

NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.

February 2025 Edition



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

Legislation, Insurance, Equipment & Retail discounts are just some of our membership benefits! Visit our website to learn more.

Join our herd!

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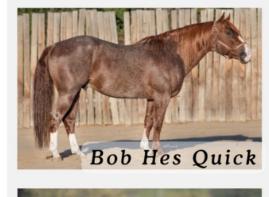


Kansas Horse Council All Breed Stallion Auction

The Kansas Horse Council All Breed Stallion Auction is LIVE! **Bidding closes February, 5th, 2025, at 4 pm PST**,

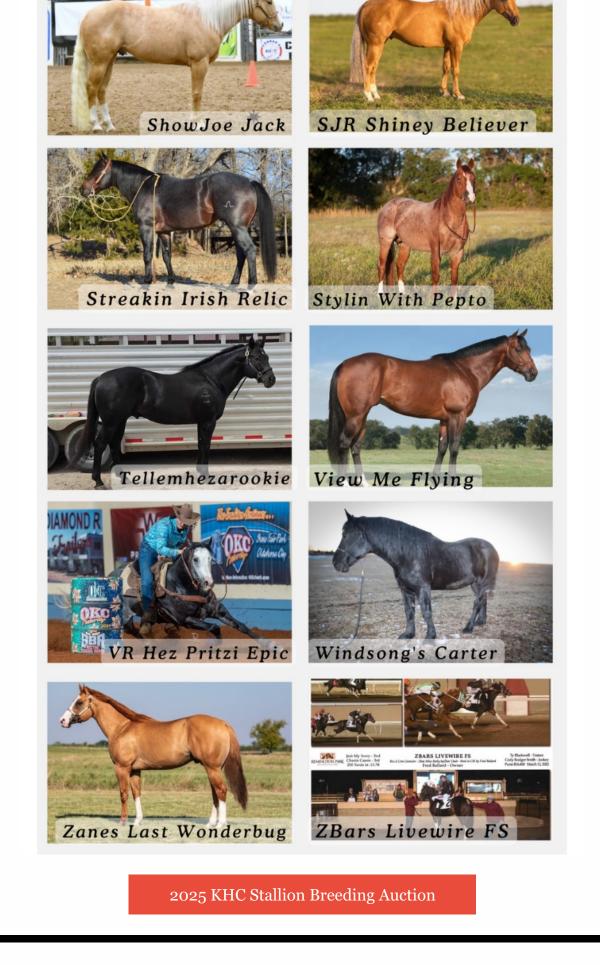
so be sure to get your bid in ASAP!

Below are the stallions that will be in the breeding auction: to learn more about them or to bid, visit the website, provided in the button at the bottom.









HPA Final Rule Postponement – 1/24/2025

On January 24, 2025, USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will temporarily postpone its final rule to amend the Horse Protection Act (HPA) regulations for 60 days from February 1, 2025 to April 2, 2025. APHIS published the final rule (89 FR 39194-39251) amending the horse protection regulations to provide, among other provisions, that the Agency will screen, train, and authorize qualified persons for appointment by the management of any horse show, horse exhibition, or horse sale or auction to detect and diagnose soring at such events for the purposes of enforcing the HPA. With the exception of § 11.19, which went into effect on June 7, 2024 and authorized the training of horse protection inspectors, the remainder of the rule was scheduled to go into effect on February 1, 2025. APHIS will issue guidance to stakeholders for the upcoming horse show season in light of the postponement of the new rule. The HPA is a Federal law that prohibits sored horses from participating in shows, exhibitions, sales or auctions. The HPA also prohibits the transportation of sored horses to or from any of these events. **Note to KHC Members**, we are working on obtaining more information and potentially a longer postponement, until further review is made. For more information or questions feel free to contact the Kansas Horse Council office. **AHC Reel of Industry Updates**



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

director@kansashorsecouncil.com





EquiFest of Kansas Open & 4-H Youth Horse Judging Contest

Friday, March 21, 2025 ~ Ag Hall Arena, Salina, Kansas Brought to you by the Kansas Quarter Horse Association, Kansas Quarter Horse Youth, Association, Kansas Horse Council and Kansas 4-H

The official Kansas State 4-H Horse Judging Contest for 2025!

