

# KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

## *NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.*

### **December 2024 Edition**

**News, announcements and events from around Kansas,  
regarding the Kansas equine industry.**

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just some of our membership benefits! Visit our website  
to learn more.**

**Join our herd!**

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**NOW**



**2024**

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## Lawrence Old Fashioned Christmas Parade

The 2024 Lawrence Old Fashioned Christmas Parade was a huge success, a warm thank-you goes out to all who volunteered, and those who participated. Please enjoy some pictures of this fun yearly tradition.











**American Horse Council Seeking  
Speakers for Conference**





# REQUEST FOR SPEAKERS AHC CONFERENCE

*The theme for 2025 is "Harness the Power of Collaboration for Greater Achievement" which highlights the power of teamwork, collaboration and consensus to create success.*



**JUNE 22-25, 2025  
OMNI SHOREHAM  
WASHINGTON DC**



For More Information  
[www.horsecouncil.org](http://www.horsecouncil.org)



The American Horse Council invites members of the equestrian community to speak at the 2025 AHC Conference, which will be held June 22-25, 2025 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington DC. The AHC Conference provides a unique platform for experts to share information, ideas, and insights to attendees, which includes both members and nonmembers and AHC and equine association/organization leaders, industry professionals, suppliers/manufacturers and stakeholders.

The theme for 2025 is "Harness the Power of Collaboration for Greater Achievement" which highlights the power of teamwork, collaboration and consensus to create success. It emphasizes that when individuals, teams, or organizations come together their combined efforts yield something far greater than the sum of their individual contributions. "We invite all kinds of experts within the horse industry, or those with interesting or important horse-related topics, to speak at the AHC Conference," said Julie Broadway, AHC President. "We always strive to provide a wide variety of topics from knowledgeable sources. In the past, speakers have covered a range of topics from science and research, technology innovation, membership and development, etc. Consistent with our theme, we encourage speakers who have bridged



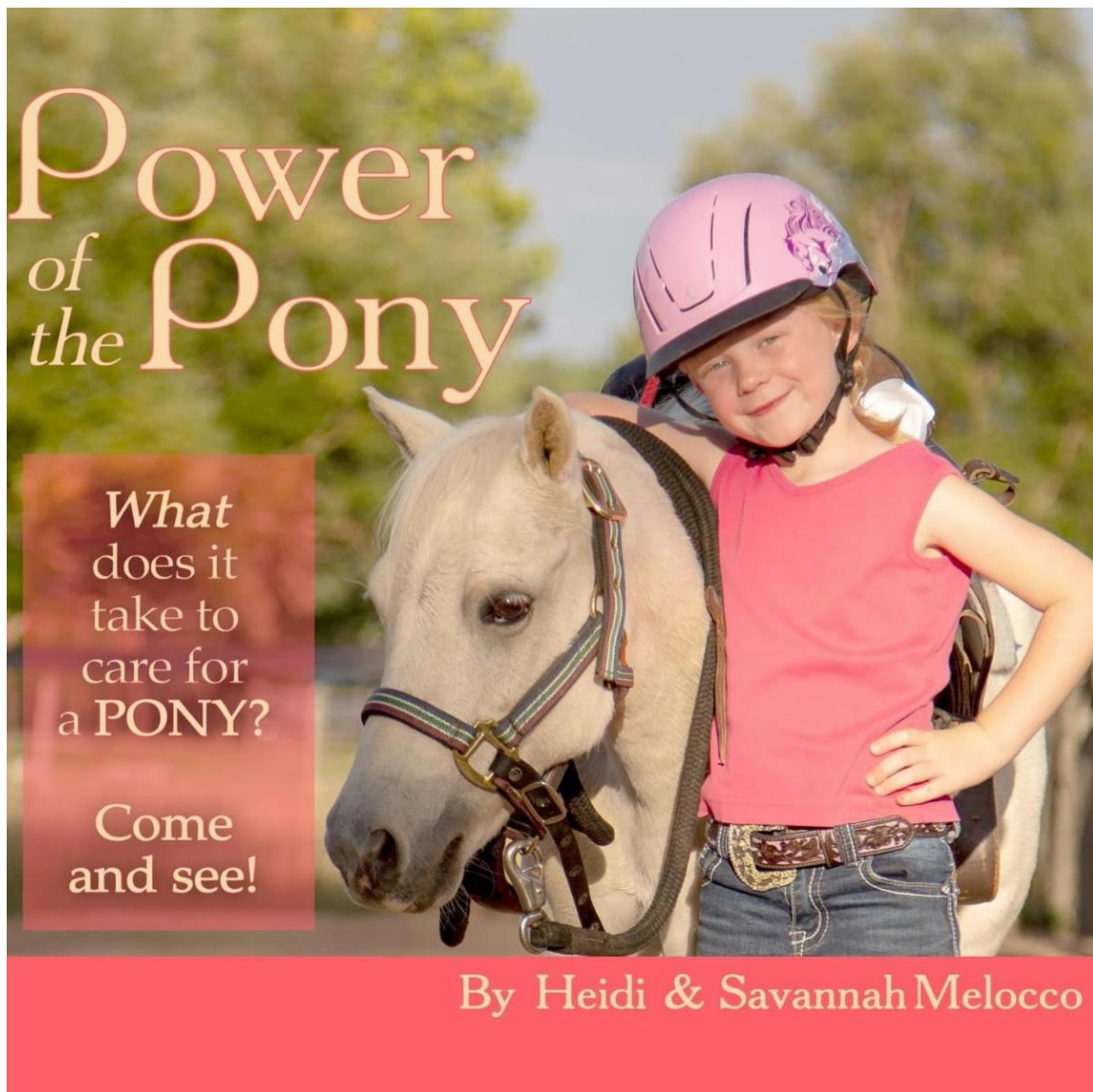
disciplines, sectors, and industries, to apply."

