

***KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER.  
NEWS FOR KANSAS AND THE EQUINE INDUSTRY.***

**May 2024 EDITION**

**News, announcements and events from around Kansas,  
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## **2024 Upcoming Events and Calendar**

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

See them here:

***Calendar of Submitted Events***

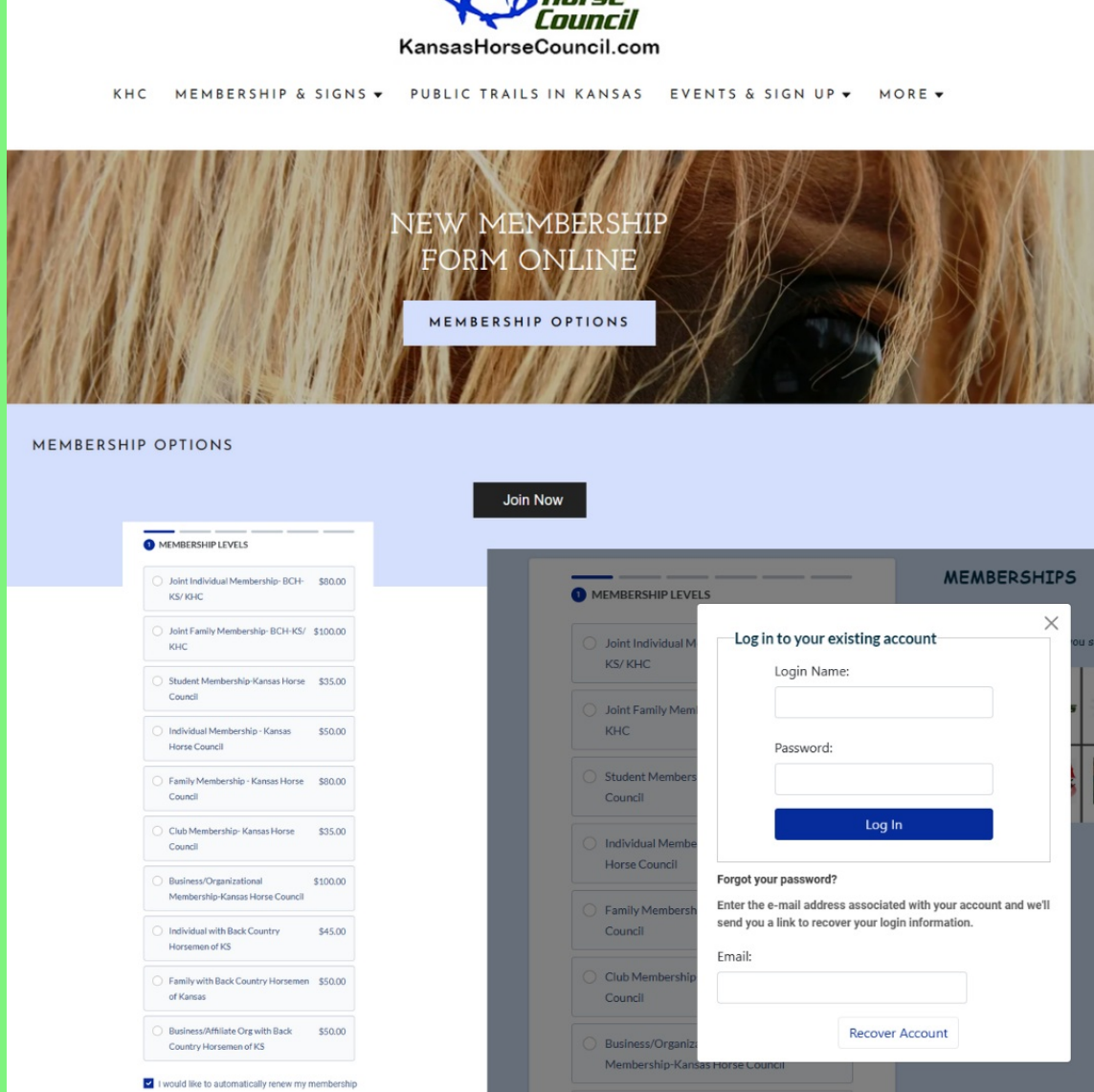
Any questions regarding events, please call us at

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

**[director@kansashorsecouncil.com](mailto:director@kansashorsecouncil.com)**





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# HORSE JUDGING CAMP



JOIN US FOR A ONE DAY ADVANCED CAMP!

JUNE 13, 2024 AT THE STANLEY STOUT CENTER

**DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS MAY 24th**

## **KSU Youth Horse Judging Camps**

Calling all Youth Horse Judges!  
Do you want to enhance your evaluation and oral reasons skills?

Then make sure to attend the KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp where you will work one-on-one with coaches and members of the KSU Intercollegiate Horse Judging Team.  
Practice to Purple!

