, and other legislation impacting hiring practices for the equine sector. If you would like a summary of the draft bill, or have perspectives on immigration policy and priorities you would like to share, please contact Bryan Brendle at bbrendle@horsecouncil.org.
Senior citizens cutting back: really nice 15.2 bay quarter horse gelding, not ridden in the last two years, best offer. Flashy 16.2 palomino gelding, reg. APHA, PHBA 5 year trail broke, color and halter, show record as weanling. Would make dressage, hunt or western competitor. Full sister shown palomino and has many points. He is a fun horse but too tall for us. Two hind white stockings, blaze face. Must be shod in front and prefers outside with shelter. Clips, loads, loves attention, the more the better. $2,650, offers welcome. Also have black 16 inch dressage saddle, used once $100.

Please contact Susan at 715-362-2468 or mccoy.susan73@yahoo.com.
Earn Extra Credit

Go down in history as a Midwest Horse Fair volunteer! The Volunteer Application and Midwest Horse Fair Ambassador Application are now available! As an Ambassador, Midwest Horse Fair will even turn to your horse when taking roll call! By volunteering your time, you will earn a FREE Midwest Horse Fair t-shirt, FREE admission to the fair (parking is included), opportunity to work with other incredible equine enthusiasts, and a behind-the-scenes look at University of Midwest Horse Fair!

Sign up by January 7, 2018 to qualify for the "Early Bird" Incentive and your chance to win Midwest Horse Fair gift certificates!

Visit www.MidwestHorseFair.com to view a list of volunteer job descriptions and fill out an application!

Yearbook Worthy

Raise your GPA at the University of Midwest Horse Fair by working alongside equine professors! Apply to be a clinician participant at the 2018 Midwest Horse Fair and gain access to world-class curriculum!

Applications for clinic participants will be available starting the middle of November, so have your videos shot and ready to go! Video requirements can be found at www.MidwestHorseFair.com.

Black Friday Sale

November is a time to give thanks and that gives Midwest Horse Fair a chance to say thank you to all of our dedicated attendees! Black Friday weekend will have one main objective and that is to save you money! Starting Friday, November 24, shipping will be FREE on all souvenir merchandise and general admission tickets purchased on the Midwest Horse Fair online store. Hurry - this offer expires Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.

Visit Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for up-to-date information
Join the conversation using #MidwestHorseFair
Hats off to Northern Saddle Club! I rode the trails at Halls Creek and Horseshoe Falls this year and they are both fantastic!

The vision of the Northern Saddle Club is to work with landowners and land management organizations to preserve and ensure safe riding areas for our present and future equestrian enthusiasts. They are an organized and family oriented trail riding group that maintains three different trails within a twenty-mile radius. The trails that they maintain are Halls Creek, Bush Lakes Flats and Horseshoe Falls.

Halls Creek horse trails are also located in Florence County where over 50% of the land is publicly owned giving you access to miles of riding. There are endless miles of forest roads that can be explored along with trails traveling through a mixture of hardwoods and open fields. The trails are very well marked with white carsonite post signs and color-coordinated for easy to navigation.

The trailhead at Halls Creek provides picnic tables and fire rings for rustic camping as well as a pit toilet. Camping is free and no reservations are needed. When camping at Halls Creek you can use portable fencing or high line, whatever your preference.

**Directions to Halls Creek are as follows**—Hwy 8, 1 mile West of Dunbar, go North on County Rd U. Follow County U till you come to the 4-way stop where you turn West (Left) onto County Rd C. Go 3 miles; go past LaSalle Falls Rd, past Rifle Range Road—the next road on the right is Halls Creek Rd. Turn Right, you should see the Equestrian sign. Go 1.3 miles to trailhead.

When visiting Halls Creek I would recommend you also check out Bush Lake Flats. There is a 7 mile connector trail allowing you to ride from one trail system to another. The Bush Lake Flats trails are approximately eleven miles long, but the entire forest is open for riding. Most of the trail is a single track, with a surface of sandy soil or grass. These are easy trails with no real challenging areas; this makes it an excellent trail for novice riders and green horses. There is free rustic camping available at the trailhead and water is available. The Bush Lake Flats trails are 4 miles West of Halls Creek Road on County Rd.
Trail Reviews

You won’t find the Horseshoe Falls Trails listed in the Wisconsin Horse Council trail book because they were developed since that publication. These trails are an absolute pleasure to ride and are marked better than most trail systems. I do want to thank Alan and Janet Bird for their hard work on these trails, they have worked tirelessly, along with other members of the Northern Saddle Club, to make this possible. Rustic camping is available and there is a pit toilet at the trail head. Like Halls Creek, there is no water pump, but there is water for the horses from the creek located at the trail head.