The AHC Conference is the premier educational conference provided by AHC where attendees of all ages come together to learn, network, and share ideas to grow the horse industry. Individuals with expertise, passion, and a desire to share knowledge are encouraged to submit workshop abstracts. Presentations can be 45 minutes.

Abstracts for workshops should be submitted to [info@horsecouncil.org](mailto:info@horsecouncil.org), no later than January 15, 2025 and should include a workshop title and a short (100 words or fewer) description of the workshop, including the key take aways audience will get along. Please also include a copy of the presenter's CV/resume.

**More Information**

## The Power of the Pony



Help grow the next generation of horse enthusiasts and encourage



some reading time with your little ones. Check out "Power of the Pony" today!

Heidi and Savannah Melocco introduce their new children's book, *The Power of the Pony*. The photo book details what it's like to have a pony at home—and all the life lessons and character-building that come with having a hooved friend to care for. The book combines rhythmic rhyme stories with notes from a child's perspective and facts about ponies. The amazing Romeo is a white pony who loves to be brushed and groomed by his girl, Savannah. She feeds him daily, grooms, rides, preps for horse shows, and shares her pony with her friends. Join in on the adventure and find out what it's like to have your dream pony—or just find a great place to ride.

### "The Power of The Pony" Children's Book

## Equine Sector Session 2024

Thank you to those who joined us for the Equine Sector Session—if you missed the session, the recording is available [here](#).

To guide the work that the Kansas Horse Council will do over the next year, please participate in the poll below.

The poll will allow you to select multiple equine sector priorities, please choose only your top three priorities.

Equine Sector Priorities (PICK 3)  
(View/vote in browser)

1. Adding/Improving Equine Expo Infrastructure
2. Defining Horses as Livestock
3. Appointing a dedicated Kansas Equine Extension Specialist
4. Supporting consumer demand for entry-level experiences to equine activities
5. Restoring Federal Appropriations for USDA inspectors as it applies to horse exports and horse processing
6. Establishing an Equine Check-Off Program
7. Sharing Equine Economic Impact
8. Support KS Horse Racing as needed
9. Develop equine handling protocol for emergency response & law enforcement
10. Increased trail maintenance, trail riding promotion, and opening of new trails for equestrian use



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[VOTE HERE](#)

[2024 Equine Sector Session Recording Link](#)

[2023 Equine Sector Session Recording Link](#)





## AHC Reel of Industry Updates



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Know a horse owner in need of assistance? Find support services and safety net programs today.

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**THE GOLDEN HISTORIC  
HORSE RACING FACILITY**







### **What is historical horse racing?**

It's a way of gambling. You bet on horse races that have happened already.

They are like slot machines. They have spinning pictures, and it sounds like a slot machine.

You will get information about the horses and jockey before placing your bet.

The player chooses the order of horses, or you can choose to have the machine choose for you.

The new facility will be called the Golden Circle Historic Horse Racing Facility.

### **About the facility:**

It is going into the old Greyhound Park in Park City that closed in 2007.

It's 3 stories tall.

Phil Ruffin is behind the project that will cost roughly \$100 million dollars.

There are 80 acres of land for the new project.

