

KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL



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April 2019 Newsletter



DONATE TO
THE KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL FOUNDATION



Would you like to contribute to the future of the equine industry in Kansas?

Consider donating to the Kansas Horse Council Foundation.

Contributions provide scholarships to students involved in the equine industry.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Have been received and are under review!
Thank you students and good luck to you all!
For applications and information refer to our website link below.

Scholarship information is available on the KHC website or click here:

[KHC Foundation Scholarship information](#)

Follow and "LIKE" their Facebook Page, KHC Foundation Scholarship for news, and auction items up for bid!

Livestock Emergency Response Workshop

The Kansas Department of Agriculture invites you to join our statewide workshops. Topics that will be covered include: biosecurity, disease awareness, livestock mortality management and lessons learned from other incidents.

2019 Dates and Locations:

April 30 – Great Bend
May 1 – Montezuma
May 6 – Olathe
May 7 – Mankato
May 8 – Goodland
May 13 – El Dorado
May 16 – Iola
May 20 – Manhattan



Please register for this free event as lunch will be provided and space is limited to the first 50 people.



For more information or to register, contact Kelly Oliver at 785-473-6547 or Kelly.Oliver@ks.gov

[More info here](#)

JOIN OUR HERD!

Ready to camp, ride & share stories with friends, old & new? Consider joining Kansas Horse Council! Not only do we have great membership benefits, but it's a great way to enjoy the outdoors with friends too! Memberships run from January 1 to December 31st of every calendar year!



Are You a KHC Member?

Be part of the largest equine network in Kansas!

Membership supports:

- fun and educational opportunities
- trail rides
- growth for the equine industry
- helps secure the future of our equine-related jobs, recreation, and lifestyle.

\$1,000,000 personal liability policy that covers all of your horses any time, any place; scholarship opportunities; discounts on liability signs KHC trail rides and more! <http://www.kansashorsecouncil.com/#>

Go to Purchasing Package link below to see discounts you receive with KHC membership at Kansas-owned and national businesses!

CLICK ON ANY HYPER LINK BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION!

[\\$1M Personal Excess Liability Insurance FAQ](#)
[KHC Member Purchasing Package](#)
[2019 Member benefits list, and growing!](#)
[New for 2019! Horsemanship Rewards Program!](#)

What are you waiting for? [CLICK HERE AND JOIN TODAY!!](#)

Want to know about equine events in Kansas? [KHC Calendar of Events](#)

"LIKE" KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL ON FACEBOOK & FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM TOO!

NEW MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT FOR 2019

**WANT TO EARN GREAT AWARDS FOR SPENDING TIME WITH A HORSE? WE HAVE THAT COVERED! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A HORSE OWNER TO PARTICIPATE! JUST A CURRENT MEMBER OF KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL!
 LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS NEW, AND UNIQUE MEMBER BENEFIT (ADDITIONAL FEES TO JOIN THE REWARDS PROGRAM APPLY.)**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE HERE!



IT'S TIME TO JOIN UP  **EARN REWARDS**

WANTED

ALL EQUINE LOVERS

THE  **PRESENTS**  **HORSEMANSHIP REWARDS PROGRAM**

Earn rewards while working with your favorite equine friends!
This program is open to anyone who enjoys working with horses, minis, donkeys, ponies, or mules, including "grade" equines.

 This program recognizes participation in Equine Activities such as riding, schooling, competing, showing, training, ground work, driving, exercising, and assisting in a Therapy Program or Rescue. The program does not include feeding, stall cleaning and maintenance.

PROGRAM RULES & REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a current KHC Member.
- Must pay a \$35.00 initial program enrollment fee the first year and then a \$15.00 annual program fee thereafter.
- May ride or handle more than one horse and it is not necessary to be the owner of the horse.
- Hourly log sheets may be submitted monthly, quarterly or annually. Annual submissions must be postmarked no later than December 31st.
- The KHC Member participant will need an individual membership to track member rewards by name.
- Rewards points are not retroactive. Date of log begins on enrollment date.
- Rewards are subject to change based on availability.

Awards are given at 25, 50, 100, 250, 500, 1000, 1500 & 2000 hour milestones.
Upon 2000 hours completed, members are welcome to re-enroll and start again!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 **KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL**, 8831 QUAIL LANE, SUITE 201, MANHATTAN, KS 66502
www.kansashorsecouncil.com | 785-776-0662 | Fax 785-539-2928 | director@kansashorsecouncil.com

KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL DESIGNATED REGIONS



The Regional Directors and Representatives help organize events and actively promote Kansas Horse Council throughout our state!