Divisions

Team & Individual (Reasons)

Open Intermediate 7 - 13 years of age * 4-H Intermediate 9 - 13 years of age Open & 4-H Senior 14 - 18 years of age

Novice Individual (No Reasons, No Team)

Ages 7 - 18 years of age

Novice entries cannot have given reasons at a contest prior to this contest; written test with no oral reasons.

Contestants can enter both the Open and 4-H team and individual divisions of the contest if they meet 4-H eligibility requirements.

Online Registration at EquiFestofKS.com under the "Get Involved" Tab Entry Deadline - March 7, 2025

\$15 for Open Division \$25 for 4-H \$10 Optional Lunch Ticket

Open Contest Rules at KQHA.com - Bobbie Hinds at 515-480-3533 or kqhyadvisor@gmail.com

4-H Contest Rules at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/index.html

- Kelsey Nordyke at 620-222-1311 or klnordyke@ksu.edu

Youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H or an FFA chapter to participate in the open contest.







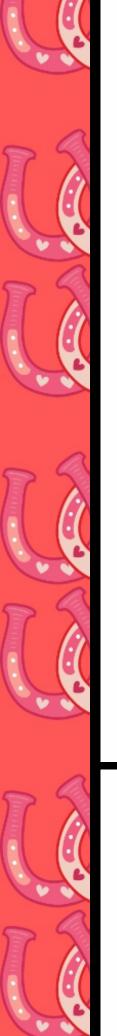


Registration 7:45 a.m. Rules Meeting 8:15 a.m. Contest Start Time 8:30 a.m. Awards TBD

Special Presentation from Industry Professionals and Others Prior to Awards

Kansas Sate University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer. K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Language access requests and reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language), may be requested by contacting the event contact Kelsey Nordyke four weeks prior to the start of the event (February 21, 2025) at 620-222-1311/kinordyke@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

Register Now



4-H HORSE PANORAMA





ROCK SPRINGS RANCH JUNCTION CITY, KS



Who should register:

All 4-H members age 9-18 who have an interest in horses, competing in Horse Bowl, Public Presentations or Hippology. This event determines who represents Kansas 4-H at several national contests.

Registration:

Opens December 23 and is due February 3. Late registration will be accepted until February 7. Only those who register by the February 3 deadline will receive a t-shirt. All participants, adults and attendees must register. Extension Agents must register all team members at

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bloztOYr3jCfOjs.

Event Objective

To provide an opportunity for youth to demonstrate their knowledge of equine-related subject matter, including structure and movement, in a competitive setting where attitudes of friendliness and fairness prevail. These contests will provide an educational experience for both participants and spectators.

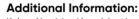


Youth (includes t-shirt, lodging, contest entries, and meals) Friday Check-In - \$185 Full-Time (Saturday arrival, Sunday departure) - \$155 Saturday Only - \$130 Adult (includes meals and lodging) Friday Check-In - \$170 Full-Time - \$130 Virtual - \$0

Attire & What to Bring:

Dress code is casual and industry appropriate.

Contestants must provide #2 writing utensil and notebook for note taking.



Kelsey Nordyke, klnordyke@ksu.edu https://bit.ly/StateHorseJudgin

Accomodations:

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact (insert name) two weeks prior to the start of the event (insert deadline date) at (insert phone number and email). Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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Attend





Kelley Hamersky has always been captivated by the love of horses, a passion that has shaped her life and dreams. Growing up in 4-H, she developed a deep bond with the equestrian world. After high school, while pursuing college, she found herself missing the companionship of a horse. Against her parents' advice, she purchased a horse, even though it meant facing financial challenges. For a brief time, she even slept in her horse's stall because she couldn't afford both rent and horse care. Determined to make it work, she soon found a better solution and secured an apartment, never letting go of her horse

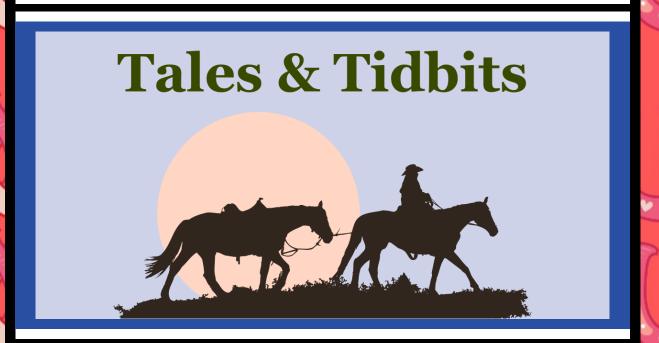


again. She firmly believes her life wouldn't be complete without a horse by her side.