**COMING TO WICHITA IN SEPTEMBER 2025**

## **Upcoming Events**



## **2024 Upcoming Events and Calendar**

This month there are shows, rodeos, trail rides, and more!

See them here:

***Calendar of Submitted Events***

Any questions regarding events, please call us at

**785-776-0662**

If interested in more information or to register for an event,  
please email us at



# REMINDER

**BE SURE TO  
RENEW YOUR  
KANSAS  
HORSE  
COUNCIL  
MEMBERSHIP  
FOR 2025**

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of KANSAS

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## Tales & Tidbits



**December Inspiration**





Hayden Kristal · [Follow](#)

16h ·



17.2 Friesian/Lippizan cross. Extensively trained in roping, dressage, tap, ballet, and jazz; qualified for the 2024 Olympics but missed them because we flew Spirit. No buck, no bolt, no shirt, no shoes, no problem. Sired by Secretariat's freshman roommate. Suitable for beginners with good insurance. No tire kickers or lowballers, I know what I've got



Send a gift



# Mare-y Christmas from the Joking Ponies





# AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL PODCAST



## EPISODE 20



## Holiday Gifting for Horses and Humans

47.50

60.00



The holidays are fast approaching and you're thinking- "OMG, I need to find the perfect gift for my horse-loving family or friend – where do I start?"

The American Horse Council is here to help you sort this out! AHC's monthly podcast on Horse in the Morning Radio Network for December 2024 will feature three outstanding guests to talk about gift-giving ideas for all budgets and interests.

AHC President Julie Bradway and Co-Host AHC Staffer, Emily Stearns, will chat with Martha Cook of Trafalgar Square Books, Amanda Bodkin of SmartPak, and John Nicholson of Old Friends Farm about all kinds of amazing gifts for the horse lover. Ideas that are novel, unique, customizable, educational, or heartwarming – we have many suggestions!

**Holiday Gifting for Horses and  
Human**

*the* **HORSE**



# Winterizing Horses

Posted by Nancy S. Loving, DVM, Featured in *The Horse*



## **Take a few simple precautions and management approaches to help your horse weather winter safely.**

Looking out upon a wintry farmscape it's common to see equine forms silhouetted against the snow, huddled against the wind. Or, you might glimpse the glow of lights from a barn housing blanketed equine charges. In northern climes winter generally is a time of slowed activity for both horse and rider, but attentiveness to horses' health and management is just as crucial during these chilly months as it is during the warmer ones.

How should you prepare your horse so he will thrive in winter and emerge from it in robust condition, ready for a busy riding season? Let's look at some steps you can take to protect your horse's body systems.

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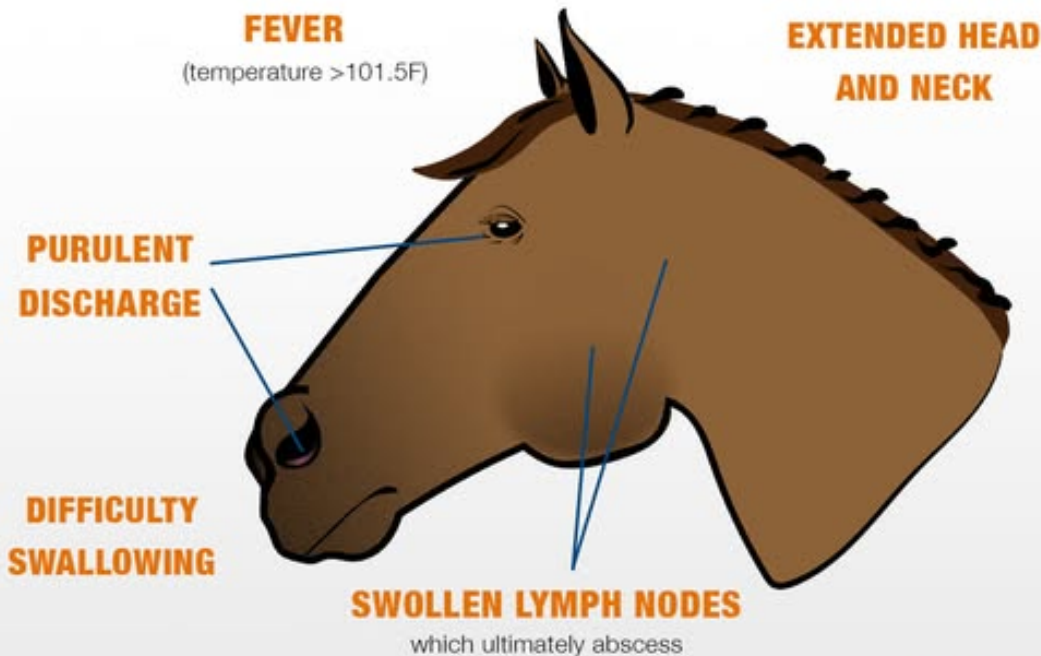
Screens out  
insects and birds





# CAN YOU RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF STRANGLES?

Strangles is caused by bacterial infection with *Streptococcus equi* subspecies *equi* (referred to as *S. equi*). The bacteria typically infect the upper airway and lymph nodes of the head and neck.