Please refer to our region map below to see what region you reside in and get to know your Regional Director(s) and Representative(s).

For a current listing of all our Regional Directors and Representatives in your area, click [HERE](#)



April 27-28, 2019

- Friday:** 7pm, Potluck dinner at West Point Shelter House (Bring dish to share)
- Saturday:** 10am-Noon, Ride Orange Trail; lunch at Cowboy Camp (pack your own)
1-4:30pm, Ride Blue Shoreline Trail
5:30pm, KHC and BCHA-Ks Updates
6pm, Catered Supper at West Point Shelter House, Door Prizes
- Sunday:** 8am, Breakfast provided at West Point Shelter House
9:30-11:30am, Morning ride



\$25/KHC or BCHA Members
\$35/Non-Members
Kids 12 & under, Free



Registration: Contact KHC Office, 785-776-0662 or director@kansashorsecouncil.com by April 19. No refunds after April 19, unless ride is canceled.

Camping: Contact Eisenhower State Park DIRECTLY, 785-528 4102. Campsites include hookups and ONE pen. Day parking available.

Please practice *Leave No Trace* Camping!

Join Back Country Horsemen of Kansas & the Kansas Horse Council
for a weekend ride at the Gant-Larson Ranch in the scenic Gyp Hills

MAY 18th & 19th
Reservation Deadline: May 7th



Friday: Arrive anytime after noon. 7pm - Potluck Dinner
(bring your favorite dish to share)

Saturday: 10am - Be in the saddle, ready to ride.
Lunch in camp (provide your own) 12:30pm, afternoon ride 2 to 4:30pm
7pm supper and beverage provided in camp. Door prizes!

Sunday: 7am - Breakfast provided at camp
9am - Be ready to ride, returning to camp at 12:30pm

Gyp Hills Trail Ride camp is located 10 miles West of
Medicine Lodge on Highway 160. Once you turn at the
Gyp Hills Trail Ride sign, follow the dirt road for less than
two miles to reach the campsite.

REGISTRATION:

KHC or BCHA Members: \$60.00 (per rider)
Non Members: \$70.00
Kids under 12 free

Contact KHC Office to register for this ride, by calling
(785) 776-0662 OR director@kansashorsecouncil.com by
May 7. No refunds after May 7 unless ride is cancelled.

Primitive camping • 14 Pens available in campground (first come basis) • Portable pens approved
• Limited electrical hookups with pen

The following amenities are paid directly to the Gant-Larson Ranch:

There are a limited number of pens (14) available for \$20.00 per pen, per day/2 horse minimum per pen
There are 4 electrical hookups available at \$20.00 per day, each includes a pen for 2 horses
(also available on site is a shower house for your convenience)
Reservations for electrical hookups are made by calling Robert Larson at 620-886-0776 in the evenings.

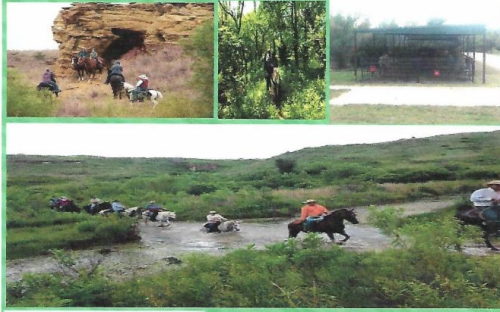
Dogs on leashes are allowed in camp but not on the rides.