These days, Kelley is deeply involved in the horse community and participates in several groups, including the Kansas Horse Mafia extreme horse riding group, Shawnee County Posse, EXCA, and Douglas County Trail Riders. Her free time is entirely devoted to horses—riding, working with them, or simply grooming. For her, horses are her "happy place." As she and her husband prepare to move to Texas, she is excited about the opportunity to ride year-round but will greatly miss her horse friends in Kansas.

Adding to her impressive equestrian journey, Kelley recently made KHC history as the first person to reach 5,000 hours in the KHC Horsemanship Rewards Program. This incredible milestone is the result of years of dedication and countless hours spent doing what she loves—working with and caring for horses. The Horsemanship Rewards Program recognizes members for the quality time they spend with equines, whether through groundwork,





January Inspiration



Have you been enjoying the "Joking Ponies" comic in the past few newsletters?









the HORSE

Preventing Impaction Colic Recurrence

Posted by Clair Thunes, PhD, Featured in *The Horse*



An equine nutritionist offers feeding advice to minimize the risk of impaction colic in senior horses.

• I have a 28-year-old gelding who suffered an impaction colic last week. We're not really sure why it happened, because nothing has changed in how he is managed. What can I do to help prevent it from happening again?

Colic is scary to witness, and not knowing the cause can be very stressful. Of course we all want to make sure it doesn't happen again. Assuming there's no physical cause for impaction, such as a tumor, which can occur in older horses, common causes include dehydration and poorly digested feed. Therefore, avoiding dehydration and improving digestion are key.

Read Article Here





For Barns & Run-in Sheds Deflects 80% of the sun's heat rays

Screens out insects and birds





8 TIPS FOR EVALUATING HAY

Keep the following points in mind when purchasing hay for your horses:



Choose hay that is fine-stemmed, green and leafy as possible. It should be soft to the touch.



- **Examine the level of maturity**: select hay that has been harvested when the plants are in early bloom for legumes, or before seed heads have formed in grasses.
- Avoid hay that is over-cured; excessively sun-bleached; or smells moldy, musty, dusty, or fermented.
- Avoid hay that contains a significant amount of weeds, dirt, trash or debris.
- Examine hay for signs of infestation or disease. Be especially careful to check for blister beetles in alfalfa! Ask the grower about any potential problems in their area.
- Reject bales that seem excessively heavy for their size or feel warm to the touch: they may contain excessive moisture that could cause mold or spontaneous combustion.
- Purchase and feed hay within a year of harvest to preserve its nutritional value.
- When purchasing hay, have the hay analyzed by a certified forage laboratory.



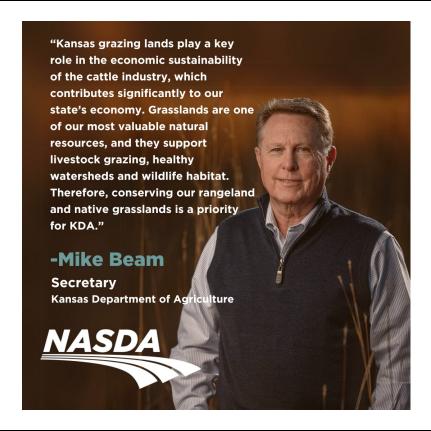
As the source of 50 to 90% of a healthy horse's nutritional needs, hay warrants careful consideration as a precious commodity. This becomes especially true during the winter, when roughage in the diet is the main source of heat for the

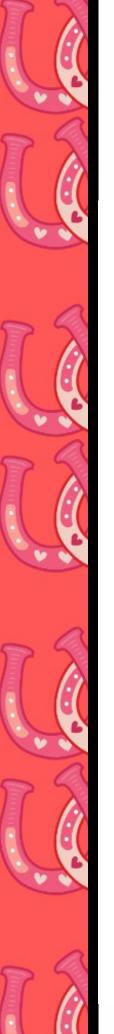
horse.