If you suspect a strangles outbreak, **be sure to involve your veterinarian right away** to determine the diagnosis and the best control practices for your particular farm. Strangles is a reportable disease in some states, and the state veterinarian may need to be notified as well. Contact your veterinarian for more information.



Strangles was one of the first equine diseases to be described by the early writers of veterinary science (was first reported in 1215) and is one of the most commonly diagnosed contagious diseases of the horse, worldwide. Though strangles is highly contagious and can affect many horses on a farm, particularly young animals, most horses with infection recover without complication.

It is not uncommon for strangles infections to recur on a farm with previous outbreaks of the disease. The bacteria can survive in water sources for over a month, but the primary source of recurrent infections is most likely asymptomatic carrier horses. Anywhere from 4-50% of the horses on farms with recurring strangles are asymptomatic carriers of the infection, and they may continue to shed the bacteria for months to even years, serving as a continual source of new infections.

If you suspect a strangles outbreak, be sure to involve your veterinarian right away to determine the diagnosis and the best control practices for your particular farm. Strangles is a reportable disease in some states. Movement of any horses on or off the farm should be stopped, and new horses should not be introduced.

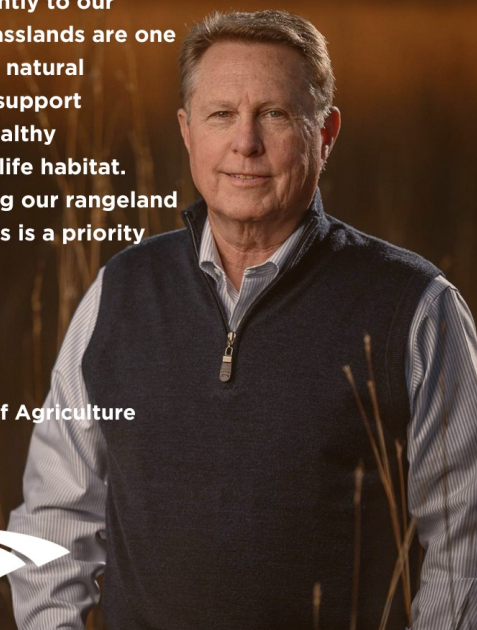


Monitoring the temperature of all horses daily and isolating horses at the first sign of fever is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of infection. Infected horses can transmit the bacteria to healthy horses one to two days after they develop a fever.

"Kansas grazing lands play a key role in the economic sustainability of the cattle industry, which contributes significantly to our state's economy. Grasslands are one of our most valuable natural resources, and they support livestock grazing, healthy watersheds and wildlife habitat. Therefore, conserving our rangeland and native grasslands is a priority for KDA."

**-Mike Beam**

Secretary  
Kansas Department of Agriculture



## That Time Of The Year

by Del Shields Cowboy Music and Poetry

Sure is brisk this morning. It's that chill that pierces through. There's no doubt on days like this, the days of Fall are few.

There's a glaze upon the water. Not a ripple nor a wave. The air is still. There's not a sound. The world is silent as a grave.



A blanket of frost covers the horses backs. They stand with heads hung low.

My mind drifts off with dreaded thoughts, of the soon impending snow.

As I rattle the latch on the feed room door, the dark world comes to



life.

Horses nicker. Some beef calves ball. I get a feeling that is free of strife.

I saddle a cold back grey hoss. He's broncy but not too bad. Once he sorts it out and gets his mind in the game, he's one of the best I've had.

This morning sun sure feels good. It's puts a little heat in my bones. As I gather up these yearling colts, I sure am liking them roans.

Yeah it's that time of year that sort of keeps me restless, and tossing in my bed at night.