SAVE THE DATES!
MAY 4TH KANOPOLIS LAKE

**ROCKIN' K EQUESTRIAN
CAMPGROUND BENEFIT TRAIL
RIDE AT KANOPOLIS STATE
PARK, MAY 4TH.
CONTACT DETAILS IN FLYER,**

COME JOIN US FOR A SPRING RIDE
MAY 4TH 2019



AT ROCKIN K HORSE
CAMPGROUND

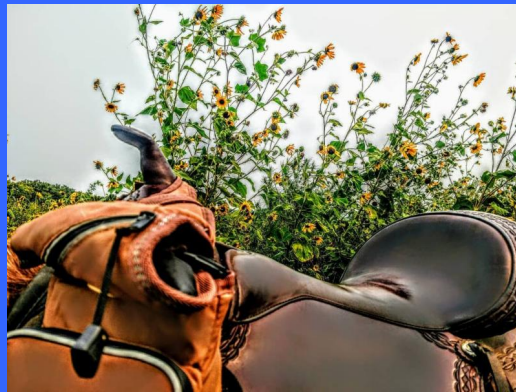
KANOPOLIS LAKE, KANOPOLIS KANSAS, AND
SEE OUR NEW IMPROVEMENTS.
\$20.00 PER PERSON, GUIDED RIDES FRI., SAT,
AND SUNDAY, POT LUCK MEAL-EVERYONE
BRING A DISH ON SATURDAY, PROCEEDS WILL
GO TOWARD FOR THE FALL BENEFIT RIDE SEPT.
21 & 22, 2019. Contact Tracy McIntyre 620-680-0935

OR REFER TO OUR WEBSITE
HERE:

[CALENDAR](#)

UPCOMING JUNE 15TH RIDE,
LAKE SCOTT STATE PARK!
DETAILS ON WEBSITE! THIS
RIDE WILL BE FEATURED NEXT
MONTH IN THE JUNE
NEWLETTER AND SEE OUR
EVENT ON FACEBOOK!

RIDE KANSAS



OUR MONTHLY FEATURED STATE PARK RETURNS!
THIS ISSUE'S PARK IS:

HISTORIC LAKE SCOTT STATE PARK
LOCATED WEST OF HWY 83, BETWEEN OAKLEY AND SCOTT
CITY, KS ON K95.

Kansas Horse Council will be having a day ride at Lake Scott
State Park, on June 15th! Look for ride details on our [website](#)
[here](#) or contact Kansas Horse Council for more information at
785-776-0662.



PARK MAPS AND DETAILS ARE LOCATED ON PAGE 55 AND 56 OF OUR OFFICIAL EQUESTRIAN TRAILS IN KANSAS GUIDE.

CLICK ON LINK BELOW TO REQUEST THE GUIDE OR REFER TO OUR *WEBSITE HERE.*

***CLICK HERE FOR A LISTING OF EQUESTRIAN TRAILS IN KS* ON OUR WEBSITE.**

or request a copy of our full color 2018 edition Equestrian Trails in Kansas guide here.

THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS & BACK COUNTRY HORSEMAN OF AMERICA, KANSAS CHAPTER, FOR YOUR HARD WORK IN MAINTAINING ALL OUR KANSAS TRAILS!

AND REMEMBER...

**RIDE KANSAS
USE IT OR LOSE IT
LEAVE ONLY HOOFPRIENTS BEHIND
IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.**

INFORMATIVE INFORMATION FROM THE KDHE REGARDING ALGAE BLOOMS

It's riding season everyone! Please be alerted to the dangers of Blue Algae blooms in area lakes, especially in Kansas Article is courtesy of Bureau of Water, Kansas Department of Health & Environment. Author Megan M. and fellow contributors. Thank you for sharing with us, KDHE.

Harmful Algal Blooms, Horses, and You: Tips from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Algal blooms have been in the national news over the past year, creating more awareness on this subject than ever before. In particular, a persistent bloom affecting Lake Okeechobee, Fla.,



Webster Lake (Rooks Co., KS), August 2018 (KDHE staff photo)

gained national attention as the toxic water was released from the lake into connected rivers and canal systems across southern Florida. Algal blooms impact not only the affected waterbodies, but also wildlife, tourism, and quality of life for those living on or near these waterways.

In Kansas, we also experience harmful algal blooms. During the 2018 recreation season, KDHE received validated complaints at 32 public lakes. Before taking the horses for a ride this summer, it is important to understand what a harmful algal bloom is, and how it can affect both you and your animals. In a recent article in *The Horse* magazine, Dr. Ensley from Kansas State University described how horses can be susceptible to harmful algal blooms¹.

As these notable instances of harmful algal blooms increase, you may be wondering what exactly they are and what impact they could have on you.

Cyanobacteria, also known as blue-green algae, are the culprit behind harmful algal blooms (HABs) in Kansas. At times, cyanobacteria can reproduce very rapidly, creating a dense growth known as a bloom. These blooms primarily occur during the summer, where high temperatures and nutrient runoff from the land surrounding a waterbody can create the right conditions for a bloom. Some types of cyanobacteria produce toxins, which can be released when they become stressed and/or die. Some other types of algae can also produce harmful blooms; the famous marine "red tides," produced by overgrowth of red algae in oceans, are an important example.