### Opportunities:

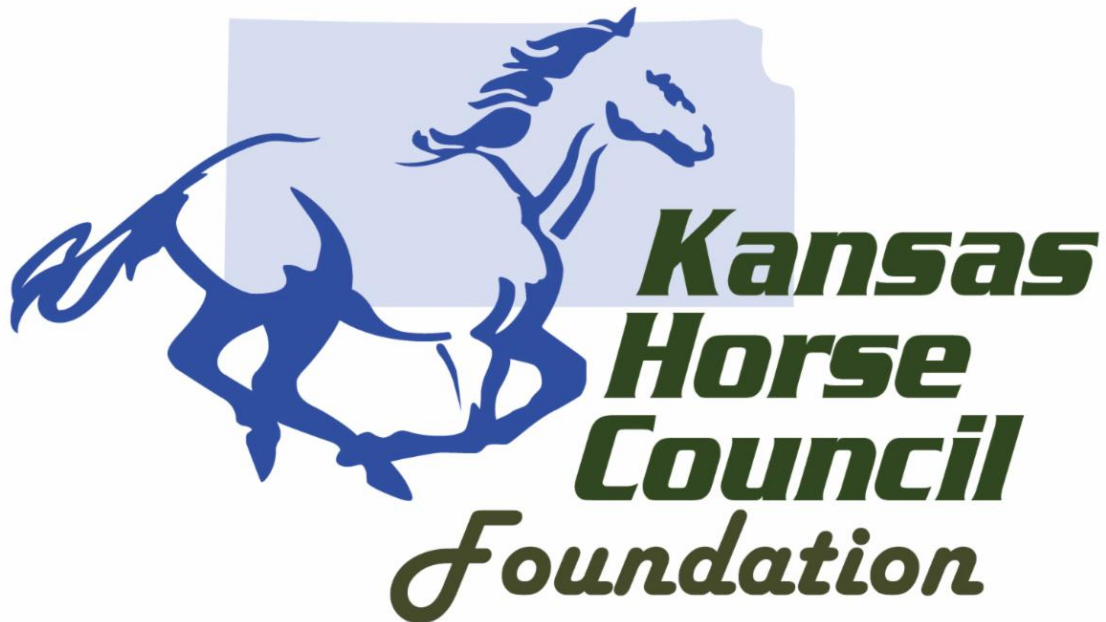
Camp 1 – June 3–5 (Monday–Wednesday) or  
Camp 2 – June 10–12 (Monday–Wednesday)  
followed by a One Day Advanced Camp – June 13,  
2024

- Camp Registration Fee: \$100
- Previous attendee: \$75



- Individual on Team: \$75 per person
- Chaperone/Auditor Fee: \$30

REGISTRATION



It's the time of year when we select academic scholarship recipients for the 2024 awards! Watch for Facebook announcements and the June newsletter for the deserving award announcements.

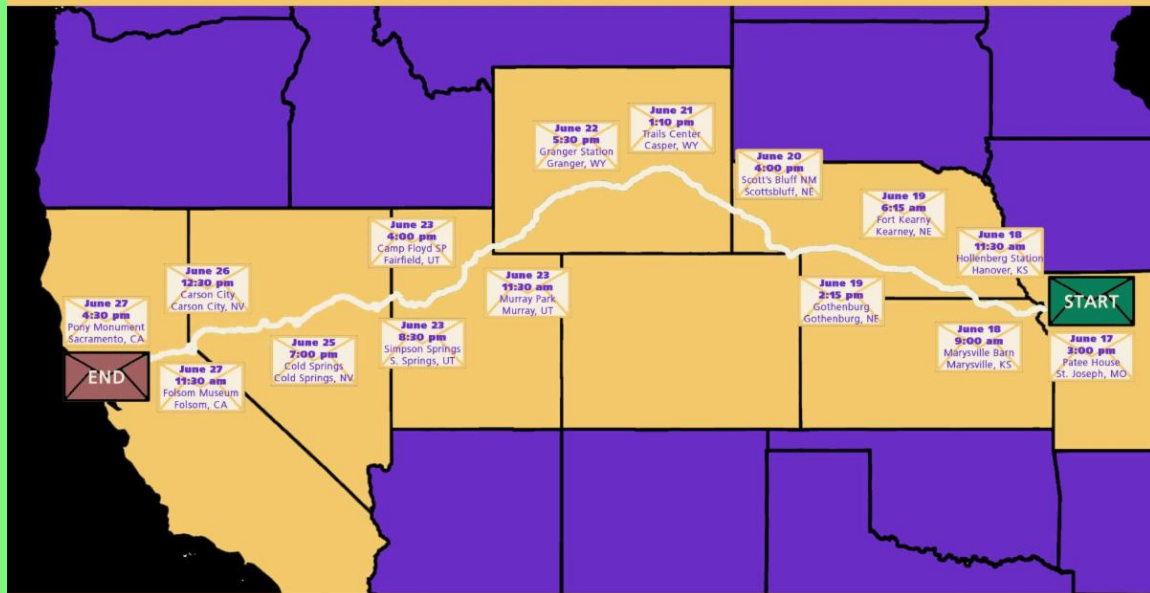




Planning for the future?  
Consider a tax deductible donation to  
the Kansas Horse Council Foundation, a 501c3 charitable  
organization, promoting equine education and providing academic  
scholarships to equestrians.