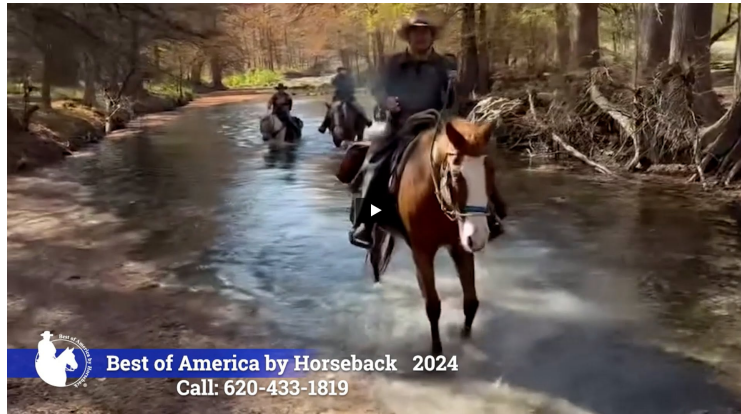
It'll soon be upon us and there's nothing we can do, when we're covered neath a blanket of pure white.

To a rancher it's a hardship. To a child it's pure fun. On Christmas Day it brings a world of thrill.

Though you'll never hear me curse it, for it comes from God above, it's the challenge that I face each winter still.

But today's another beauty, as I unsaddle this ol grey. Thankful I'll be when I bow my head tonight.

If I open my eyes tomorrow, and I'm given another day, I'll be thankful again no matter what be the sight.





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### DID YOU KNOW...It's **FREE** to Access the Horse Trails of America Map

THE map is **free to access**, but we do ask that all sign in and make an account so that we can keep our community safe. Here's where to make your membership (or take advantage of the six-month free trial for the Trail & Travel Membership): <https://www.horsetrailsofamerica.com/start-membership>. Or if it's easier to remember, [HTA.horse](http://HTA.horse) will take you to the same spot.

### **Watch the Video**

Want more help? Here's a how-to video to walk you through all the features and what to do. Watch the YouTube channel—and be sure to hit subscribe and like once you're there: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rQm8Lnd3ko>

The map is up to 1400 locations. If you're looking for a layover or have one to add please make <http://HTA.horse> your first resource. You can review what's up already and post more! We would love to have you post fairgrounds too!





A map of the United States with various colored circles (green, yellow, orange, purple) and icons (airplane, suitcase, bed) placed over different states. The circles contain numbers: 7, 8, 18, 2, 6, 23, 4, 5, 14, 5, 3, 4, 61. The icons include two airplane icons in the upper Midwest, a suitcase icon in the Southeast, and a bed icon in the Midwest. The text is overlaid on a blue rectangular box in the center of the map.

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As social animals, horses are a lot like humans. They have different personalities and hierarchies in their social structures, which include, at times, challenging one another in those roles. It can be easy to resonate with the similarities horses have to our own lives, which provides opportunities to learn from them that feel relevant to other life and relationship situations.

Horses provide a safe and dynamic environment, where peace and healing come through the relationship facilitated by trained professionals.

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# HERE FOR HORSES

Horses impact our lives in many powerful ways. At Here For Horses, we are here to help you encounter the power of these animals and the impact they can make on your life. Whether through riding, attending an event, or pursuing equine-assisted services, Here For Horses is your gateway to connect with equines and unlock a world of possibility.

[www.hereforhorses.org](http://www.hereforhorses.org)





**Membership for the 2024-2025 IEA Season is NOW OPEN for Coaches, Riders and Teams using the new AccessIEA Database. Sign up today!**

#### WHAT IS IEA?

- IEA is a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to introducing and promoting lifelong involvement in equestrian athletics.
- IEA utilizes a unique draw-based team competition format whereby riders are not required to own their own horse or riding tack to participate – providing greater affordability and access to the sport.
- IEA has nearly 15,000 members across the United States riding and coaching 3 disciplines – HUNT SEAT, WESTERN and DRESSAGE.

#### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Riders in Grades 4-12.
- [Amateur Riders](#) age 21 and older.
- Coaches 21 and older.
- Adult Contributing Members (non-riding).
- Junior Education Members (non-riding).
- Middle School Teams – Grades 4-8.
- Upper School Teams – Grades 9-12.
- Teams consist of 3 to 40 riders in the same age group (Middle or Upper) and a coach.
- Riders of all experience levels from Beginner Walk-Trot to Varsity Open.
- Show season runs August – June.

#### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- \$1.5 million in cash and renewable collegiate Scholarships awarded each season.
- National Youth Board and Leadership opportunities.
- Financial Aid and Grant opportunities.
- Individual and Team Advancement at Local, Regional, Zone, and National competitions.
- National Online Horsemanship Knowledge Program (National Hippology Academy)
- Access to additional events, clinics, college recruitment events, mentorships, volunteer opportunities, contests, and more.