Horseshoe Falls camping requires a Marinette County Park Sticker. The sticker is good for the year and can be used for all of Marinette County Parks, including for camping at the Middle Inlet horse trails. Stickers can be purchased at local businesses in Marinette County including Aberg, Beecher, Dunbar, & Pembine.

If you haven’t ridden there yet, make sure you check these trails out. From Hwy 141 go west on County L or Beecher Lake Rd. Follow that for 1.5 miles to Semesters School Rd. turn left for .6 miles and turn right on Trout Haven Rd. Go west for 4.8 miles, you will see the signs put up by Marinette County directing you to the trailhead.
WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

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To take a proactive role in the future growth & development of the equine industry

Description
The Grant Committee of Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) looks for ways to promote the use and enjoyment of horses and ideas to educate horse people and the public at large - particularly youth. We welcome ideas for activities that allow people to interact with equines of all kinds. Maximum amount that could be approved for any one project or event is $5,000. For requests more than $5,000, the application has to go to our Board of Directors through the WHC President. Funding amounts vary depending on the purpose of the request and how it fits with the WHC Mission Statement. Our sponsorships offer funding for organizations in need of assistance for a specific use. We encourage fundraising efforts by your organization, as we may match those funds up to a limited amount.

Requirements
Organizations applying for a WHC Grant MUST BE A CURRENT MEMBER OF WHC. Be sure to include an estimated budget for your project or event. This is an important element of your application for the committee’s consideration. Also, it is important to include as much pertinent information with your application to allow the Sponsorship committee to understand the needs of your organization.

If your Grant is approved, it is required the WHC be recognized as a contributor to your event or project. For example—social media/web site recognition, hang a banner at your function, provide wall space for a plaque to be permanently displayed in a visible spot, and if applicable have WHC mentioned during the announcements or in promotional materials.

*NEW* It is also required that you submit a completion report due December 31 of current funding year. Which includes:
- A financial statement of how sponsorship funding was spent (copies of receipts where applicable)
- A copy, picture or link that shows WHC recognition for help with funding.
- Pictures of completed projects (where applicable)
  See page 3 for an example of required information

A representative(s) from your organization may be asked to attend a WHC meeting to give a short presentation regarding the project or event that received funding.

If it is not possible to complete the project within the sponsorship year, you should prepare an interim report describing the components of the project completed to date and the expected completion date. A final report is required at the completion of the project. *Those with previous incomplete sponsorships will not be eligible for more sponsorships until the obligation is met.

Completion reports, along with the other items, are a crucial part of our sponsorship program.

Application Deadline
Grant applications MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31st. Money is awarded after July 1, the beginning of WHC’s fiscal year.

Applications are available online at www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

Click on Programs and then select Sponsorships (former name of Grant Program).

Applications also may be requested by phone (920-623-0393) or in person from the WHC office in Columbus.

Pick up form & Mail completed applications to:
Wisconsin Horse Council
Sponsorship Program
PO Box 72
Columbus, WI 53925

Questions may be directed to: 920-623-0393 or e-mail info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org
WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECTION ENTITLED...

“Did You Know?”

Bay is a hair coat color of horses, characterized by a reddish-brown body color with a black mane, tail, ear edges, and lower legs. Bay is one of the most common coat colors in many horse breeds. The black areas of a bay horse's hair coat are called "black points", and without them, a horse cannot be a bay.

The Agouti gene is responsible for one of the most common horse colorations, the bay. It’s a modifier gene which restricts black eumelanin pigment to a horse’s lower legs, mane, and tail. This means that while a chestnut horse can carry the dominant Agouti gene, the bay coloration will only be visible on a black horse.

Now you know!

*Info obtained from Wikipedia
ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

These Awards are sponsored by the Wisconsin Horse Council, Inc. in cooperation with the Midwest Horse Fair®. Nominations may be submitted by clubs, associations, or individuals.

Horseperson of The Year Award is based on contributions to Wisconsin's equine industry as a whole, or in any specific area such as: youth activities, education, research, industry promotion, related legislation and regulation, trails, other equine events, or activities.

- Any person 18 years old or older can be nominated.
- Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

Special Achievement Award is based on a major accomplishment in the equine industry.

- Any person 18 years old or older can be nominated.
- Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

Lifetime Achievement Award is based on a lifetime of service to the equine industry.

- Preference given to any person who has devoted at least 25 years to the equine industry.
- Nominees must be a Wisconsin resident.
- Nominees need not be a member of the WHC.
- Include a paragraph explaining why your nominee should receive this award. Nominations received without an appropriate write up will not be accepted.

Judge of the Year is based on the integrity, diversity of knowledge, sportsmanship, willingness to accept and continually strive for greater knowledge of various breeds and disciplines at open shows.

Equine of the Year is to recognize the horses, ponies, donkeys, mules or any equine who have enriched the life of one or more humans or been cast into the spotlight because of outstanding acts, creating a positive image for equines and is awarded to the owner of the horse and is based on merit and voted on by District members. Once each District has chosen their winner, the WHC Board of Directors decides the state Equine of the Year.