# National Pony Express Association PONY EXPRESS RE-RIDE 2024



PONY EXPRESS NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL  
[go.nps.gov/ReRideSchedule](https://www.nps.gov/ReRideSchedule)

How can I see the Pony Express Re-ride in person? *They'll be in Kansas on June 18th, 9:00am in Marysville & 11:30am in Hanover.*

As the riders make their way from St. Joseph, Missouri to Sacramento, California, there are scheduled exchanges where the riders will hand off the mochila and a new rider will continue the delivery. The ride takes place 24 hours a day so some of these happen in the middle of the night!

Though the schedule is subject to change, here are the some of the places that you can watch an exchange or see the riders ride by (during daylight hours!): [go.nps.gov/ReRideSchedule](https://www.nps.gov/ReRideSchedule)

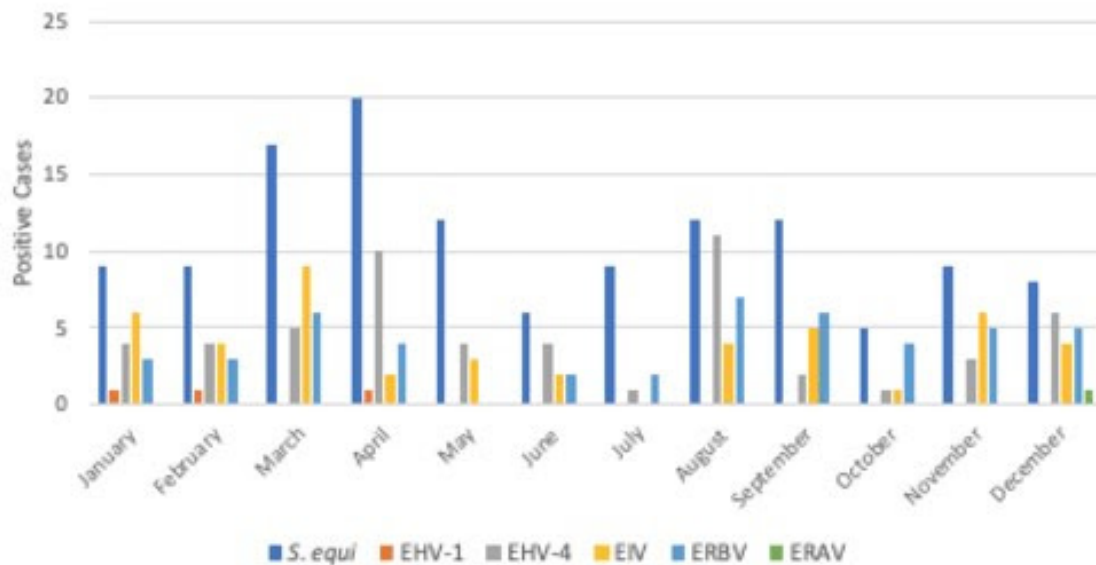
(Note: the event takes place 24 hours a day and there are countless places to see the riders. These locations were selected based on the time of day and enrichment opportunities for the public. For a list of complete locations: [nationalponyexpress.org](https://nationalponyexpress.org))

Access the links on the map:

<https://www.nps.gov/.../000/see-the-pony-express-re-ride.htm>



## Respiratory Disease Incidence in 2023<sup>1</sup>



By Duane E. Chappell, DVM, Merck Animal Health, published in The Chronicle of the Horse

With show season in full swing, so is the chance of equine respiratory disease spread. While cutting off potential disease begins well before you leave home, it's also crucial to know what's circulating to stay armed with information and tools to stay ahead of an outbreak. Enter the Equine Biosurveillance Program.

What Is The Equine Biosurveillance Program?

[read about it here](#)





When a new park or existing park renovations are proposed in a community, the equestrian sector should make sure to be a part of the planning process. The following articles on the ELCR website may be of help.

#### **Working with Parks for Equine Access-Master Plan**

[Part 1](#) explains what a Master Plan is, as well as how to advocate for equestrians. It also includes links to some successful Master Plans.

A companion piece, Illustrations, [Part 2](#) is full of examples of Master Plans and maps from around the country.





Learn more and find resources at [www.elcr.org](http://www.elcr.org)







# COMMON VECTOR CONTROL TIPS



In epidemiology, a disease vector is any agent which carries and transmits an infectious pathogen into another living organism.

## TICKS



**CONTROL TIPS:** **Locate and remove** any ticks already attached to your horse; apply **tick specific topical acaricides** directly on the horse; **practice environmental control** by removing brush, mowing tall grass and discouraging wildlife on your property.

**WHY SHOULD I CARE?** Ticks cause local skin and tissue irritation; they **can also transmit diseases** like Lyme disease, equine piroplasmosis, equine granulocytic anaplasmosis, and tick paralysis.