**Attention Kansas lesson barns, you too could become an (IEA) Interscholastic Equestrian Association facility and partake in shows & awards! Checkout their Facebook page and website, [www.rideiea.org](http://www.rideiea.org)**

**CHECK IT OUT**



# KHC & Affiliated Programs



  
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- ☐ Joint Individual Membership- BCH- KS/ KHC \$80.00
- ☐ Joint Family Membership- BCH- KS/ KHC \$100.00
- ☐ Student Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$35.00
- ☐ Individual Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$50.00
- ☐ Family Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$80.00
- ☐ Club Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$35.00
- ☐ Business/Organizational Membership- Kansas Horse Council \$100.00
- ☐ Individual with Back Country Horsemen of KS \$45.00
- ☐ Family with Back Country Horsemen of Kansas \$50.00
- ☐ Business/Affiliate Org with Back Country Horsemen of KS \$50.00

☒ I would like to automatically renew my membership

**MEMBERSHIPS**

**Log in to your existing account**

Login Name:

Password:

**Log In**

**Forgot your password?**  
Enter the e-mail address associated with your account and we'll send you a link to recover your login information.

Email:

**Recover Account**

## NEW for 2024 and beyond!

When you set up an account and you are logged in, any purchases you make are listed in your personal account, so you can always see your transactions and you'll always have your member number handy.

HRP, Lifetime Insurance, Signs and Guides are in the "store" options, just under the Membership options page.



We hope you like the changes. We'll still be able to take memberships over the phone or check by mail...this online provides convenience and an auto-renewal option if you'd like!

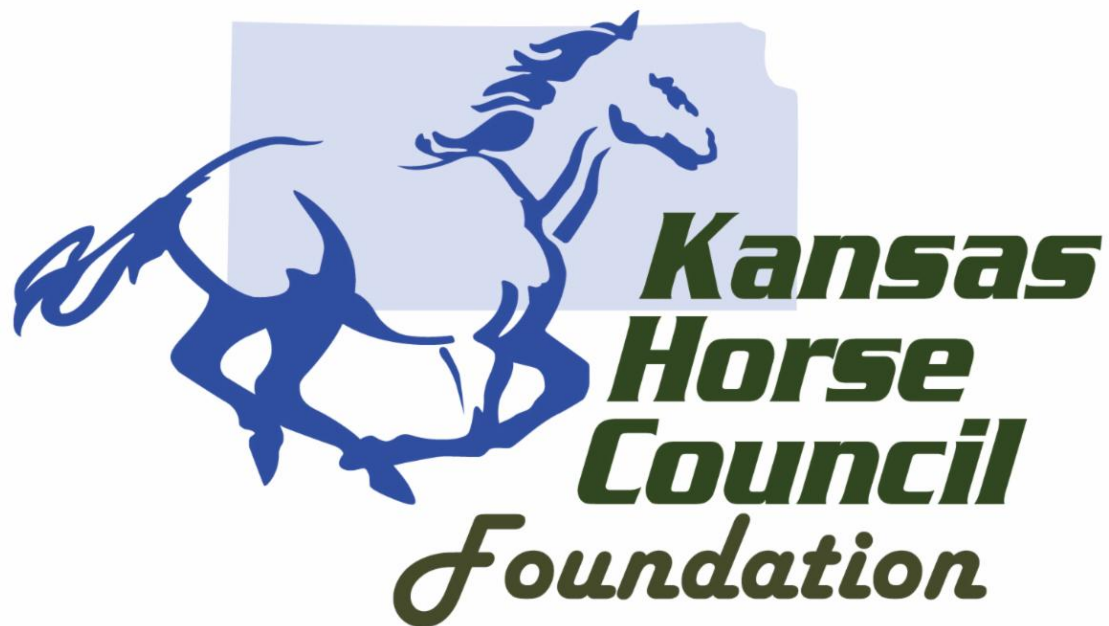
Feel free to email or call if you have any questions.  
[director@kansashorsecouncil.com](mailto:director@kansashorsecouncil.com), 785-776-0662



## NOTICE

Members joining online now through  
December, memberships will begin  
January 1st, 2025.





Planning for the future?  
Consider a tax deductible donation to  
the Kansas Horse Council Foundation, a 501c3 charitable  
organization, promoting equine education and providing academic  
scholarships to equestrians.





Earn Horsemanship points for the quality time you spend with horses, mules, donkeys, ponies and minis!

Registered or Grade, owner or non-owner, or as a volunteer, we want to recognize your participation in Equine Activities!

("Activities" do not include feeding, stall cleaning and general maintenance.)