- Nominated equine must be a living resident of Wisconsin.
- Owner must be a current Wisconsin Horse Council member and a resident of Wisconsin.
- A completed District Equine of the Year Award Nomination Form, one (1) clear, color photo of the nominated equine (5x7 or 8x10), and an essay containing 250 words or less describing how the nominated equine has enriched the life of one or more people through outstanding training, contributions or accomplishments or been cast into the spotlight because of outstanding acts, creating a positive image for equines must be received on or before December 1, 2017.

Awards will be presented to the winners at the Wisconsin Horse Council Awards Ceremony on Sunday, April 22, 2018 during the Midwest Horse Fair®.

Nomination forms can be accessed at www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org under the “Programs” & then “Annual Awards” tabs or by contacting the WHC Office at info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org.

All Nominations are due by January 10th with the exception of Equine of the Year which is due to the appropriate District President by December 1, 2017.
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SPECIAL CUT & FOLD PAGE!

Equine Excess Personal Liability Insurance

$1,000,000 Owners

Making a Difference for Wisconsin Horse Council

Insurance:

Per Year:

$390-$400 per year to the average horse owner...

Equine Liability Insurance

The value of this policy

Choose this valuable additional membership benefit

In addition to

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If an owner’s horse hurts someone or damages someone’s property, the rider and owner can be held responsible for the damages. Even if proven not liable, you could incur considerable legal defense costs.

Seldom is equine liability insurance extended from homeowners policies.

$1,000,000 Equine Excess Personal Liability Insurance is an optional benefit available with an Individual or Family membership with the Wisconsin Horse Council.

Coverage Highlights

- Legal liability which may result from an accident or occurrence involving a WHC Member’s horse or horse-drawn vehicle. Protection is provided for the negligence arising out of the use, or ownership, which may cause accidental bodily injury or property damage, including damage to another horse.
- Protection is provided if you are performing or competing in horse shows, clinics or demonstrations.
- Damages caused by a horse while grazing, stabled, or where the horse is not in the control of the Member.
- Defense and legal costs affiliated or in connection with any claim.
- Coverage is included for the Member giving permission to any person to use his horse or horse-drawn vehicle.
- Protection is considered “excess” over any valid and/or collectable insurance (i.e., farm, home, etc.) For Members without primary policies the excess liability will be considered “primary”.
- Children under 18 years of age are covered under a parent’s policy.
- Any horse, pony or mule is considered eligible under the terms and condition of the policy.
- You do not have to be a Wisconsin resident to become a WHC individual member and get this protection.
- Business and professional pursuits, rodeo, and racing exposures are excluded.
- Coverage is provided through EquiSure, Inc., one of the nation’s leading equine insurance specialists, and underwritten at Lloyd’s, London.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Individual Name: __________________________

Youth Name(s): __________________________

Age(s): __________________________

Family Name(s): __________________________

Street Address: __________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________

Phone #: __________________________

E-mail: __________________________

County: __________________________

Please write legibly, especially e-mail

LEVEL I MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS -

(Use circle type of Membership)

FREE e-newsletter with any paid membership; sent to your e-mail.

OR

Printed newsletter mailed to you $10

Individual (no insurance) $20

Individual PLUS $40

incl. $1 million personal liability insurance

Family (no insurance) $30

Family PLUS $70

incl. $1 million personal liability insurance

Youth (age 17 & under *free (with proof of paid individual membership)) $0

Individual Lifetime Membership (one-time fee & includes 1st year of liability insurance) $250

Annual fee on Lifetime Membership for $1 million personal liability insurance $20

☐ NEW ☐ RENEW
## WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL
### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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**Description:**

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

- Programs such as Certified Judges, Championship Challenge, and Trail Riding/Driving Awards require 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
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Phone: 920-623-0393  Fax: 920-623-0583
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Pam@wiscnhorsecouncil.org
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☐ I am a current WHC member ☐ I am not a current WHC member ☐ I’m joining WHC today

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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.- 2 line maximum) 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

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Please limit information to 2 lines and include a contact phone number.

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☐ I am a Current WHC Member
☐ I would like to know more about becoming a WHC Member

**Make Checks Payable to “Wisconsin Horse Council”**

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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

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

WHC District 1:
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crosshairsstable@gmail.com

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CounciLetter Deadline

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

January Issue: December 15th 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

REMINDER! NO DECEMBER COUNCILETTER ISSUE!

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November 7          WHC District 4 Meeting
November 23         HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
December 25         MERRY CHRISTMAS!
NO WHC BOD MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

* Please check out our Calendar of Upcoming Events, included in this issue of the CouncilLetter as well as on our website, for shows, fundraisers, clinics, tack sales and more!