## FLIES



**CONTROL TIPS:** **Sanitation** (quickly removing and properly disposing manure and garbage; keeping the barn and feeding areas clean); **use horse protection** (such as fly mask and sheets, fly repellent sprays and strong fans); **practice environmental control** (release fly predators, use fly traps).

**WHY SHOULD I CARE?** Besides irritating horses, flies **can also transmit the causative agent for diseases and conditions** like summer sores, eyeworms, pigeon fever, equine infectious anemia and hypersensitivity.

## MOSQUITOES



**CONTROL TIPS:** **practice environmental control** by removing or draining sites where water can collect and stand long enough to serve as a breeding site; clean and refill water buckets and troughs regularly. **Use horse protection** (fly sheets, masks and inspect repellents).

**WHY SHOULD I CARE?** **Mosquitoes transmit** arboviruses that cause Eastern Equine Encephalitis (**EEE**), Western Equine Encephalitis (**WEE**), Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis (**VEE**) and West Nile Virus (**WNV**).

***When you want to be in the know about the latest issues affecting the horse industry nationally and regionally, you've got to be in Washington, D.C., June 9-12.***



# **American Horse Council**

## **2024 Conference & National Issues Forum**

### **The Art & Science of Legislative Success**

**Sunday, June 9**  
*(tentative)*

**1:00 pm – Panel discussion on “Own Responsibility” & “Social License to Operate”**

**3:00 pm – Grass Roots Advocacy (part of the Coalition of State Horse Councils meeting)**



**REGISTER TO ATTEND**

## **The Economic Impact of the Horse Industry** *by the numbers...*

**\$177 BILLION**



**Total Economic Added Value**

**2.2 MILLION**



**Jobs Linked to the Horse Industry**

**6.6 MILLION**



**Horses in the United States**

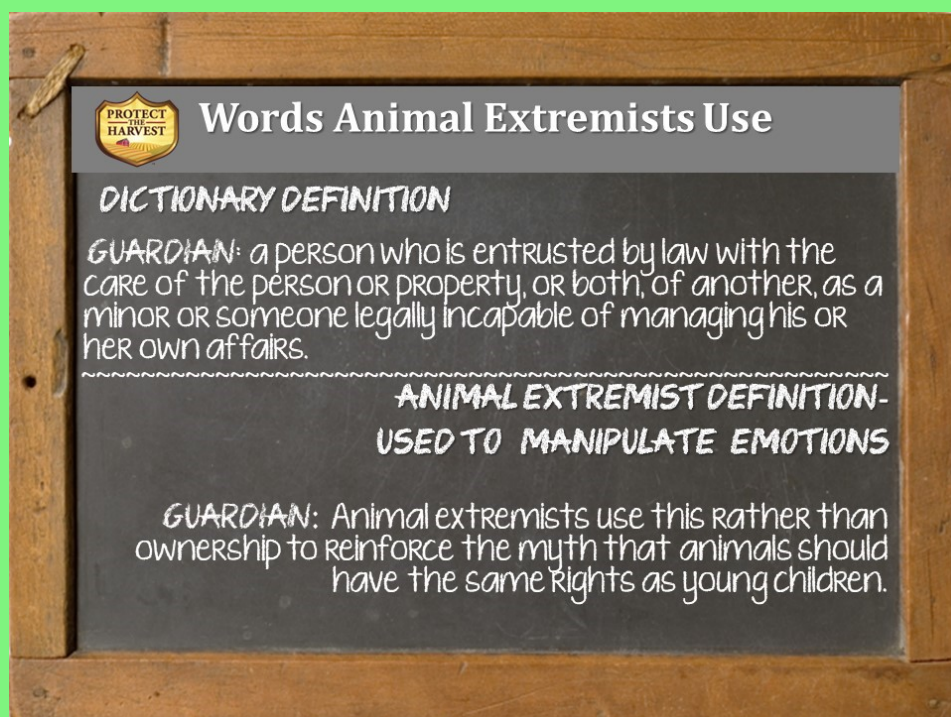


\*According to the 2023 AHC Equine Economic Impact Study

**Check out the "On the Rail Podcast" featuring AHC's Julie Broadway covering the 2023 National Equine Economic Impact Study!**



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*Check out this 3-part interview from 5 years ago of John Bolin, former US Marshall and law enforcement officer who worked for an animal rights organization as an investigator...some things he learned...*

Part 1

Part 2

Part 3

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Elite Riding Academy along with Liberty Meadows is hosting our first ever  
**Meet an Arabian Horse Day!**

Sunday May 19th @ Liberty Meadows Training Center from 12-4!

Photo op with a NATIONAL CHAMPION now lesson horse Tribute Thyme SA. Take a ride on an Arabian. Interactive activities, exhibition of show horses and knowledgeable staff to answer any and all questions.

This event is going to be so fun! You won't want to miss out!



# RODEO CAMP



REGISTRATION  
COMING SOON!!