Examples include groundwork, grooming, trail, recreational riding, schooling, lessons, competing, driving, training, exercising and other horse care.

Earn points by volunteering at a therapeutic riding program or an equine rescue.

\$35 for first time enrollment & \$15 each renewal year to rollover your cumulative hours. Enroll now!



# SIGN UP FOR HRP HERE

## EQUINE DISCOUNTS

A percentage of every sale is

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As a member of KHC, you are eligible for these discounts.



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- Construction Equipment: up to 26% off



BIG ASS FANS

BAF is committed to Energy Efficient Air movement and providing comfort to the equine industry. Equine members will receive up to a 25% discount on qualifying purchases for all Equine Facilities and Personal Residences.

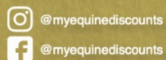
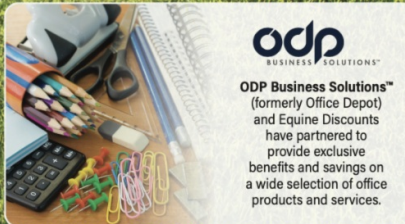


By establishing a Sherwin-Williams account, members are eligible for these great benefits:

- 35% off paints at list price
- 30% off brushes, rollers and associated products at list price



ODP Business Solutions™ (formerly Office Depot) and Equine Discounts have partnered to provide exclusive benefits and savings on a wide selection of office products and services.



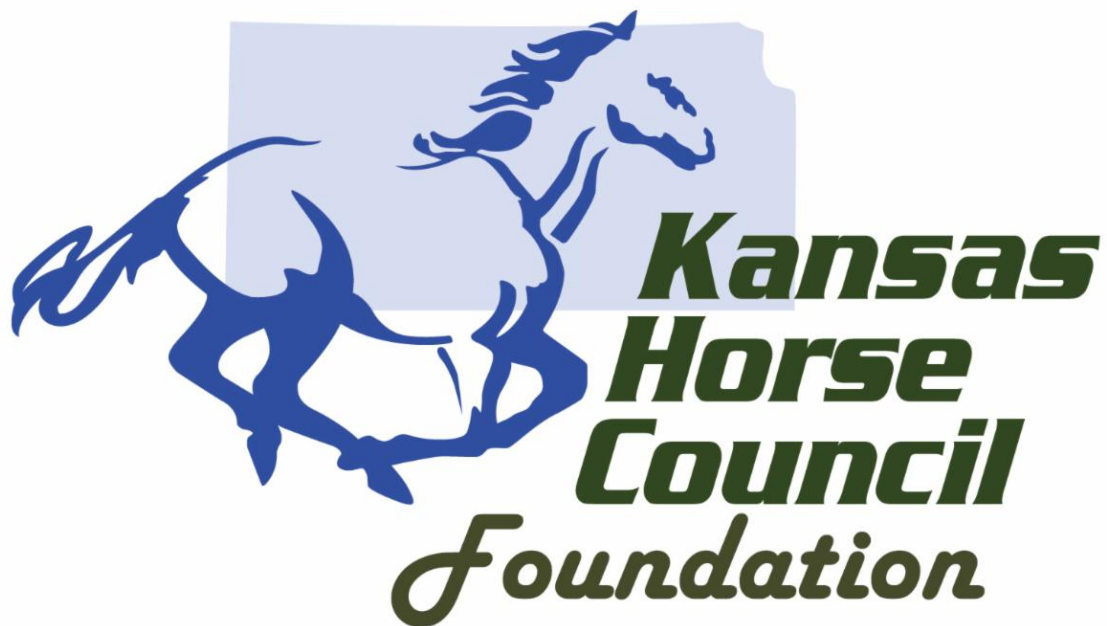
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Call 866-982-6872 to start saving!  
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organization, promoting equine education and providing academic  
scholarships to equestrians.

**Kansas Horse Council  
Specialty License Plate**



- Kansas Horse Council license plates are available at your local County Treasurer's office.
- You don't have to be a member to sport one, on your car, truck or trailer!
- Show your love of horses with this colorful statement plate!

### KHC License Plate Info



**ENJOY THE RIDE WITH KHC!!**

**GET A KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL TAG**  
PROUDLY SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR KHC AND THE WORK IT DOES.

**KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL PLATES**  
are available to anyone who owns or leases an automobile, RV, truck or trailer with a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less.