Generally, horses at rest in ambient temperatures of 70°F consume 2% of their body weight in roughage (hay) per day. A 1,100-pound horse will eat approximately 22 pounds of hay per day. A horse with a moderate hair coat starts requiring additional calories for body temperature regulation at approximately 50°F. Add about 2 pounds more hay for every 10-degree temperature drop. With wind and rain at near-freezing temperatures, the feed required increases by approximately 10-15 pounds to 32-47 pounds of hay per day!

If you're purchasing hay for your horse this winter, remember that there's no such thing as "the best hay" when it comes to the nutrient value. That all depends on your horse's protein and energy requirements, which are ultimately determined the individual's age, stage of development, metabolism and workload. If you think your horse is too fat or too thin (or even if you are unsure), discuss the appropriate feeding recommendations with your veterinarian; they can help you formulate a balanced and cost-effective diet that meets your individual horse's dietary requirements.

Finally, always keep in mind that water is critical for digestion, so be sure to monitor your horse's water intake to minimize the chance of intestinal impactions!





Del Sheilds Poem of the Month

The Untold Tale

by Del Shields Cowboy Music and Poetry

A thousand miles turns into two. One hoof print follows another.
One man one horse united as one, dependent upon each other.



In silhouette through misty haze, he finds his friend each morning.

Another night gives birth to light, the sun breaks forth adorning.

The sun comes up on each new day. The moon, it follows its course. Freedom sets the trail of each new hour, for the long-rider and his horse.

Hoof prints cast in desert sands, through mud and grassy plains. Through sunny days and gusting winds, they trek through snows and rains.

The only tracks that they can see, are those they've left behind. They don't realize they're a novelty, and somehow rare in kind.

No place to be, nor rush of time except to camp by dark. They recline by campfire in the night, as the restless lobos bark.

Never lonely while always alone. Nature extends her hand. There's a calming feel that touches their soul, while being one with the land.

Hardly a care in the world, in a world that no longer cares. Free from its strife in a much simpler life. Void of the worldly affairs.

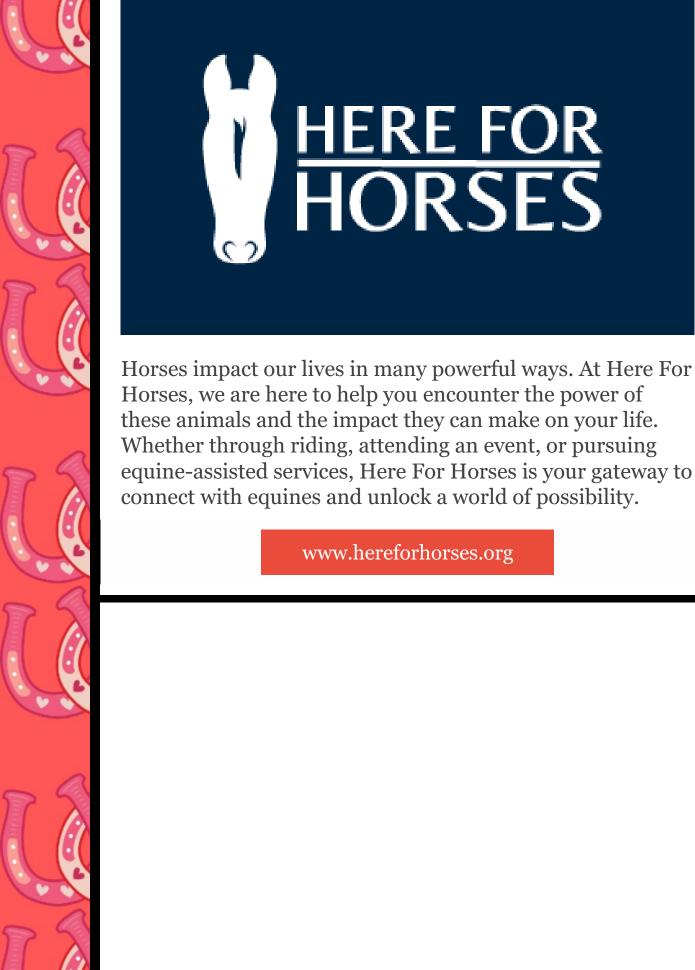
The long-rider's story cannot be told, only the outer part. Indescribable is the tale, of the journey he takes in his heart.