JULY 18TH & 19TH - LOUISBURG, KS - ROPING, BARRELS, & POLES

9:00am-4:00pm July 18th & 19th in Louisburg, KS

For girls and boys ages 10-18

Events offered: Roping, Barrels, Poles

Stay updated here: [\(20+\) FCA Rodeo Day Camp!!!! | Facebook](#)



With the recent outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in dairy herds in Kansas, Dr. Justin Smith, the Animal Health Commissioner at Kansas Department of Agriculture, joins the Inside Ag podcast to provide clarification and insight on the virus. He explains the signs and symptoms of the virus, breaks down the effects of the recent transportation order and offers tips for producers to protect against HPAI. [Listen to the podcast on your favorite streaming service or here.](#)

For the most recent information regarding Influenza A, visit [Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza \(HPAI\) Detections in Livestock \(ks.gov\)](#)



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# A Good Name

by Del Shields

The brand of a man goes hand in hand with the way he lives his life.  
He only marks the stock he owns and avoids any question or strife.

His name becomes known by the word that he keeps, and respect marks each trail  
that he rides.

His brand stands out at the rail stockyards. He gets an extra cent for his hides.  
A good name is better than silver and gold, says the good book passed down to us.  
But a foul man's name has no honor at all, and it soon rots away like rust.

Many good men start out honest and true, but when storms wash the water-gaps  
out,  
Brands become blurred. They dishonor their word. Neighbors show up for a bout.

It's best to do right and you'll sleep good at night, with a conscience that is clean  
and clear.  
Then your brand will stand out. Your name will have worth, like the mark that you  
burn on each steer.





# SAVE THE DATE

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**2024 Kansas Governor's Summit on Agricultural Growth**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024**

**Kansas State University Alumni Center | Manhattan, Kansas**

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and join us for  
the social event!  
**AUGUST 20**

This event is FREE, although we request that you register online. Registration will open at a later date.

A social event will be held the evening of Tuesday, August 20, also at the Alumni Center. Details will be posted on our website as they become available.

**[agriculture.ks.gov/GrowAg](http://agriculture.ks.gov/GrowAg)**



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## On-Farm Severe Weather Safety

**Meteorologist and rancher Travis Meyer provides vital safety tips**

MARYSVILLE, Kan. – "Our risk for severe weather and some tornadoes has gotten enhanced for tomorrow – can you give me about 10 minutes? I've got to get a forecast out," News on 6 Chief Meteorologist, and rancher, Travis Meyer asked over the line.

It's storm season in the heartland. A meteorologist of more than 40 years, Meyer grew up on a farm in southcentral Nebraska. His family of German heritage settled the ground more than 140 years ago. "I wish they could have known that it doesn't rain in southcentral Nebraska as much as it does in eastern Nebraska," he said. His fascination with weather began as a 3-year-old,



sitting on the front porch next to his grandfather, while his dad worked the farm. They would watch the storms and pray for rain. He recalled how, "You would see the lightning out of the southwest, and you'd be waiting, hoping."

He's passionate about weather and getting the information right. As meteorologists are surrounded by data and weather maps, often "You don't get to really be in the elements, so to speak, because we live on a computer screen. I mean, that's our world, that's our life. But I can't do that," Meyer said. "Being out on the ranch is what saves me. It just puts me in the weather, in the outdoors and I just love it."

Meyer has a cow/calf operation, and the family also used to be involved in reining horses. "I love Angus-Hereford cross, and Black Baldies are kind of my favorite. They're pretty good temperament, and when you're older, you can't jump fences," he said, laughing. "I've tried to stay away from spring calving because severe weather happens in the spring, so all of mine are fall calving."

When asked if he had ever been caught at the farm during severe weather, he didn't hesitate. "I've been caught out in bad storms many times. You know, you're trying to get the cattle in, and especially get our horses into their stalls and all safe and secure before the bad storms were hitting."

When a solid home, tornado shelter or basement may be miles away, and you're caught in a severe storm, keep in mind these on-farm severe weather safety tips.

### **Safety Tips for Farmers, Ranchers and Horsemen**

Download a trusted weather app. "I think that's a very good precursor to the actual storms happening. A weather app helps inform them and keeps them ahead of the storm," suggests Meyer. Another benefit, he adds, is if you have multiple farms, or family and friends in other towns, you can set up notifications for several areas.

Identify a safe place before you need it. If severe weather catches you at the farm, where will you take cover? Meyer says, "A barn is not really a safe place at all. You have to look for a reinforced structure, and most barns are pole barns, and they're not quite as structurally sound as you could find in a brick home with many walls. In my barn, we originally had a wash rack for our horses. So, I know that there was some plumbing on the walls that was reinforced. Being in your vehicle is also not a good place."

Meyer recommends that those facing immediate tornado risk look for lower elevations, ditches or culverts. If flood



water from heavy rain is a concern, and you're nowhere near a basement or reinforced structure, you can try to outrun it (very strategically so). "Look at the storm, and if you're face-to-face with a tornado, you want to go at right angles away from the tornado using a vehicle," recommends Meyer. "Hurry up and get into a ditch if you can't outrun it."