**WHAT YOUR TAX DEDUCTION SUPPORTS**

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- EQUINE HEALTH AND WELFARE
- EDUCATION PROGRAMS
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**HOW TO GET YOURS:**  
TROT over to your County Treasurer's Office  
FILL OUT a Kansas Royalty Tag form  
PAY a one time production charge of \$50.00 plus title fees, registration fees, personal property tax and a \$30 donation to the Kansas Horse Council. The \$30 tax deductible donation will appear on your paperwork every year when you renew! If the vehicle is currently tagged, the original plate must be returned and the current owner's registration and proof of insurance will need to be provided.

**Kansas Horse Council**  
[www.kansashorsecouncil.com](http://www.kansashorsecouncil.com)



## BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF KANSAS

*What's the best way to stay informed of BCHKansas news and activities?*

### ***Follow Facebook.***

There are several Facebook pages set up to keep BCHKansas members and all equestrians up-to-date on activities on several of our public trails. Here's a list:

Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter  
Sunflower Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas  
Saddle Ridge Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas  
Tuttle Creek Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas  
Saddle Ridge Chapter  
Big Hill Lake Riders  
Friends of Randolph State Park  
Friends of Rockhaven Park  
Let's Ride—Perry Lake  
Kanza Rail Trails Conservancy

**Receive notifications of workdays or see reports on trails-maintenance or campground improvements. Join in on workdays**



whenever possible!

Follow the [www.bchkans.com](http://www.bchkans.com) website.  
Encourage a new member to join BCHKS and be entered into an end-of-year drawing.

## Joint membership with KHC & BCH-KS for you!

**Trails Advocate Level Individual: \$80**

**Trails Advocate Level Family: \$100**

One enrollment to support two organizations!  
Simple and makes sense!



### BCHKS 2023 Volunteer Hours Summary

Across Kansas, BCHKS volunteers are assisting in the maintenance of trails on public lands. We do make a difference! Equestrian volunteer work hours on Kansas public lands in 2023 are as follows:

*(Formulas provided by BCHKA and determined by The Independent Sector.)*



Backcountry Horsemen of America - Kansas			
Volunteer Hours Report			
January - December 2023			
	Totals	Rate per hour/mile/day	Total Value
Total Basic Hours	539	\$29.95	\$16,143
Total Skilled Hours	1398	\$44.93	\$62,812
Non-Trail Hours	1076	\$29.95	\$32,226
Travel Time	201	\$29.95	\$6,020
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>3214</b>		<b>\$117,201</b>
Personal and Stock Use	11738	\$1.00	
<b>Total Travel Miles</b>	<b>11738</b>		<b>\$11,738</b>
Power Equipment	730	\$30.00	\$21,900
Heavy Equipment	165	\$110.00	\$18,150
<b>Total Equipment Hours</b>	<b>895</b>		<b>\$40,050</b>
Total Stock Days	152	\$100.00	\$15,200
Total Donations	\$11,466		\$11,466
	<b>Total</b>		<b>\$196,656</b>

Keeping Kansas Trails Open for Future Generations!

### 2023 Trail & Campground Improvements

Join both BCHKS and Kansas Horse Council at discounted rate with one payment.  
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#### Big Hill Lake BCHKS:

~ New water hydrant at Timber Hill Trailhead funded by endurance ride donation

#### Chisholm Trail BCHKS:

~ Planned & hosted 6 Fill-the-Campground events (donation of manure cart to each)  
~ BCHKA \$500 grant funded safety vests, eye/ear protection, hand tools, chainsaw

#### Clinton Lake (Sunflower BCHKS):

~ Benefit ride raised \$850 for ongoing trail maintenance projects

#### Eisenhower State Park, Melvern Lake (Sunflower BCHKS):

~ Several new cross trails added to trail system  
~ Benefit ride funds used to build round pen at West Point Equestrian Campground  
~ Benefit ride raised \$5,480 for campground/trail improvements  
~ Hosted Best of America by Horseback in September

#### Hillsdale State Park (Saddle Ridge BCHKS):

~ Hosted Best of America by Horseback in September  
~ Installation of new bathroom near shelter house by park management  
~ All campsites now have pen  
~ Extensive clearing and widening of trails  
~ Fundraiser event raised \$3,000 for trail/campground improvements

#### Kanopolis State Park:

~ Benefit rides raised \$1,450 for trail/campground improvements

#### Perry State Park (Sunflower BCHKS):

~ Benefit ride raised \$5,890 for campground/trails  
~ Benefit funds used to rebuild tractor used for mowing trails  
~ Water and electric lines updated by State Park management  
~ Work began on site for new arena

#### Randolph State Park (Tuttle Creek BCHKS):

~ Benefit ride raised \$1,200 for campground/trail improvements  
~ BCHKS grant funded purchase of two manure carts for campground

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