Toxins from a HAB can affect the health of warm-blooded animals, including humans and our equine friends, pets, and livestock. In people, the symptoms of cyanobacteria poisoning depend upon the type of cyanobacteria toxin and route of exposure (e.g., swallowing water with the bloom, getting water on your skin, inhaling water while recreating). The clinical signs and symptoms of acute (sudden) cyanobacteria poisoning, in both animals and humans, are non-specific and can include: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, cough, sore throat, rash, and liver damage². These toxins have been identified as the cause of several human illnesses, including two hospitalizations in 2011². These toxins have also been identified as the cause

of multiple animal deaths, mostly dogs, in the U.S. and Kansas³. Due to the large amount of water that larger animals like cows and horses consume, they are particularly at risk of exposure to high toxin levels. Ensure that your horses have access to a clean water source. Water affected by a harmful algal bloom will usually smell foul, and horses will typically not drink this water unless they have no other choice. Do not let any animal drink water or eat scum from a waterbody affected by a harmful algal bloom. If your horse or other animal has been in contact with a harmful algal bloom, immediately wash or rinse its body off with clean water, and call your veterinarian.

What can you do to protect your animals?

CHECK ADVISORIES

Before you head out to a public lake, check to see any current advisories at the Kansas HAB advisory website, <http://www.kdheks.gov/algae-illness/>, or call the harmful algal bloom hotline, 785-296-1664. KDHE operates a response-based program for public, recreational waters. When a member of the public suspects that a water body has a harmful algal bloom, an official complaint can be submitted on the website or the harmful algal bloom hotline. KDHE works with many partners – the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism, US Army Corps of Engineers, local lake managers, city utilities managers, and more, to investigate any complaints and to determine the need for advisory status.

BE AWARE

Because the state HAB program is response based, KDHE often relies on public information to help get the word out about harmful algal blooms. Detailed examples of harmful algal blooms and how to recognize them can be found on the KDHE HAB website. Generally, a harmful algal bloom will result in water that has a scummy, thick mat, is foamy, or looks like it has paint spilled on it. The water could be discolored red, pea-green, blue, blue-green, or brownish red, depending on the species of blue-green algae. If you are not sure whether it is a harmful algal bloom or not, it's best to follow the advice – "When in doubt, stay out!"

KEEP AN EYE ON PRIVATE PONDS

If your horses use a surface water source on private property, keep an eye out for the signs of a harmful algal bloom as described in the previous section. While KDHE does not monitor lakes on private properties, there are some measures you can take to monitor your own waterbody. If you are unsure whether a waterbody has a harmful algal bloom, you can perform a simple jar test. [Directions are on the KDHE HAB website](#), but the idea behind the jar test is that most cyanobacteria float, while other forms of algae do not. For a small fee, water samples can also be tested at the [Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory](#) for the presence of cyanobacteria. When a harmful algal bloom is present, the best course of action is to find an alternate source of water for your animals.

As the root cause of harmful algal blooms is excess nutrients, anything done to limit nutrient input will aid in the prevention of harmful algal blooms. These could include the addition of rain gardens and buffer strips to keep runoff from entering your waterbody. More information on the detection and prevention of harmful algal blooms can be found at the KDHE HAB website.

If your horse or other animal has been in contact with a harmful algal bloom, immediately wash or rinse its body off with clean water, and call your veterinarian.

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HIT THE TRAILS

AT A KANSAS STATE PARK



KANSAS STATE PARKS WITH EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

Eisenhower State Park, Osage City • Horse Campsites
El Dorado State Park, El Dorado • Horse Campsites
Hillsdale State Park, Paola • Horse Campsites
Kanopolis State Park, Kanopolis • Horse Campsites
Milford State Park, Junction City • Horse Campsites
Perry State Park, Perry • Horse Campsites
Sand Hills State Park, Hutchinson • Horse Campsites
Historic Lake State Park, Scott City • Horse Campsites
Tuttle Creek State Park, Manhattan • Horse Campsites
Flint Hills Trail, Osawatomie to Herington

Learn more about our parks & reserve
your stay at www.KSOutdoors.com.

TWO PARKS IN KANSAS DESIGNATED FOR EQUESTRIAN USE ONLY! WILD HORSE AT PERRY AND SADDLE RIDGE AT HILLSDALE!

For the horse campers out there, two Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, State Parks are now designated for equestrian use, only. Meaning, non-equestrians may not reserve spots in Wild Horse Camp, Perry State Park (Lake Perry) or Saddle Ridge Campground, Hillsdale State Park (Hillsdale Lake). You must have a horse to camp in these areas as designated equestrian campground use only.