But what if there just isn't enough time? Meyer recommends that, "If you don't have time and you're in your barn, you have to wrap yourself into blankets and especially your head. Find something very sturdy, like a feed room, and then surround yourself with anything that is excessively sturdy. The problem is that if you're in a tornado, debris is what's going to get you. It's not the wind. It's what's falling on you, it's what's blowing into you. If you can alleviate that as a problem, there's a high probability you're going to walk out with a few scratches versus a broken body."

Overall, find a reinforced area or get down low below the ground surface so debris will blow over you. Ask yourself if you should take that risk. From experience, Meyer says the greatest risk often presented toward farmers and ranchers is getting just one more thing done before the storm blows in.

"I need to get that tractor in. I need to put the pickup and horse trailer up... You're thinking of all these other things that you're trying to get accomplished, and the countdown clock to an actual storm or lightning strike is on - even though you might know it. You're trying to beat the weather elements, and I think that's where it's very dangerous and where I recommend ranchers and farmers be more cognizant of," said Meyer. "That's probably the biggest thing that I tend to see with ranchers, farmers and folks who work outside. They push the limits, even though they're smart and use a lot of common sense. You push limits a little bit because you know that you've got important and expensive stuff sitting out there, and you want to protect it. But I do think that's a place where you have to stop and go, OK, here's the situation. Do I want to take that risk?"

### **Safety Tips for Livestock and Horses**

- If possible, bring animals in during a severe weather watch. Don't wait until it's a warning. Kris Hiney, PhD, Oklahoma State University assistant professor and Extension equine specialist, specializes in disaster preparedness for horses and livestock. When asked whether to keep horses stalled or turn them loose in a pasture for better hopes of survival, Dr. Hiney replied, "It's a hard call to know what's best during severe weather. Overall, being sheltered is better. But it really depends on how sturdy the barn is. We



advise to not have any loose material that could be a flying projectile and to have everything locked down tight."

- Have basic first-aid items on hand, such as wound care spray, gauze pads and vetwrap, should they be needed for any injuries caused by debris during the storm.
- When severe weather is predicted, take steps to prepare well in advance. Dr. Hiney recommends that you:
  - – Have items safely secured in the barn to avoid more debris.
  - – Store enough fresh water to provide 5 to 10 gallons per horse, per day, should the water shut off.
  - – Have a current photo to prove ownership when relocating, in case they are turned loose or are separated from the property.
  - – Microchip horses for the best chances of reuniting.
  - – Label contact information using livestock paint, by writing with a Sharpie on their hooves or braiding a luggage tag into horses' manes.

Continue learning about livestock and horse care at [ValleyVet.com](https://ValleyVet.com).

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The **2024 Preakness Stakes** will be the 149th **Preakness Stakes**, a Grade I stakes race for three-year-old **Thoroughbreds** at a distance of 1+3/16 miles (10 furlongs; 1,911 meters). The race is one leg of the **American Triple Crown** and is held annually at **Pimlico Race Course** in **Baltimore, Maryland**. The Preakness Stakes is traditionally held on the third Saturday in May, two weeks after the **Kentucky Derby**.

The 2024 edition is scheduled for May 18, with a post time of 5:50 p.m. CDT and



television coverage by [NBC](#).

The purse for the 2024 stakes is valued at \$2 million.