Attention Kansas lesson barns, you too could become an (IEA) Interscholastic **Equestrian Association facility and** Checkout their Facebook page and website, www.rideiea.org

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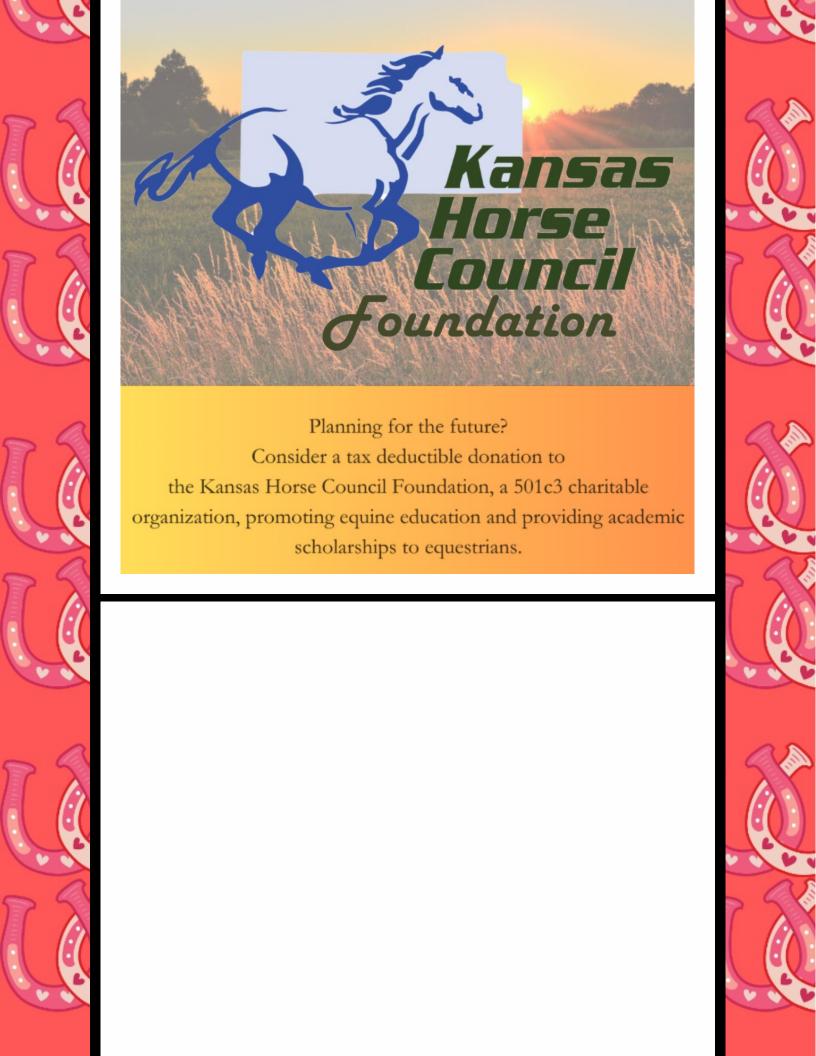


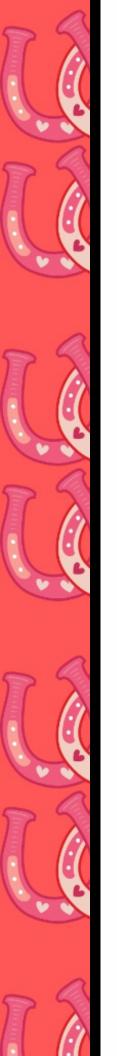
NEW for 2024 and beyond!

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.









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!

HERE



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













2025 Membership Form Thanks for joining BCHKS!

Make check payable to BCHKS.