For reservations, please contact the respective park offices, Wild Horse Equestrian Camp is still listed on Reserve America.com.
[PERRY STATE PARK INFORMATION HERE](#)

You must contact the Hillsdale Park Office to reserve a campsite in the Saddle Ridge Equestrian Campground at Hillsdale State Park.
[HILLSDALE STATE PARK INFORMATION HERE](#)

Allowing only equestrians in these parks, is safer for everyone. Equestrians have limited, designated areas, and this helps to preserve them.
While visiting our State Parks, please don't litter on the trails. If you pack it in, pack it out.
And clean your pens prior to departing.
Thank you for respecting while visiting our State Parks and natural resources, and the efforts to preserve them for equestrian use.



**OUR 22ND YEAR IS A WRAP!
PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU
BY KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL
and OUR SPONSORS: [List of
2019 Sponsors](#)** A big Thanks to
all our 2019 sponsors! Please
visit their websites via the blue
link to learn more about them!

Did you miss the 2019 event?
Visit our website
at: www.equifestofks.com



**Follow us on FACEBOOK,
@equifestofks and INSTAGRAM, equifestofks too!
2020 is in the works! Stay tuned for updates!**

Stampede on down to your County Courthouse to get your
official KHC license plate!
(KHC membership is not required to show your love for horses!)
Read more about it here:
[KHC License Plate](#)



GIDDY UP AND SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR HORSES!



DILLONS REWARDS PROGRAM

We are now renrolled in the Dillons Community Rewards program! Now, when you shop at Dillons and use your Rewards card, KHC will earn a percentage rebate based on your Dillon's purchases!

To link & register your rewards card click here: [Dillons Rewards Link](#) and log into your existing account. Search for Kansas Horse Council or enter our NPO number, KS920 and click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a *Rewards Card.

*You must have a registered Dillons Food Stores rewards card account to link the Community Rewards program to Kansas Horse Council. (Cards are available for FREE at any Dillon's customer service desk.)

[SHOP DILLONS](#)

Purchases will not count towards rebates for KHC until you register your rewards card and link to Kansas Horse Council here:

[DILLONS REWARDS LINK](#)

Registered Rewards Cards must be swiped at checkout or use your phone number registered with your Rewards Card when shopping for purchases to count.

This program does not affect your Fuel Points balance. They will still accumulate for your personal use. Rebate program is based on purchases at Dillon's stores payable to Kansas Horse Council as a Non Profit Organization.

Thank you for your continued support to the voice of equine enthusiasts in Kansas!

Learn about Kansas Horse Council

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AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Kansas Horse Council is also now enrolled in the Amazon.com Smile Program! When you shop

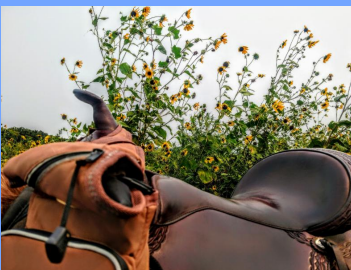
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you may select Kansas Horse Council as your Non-Profit charity upon Checkout!

KHC will receive .05% of your total purchase, of Amazon SMILE program eligible products! To learn more about this program and how it works go here:

[AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM](#)

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**ENJOY RIDING THE TRAILS IN KANSAS?
JOIN BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF KANSAS TODAY!**

BCHA-Kansas

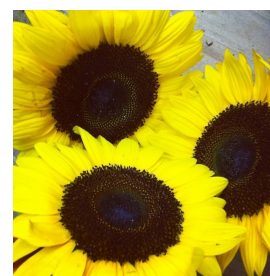
Dues of \$45/individual, \$50/family include both Kansas and national memberships. Find out more about BCHA and read their Mission Statement at <https://www.bcha.org/>

BCHA-Kansas is committed to keeping track of hours spent by volunteers across the state maintaining trails and keeping our public trails open. In 2014, trail volunteers have accumulated well over 2,000 hours and have raised several thousand dollars for Kansas public trails and camps that are open to equestrians! This information continues to have an impact and improves equestrians' relationships with land managers. Across the US, there are 13,000 BCHA members and chapters in 29 states! For a membership form or information, contact Steve Lindsey, steve.lindsey@lia-ks.com.

Our Membership Purchasing Partners offering Kansas Horse Council Member Discounts with your KHC Membership card.



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