# All-Breed Trail Competition!

Topeka, Kansas

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May 25, 2024

7pm

During the

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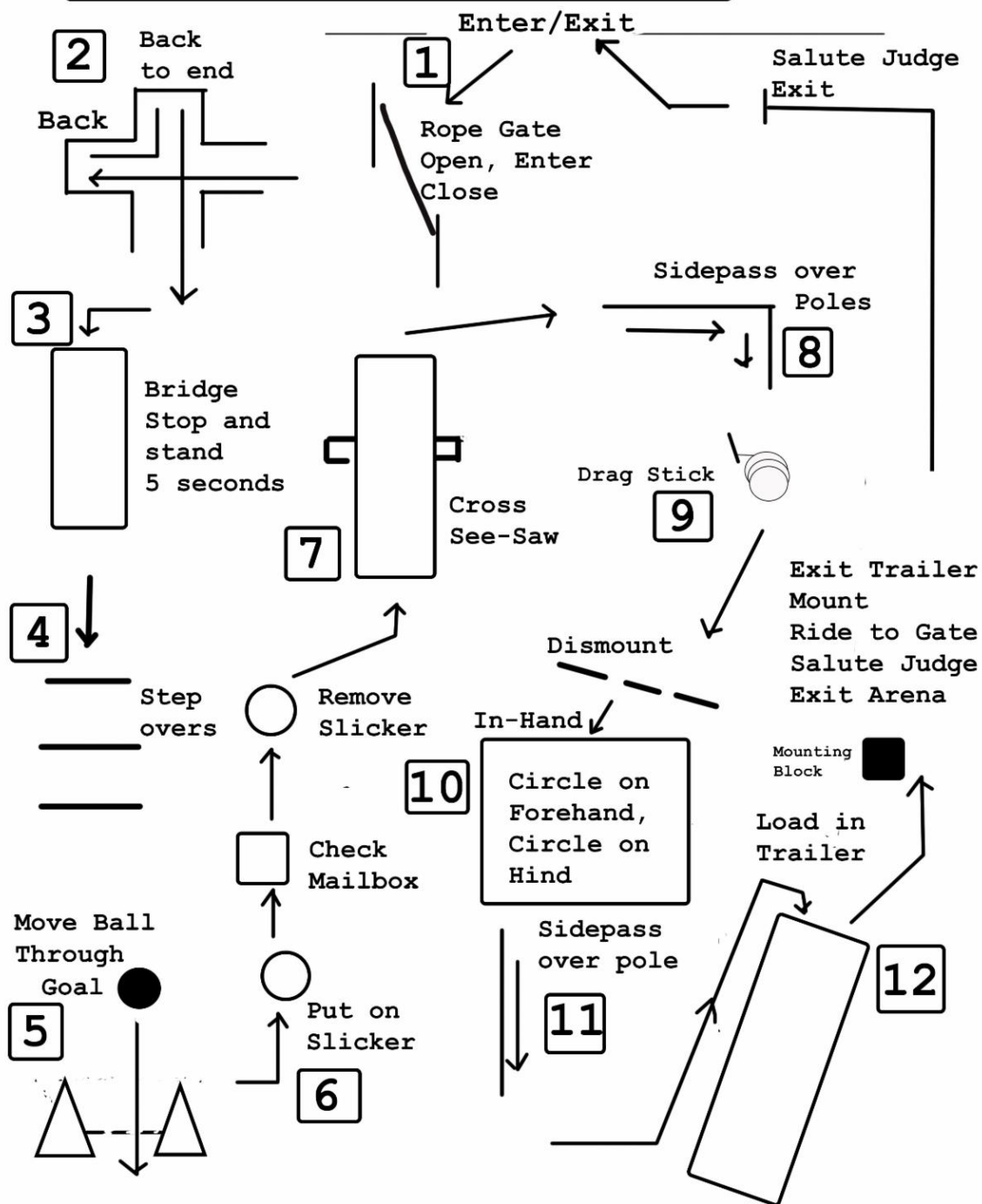
Show from your trailer - no stalls  
required (current coggins required)

Cash payout for top 5 finishers,

High-Point Peruvian Horse, High-Point  
Non-Peruvian Horse and High-Point Junior  
(15you and younger)



# All-Breed Trail Competition



## Let's welcome the Heartland Peruvian Classic Horse Show coming to Kansas for two days, Saturday & Sunday, May 25 & 26!

Come see these pretty horses perform starting at 8am to 6pm each day. Sunday morning will conclude the qualifying classes, then after lunch will be Championship and Champion of Champions classes, followed by the "Barrida of Champions." So, there will be an opportunity for you on either day to catch something of the Peruvian Pasos in the arena.

**But wait, there's more!**

**Saturday Night at 7pm, Come Watch or**



# Participate in a one of a kind All Breed Trail Competition!!!

The Peruvian show Sunday morning finishes the qualifying classes, and after lunch will be Championship and Champion of Champions classes, followed by the "Barrida of Champions."

Judge Ernesto Sandigo, a veterinarian from Arizona, is well versed in all breeds and will be the judge for this fun event.

Entry fee is \$25/rider, and horses may be entered under different riders. We will award cash prizes and trophies for riders with High Point Peruvian, High Point non-Peruvian, High Point Overall, High Point Junior Rider (15 and under) as well as awards for 2nd through 5th place. Entries can be made on the day of the event, prior to 6:30pm.

For more information contact: Leigh Anderson @ [landers571@gmail.com](mailto:landers571@gmail.com) or Pete Arnold 817-681-9646 or [pkarnold88@gmail.com](mailto:pkarnold88@gmail.com)



## Biosecurity for Show Horses

May 14, 2024, Posted by Chris White, DVM

Horse shows and events can act as petri dishes for infectious agents. Learn about the common pathogens horses encounter and how to protect your horse from them.

### Keeping your equine athletes safe from infectious disease

Whether you're hauling your horses to local shows, clinics, or trail rides, if they'll be exposed to others, biosecurity is an important aspect of travel.

Even if your horses stay on your property or at the farm where you board, they will be exposed to infectious diseases at some point in their lives if there are new horses that come on the property or residents that come and go.

In this article we'll describe the common pathogens horses encounter, especially at showgrounds and boarding barns. We'll also recommend the best ways to protect your horse from them, as well as highlight how a large show facility recently handled a disease outbreak.



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# Equine Welfare Data Collective

*2023 Surveys Closing!*

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June 1, 2024  
1 AM EST

## Are you an equine rescue or sanctuary?

Don't miss the opportunity to have your horses counted in the next Equine Welfare Data Collective Report! This round of EWDC surveys will be closing on June 1st at 1 AM EST, so there is still plenty of time to participate. <https://unitedhorsecoalition.org/submit-data/>

Your data tells a story about the state of equine welfare in the nation, and now's your chance to tell it.