Please mail this form & check to: Sheila Watkins, BCHKS Treasurer 8320 SW 37th, Topeka, KS 66614

Payment can also be made via Venmo -**Back Country Horsemen of Kansas**

Circle a Region / Chapter

Northwest	North Central	Nort	heast	Southwest	South Central	Southeast
	Tuttle Creek	Sunflower	Saddle Ridge		Chisholm Trail	Big Hill
	Chapter	Chapter	Chapter		Chapter	Chapter

New Membership Option: The Kansas Horse Council is offering a discount on their membership for joining both BCHKS and KHCI It's called the Trails Advocate Membership. By joining both BCHKS and KHC you'll receive a \$15 discount on your KHC membership.

Just select the Trails Advocate m	embership below and your 2025 dues	will be processed for both BCHKS and KHC.			
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Trails Advocate Individual \$85 (inc	cludes BCHKS & KHC)Tra	ils Advocate Family \$105 (includes BCHKS & KHC)			
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Affiliate Group \$55	I would like to include a donat	tion with my membership: \$			
I'm interested in startir	ig a new Chapter in my Region.				
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Address:	City:	Zip:			
County:	Phone#1:	Phone#2:			
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BCHKS members are eligible for award	s for obtaining new members!				
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Signature	Date				

Sheila Watkins: 785-230-1255 Diana Skinner: 785-748-0850

Questions:

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF KANSAS

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

Follow Facebook.

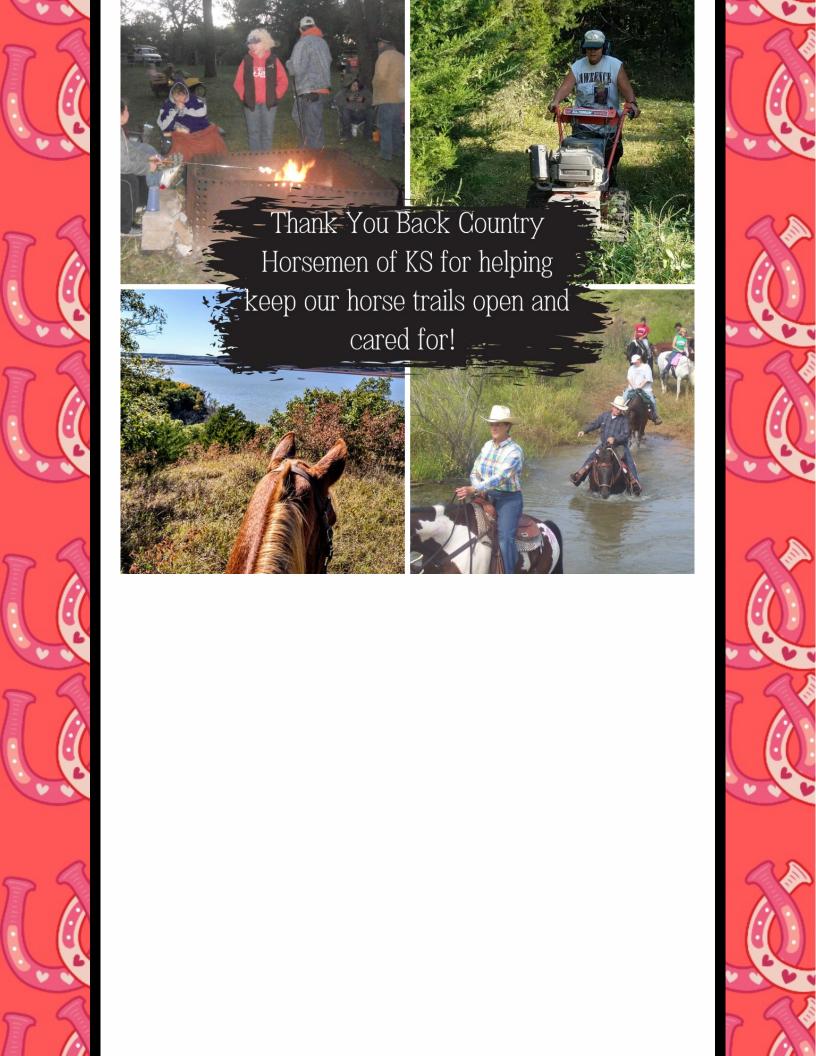
There are several Facebook pages set up to keep BCHKansas members and all equestrians up-to-date on activities on several of our public trails. Here's a list:

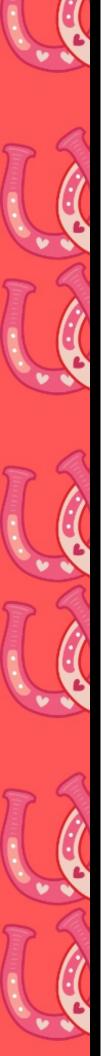
> Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter Sunflower Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas Saddle Ridge Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas Tuttle Creek Chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Kansas Saddle Ridge Chapter Big Hill Lake Riders Friends of Randolph State Park Friends of Rockhaven 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.bchkansas.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: \$85 Trails Advocate Level Family: \$105** One enrollment to support two organizations! Simple and makes sense! 4,483 Volunteer hours recorded in Kansas for 202











Learn About Kansas Horse Trails! RIDE Kansas!

Saddle Up and RIDE Kansas! Visit our Kansas Department of Wildlife and U.S. Corps. of Engineers equestrian facilities. Visiting and riding or camping shows support of our parks, and keeps them open for future use and possible funding of improvements. Always leave only hoofprints behind. Share our multi-use trails. Call before you haul if in doubt before your visit.

To view KDWP State Parks information click the button below.

KDWP State Parks Info

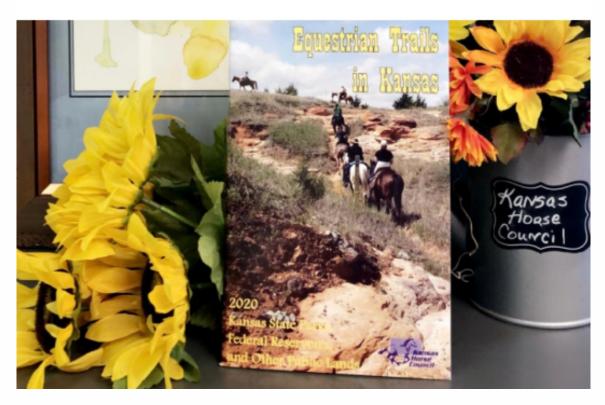
Do you have your copy of our booklet?

"Equestrian Trails in Kansas"

Copies are provided FREE at all Kansas Horse Council events, or \$3 for s/h and we'll mail you one.

These guides are also available at all KDWP offices.

Trail info is also available online in the button below!



Public Trails in Kansas



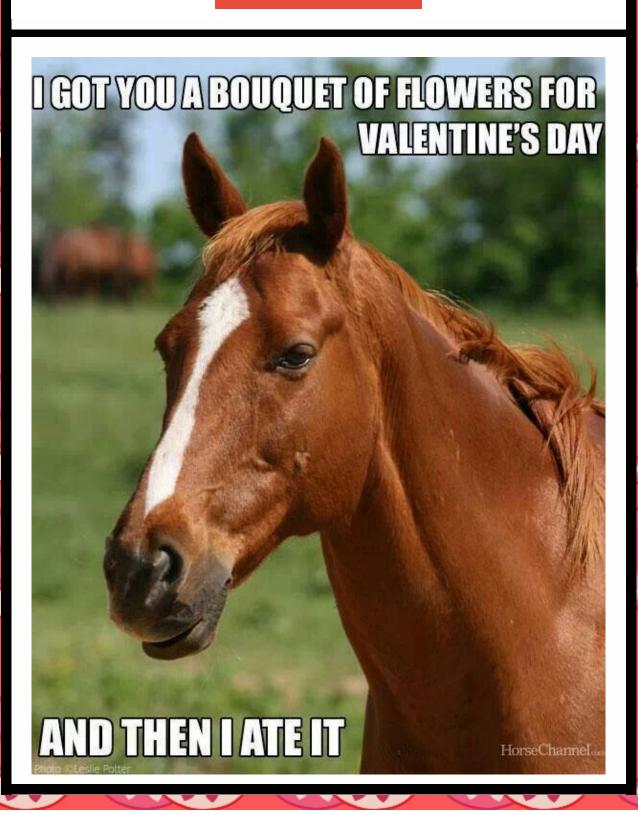
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• When you shop at Dillons and use your Rewards card, KHC will earn a percentage rebate based on your Dillon's purchases!

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: 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. Points 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!

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