If you have any questions, reach out to Kelsey Buckley at [ewdc@horsecouncil.org](mailto:ewdc@horsecouncil.org)



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In case you haven't heard, May is #adoptahorse month, and to help kick things off, the American Horse Council Podcast



shines a light on how the United Horse Coalition Equine Welfare Data Collective and A Home For Every Horse are working to help encourage horse adoptions and responsible ownership.

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-Helen Thompson

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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**



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!



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Join us May 1-31, 2024 during Mental Health Awareness Month for the Seen Through Horses Campaign. We aim to amplify the healing power of horses to raise awareness, engage the public, and generate funds for programs integrating horses into mental health care.

\$134,698

\$150,000

In the backdrop of rural America, the serene landscapes often mask the silent struggles of the mental health crisis gripping our rural communities. Over 46 million people live in rural America, approximately 14% of the population. Rural America faces a significant mental health crisis, with disproportionately higher rates of depression and suicide compared to urban areas. People face barriers due to a shortage of mental healthcare providers and a lack of access to quality resources.

Yet amidst these challenges, hope emerges through partnerships with horses. Engagement from organizations like our 80 nonprofit Charity Partners are pioneering efforts to bridge the gap in mental health care. Through mental health services and programs that offer healing through horses, residents of rural communities are discovering pathways to peace and connection.

A special thank you to our Charity Partner, Gateway Family Services of Illinois, and Premier Partner, Rural Minds for your contributions to this video!

[Seen Through Horses Campaign - Horses for Mental Health](#)



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AMERICAN ROYAL  
AG STEM CAMP



The American Royal agriculture-based STEM Camp, sponsored by UMB Bank, is for students going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grade and will take place June 25-27, 7:30 a.m. to noon at the American Royal facilities. It will focus on exposing middle schoolers to different STEM topics in the ag industry related to plants, animals, and



agriculture technology. Each student will be charged a \$45 equipment fee to participate in the camp.

Registration is open now at <https://bit.ly/ARAgStem!>



It's not too late to enroll for 2024.  
For those currently enrolled, don't forget to submit your  
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## Kansas Back Country Horsemen of America

Did you know 2024 is BCHKS' 10-year anniversary?  
Want to know more about Back Country Horsemen- Kansas?

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Many fall trail rides offer opportunities to support trails and trail improvement projects.



## Summer Squash Casserole

Shevawn's Kitchen

### Ingredients:

- 6 cups yellow summer squash or zucchini, sliced
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (8 oz) pkg herb seasoned stuffing



- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup butter

### Instructions:

1. In a saucepan, cook sliced squash and chopped onions in boiling salted water for 5 minutes. Drain.
2. Combine cream of chicken soup and sour cream. Fold in drained squash and onions.
3. Combine stuffing mix with butter.
4. Spread half of the stuffing mixture on the bottom of a greased 9x13 baking dish.
5. Spoon vegetable mixture on top of stuffing.
6. Sprinkle remaining stuffing over vegetables.
7. Bake at 350°F for 25-30 minutes, until brown on top.

## 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**

- RECREATIONAL AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE
- EQUINE HEALTH AND WELFARE
- EDUCATION PROGRAMS
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

**HOW TO GET YOURS:**  
TROT over to your County Treasurers 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.bchkansas.com](http://www.bchkansas.com) website.

Encourage a new member to join BCHKS and be entered into an end-of-year drawing.



## 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 BCHA 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>\$195,655</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)  
~ BCHA \$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

Since 2014, equestrian volunteers have donated 29,538 hours toward the preservation and maintenance of trails on Kansas public lands with a value of \$1,902,543!

BCHKS, celebrating 10 years in 2024!!

[bchkans.com](http://bchkans.com) or [bcha.org](http://bcha.org)

On Facebook - Back Country Horsemen of America Kansas Chapter

**In 2023, BCHKS  
volunteers  
contributed  
3,214 hours of  
work on public  
trails. This  
equates to  
\$195,655!**

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





## Kansas Chapter



### **JOINT MEMBERSHIP AVAILABLE IN BOTH ORGANIZATIONS!**

Individual: \$80 (\$15 to BCHA/\$15 to BCH-KS/\$15 to KS Chapter of Choice/\$20 for insurance/\$15 to KHC)  
Family: \$100 (\$15 to BCHA/\$15 to BCH-KS/\$15 to KS Chapter of Choice/\$40 for insurance/\$15 to KHC)

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

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

One enrollment to support two organizations!  
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**Kansas Horse Council Rewards Programs**





### **DILLONS COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:**

- 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!





IT'S TIME TO JOIN UP

**WANTED**

ALL EQUINE LOVERS

THE KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL 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.

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!

**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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
 KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL, 8831 QUAIL LANE, SUITE 201, MANHATTAN, KS 66502  
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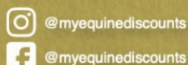


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