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From the Desk of the Director

During this COVID Shelter at Home in Kansas, it was up to each facility to decide what is best for them.

Some stayed open and used best practice protocols, while others were required to close. No lessons or clinics could be had. Now, the "How To" re-open question looms for those who did close.

As you are aware, statewide there is a three phase re-open plan. Phase one maintains a restriction of 10 people at a time in one location with social distancing and appropriate sanitation measures and possibly including PPE, depending on the inevitable proximity to others. Phase two effective May 18, so long as everything trends as hoped, increases the gather number to 30, Phase three is then June 1 increasing that group number to 90 and eventually Phase four goal is back to business unrestricted while maintaining hygiene,

sanitation measures, and social distancing as the new normal. Local communities can tighten this Phase In plan, so everyone must be alert to local determinations impacting him or herself.

Here are some helpful recommendations as you put a plan in place for how you will re-open your barns to your clients or how you will resume activities at your stable as a client.

Recommendations for Barn Owners and Managers:

- **Post your facility's cleaning and disinfecting plan where everyone can see it. Include information regarding public areas (i.e. bathrooms will be open; the viewing room and kitchen will be closed.)**
- **Establish guidelines for use of communal equipment, tack, and grooming supplies (Tip: Leave cleaner wipes accessible at multiple locations for quick use)**
- **Schedule appointments with boarders that work best for your facility, clientele, and your disinfecting schedule**
- **If possible, set hours for boarders to limit essential employees' exposure (this may include feeding and turnout times, or when the vet/farrier/chiro is onsite)**
- **Check with your insurance carrier to see what activities are covered by your policy during this time**

Recommendations to Owners whose horse(s) are at a boarding facility:

- **Be aware of others in the barn to maintain the 6' distancing**
- **Wear masks when social distancing cannot be accommodated**
- **Read, respect and follow instructions from barn owners and managers**
- **Be aware of, and keep to, your allotted appointment time**
- **Refrain from touching your face and wash hands frequently**

Remember these tips provided in the Kansas Department of Ag Equine Facilities Guidelines posted on KHC Blog April 17,2020:

<https://kansashorsecouncil.com/khc/f/recommendations-for-equine-facilities>

Cleaning and Disinfection Measures to Prevent COVID-19 Transmission

- **Practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds or using a >60% alcohol hand sanitizer after touching a horse, communal areas, or communal equipment to prevent environmental spread of the virus.**
- **The virus can persist on non-porous materials (leather bridles/saddles/halters, nylon halters/lead ropes, gate latches, door handles, spray nozzles) longer than porous materials (cotton lead ropes, saddle pads).**
 - **Clean communal leather tack daily with tack cleaner.**
 - **Disinfect gate latches, stall door handles, light switches, feed scoops, hose ends, spray nozzles, cross tie snaps, pitchforks, wheelbarrows and other frequently handled surfaces regularly or after contact with personnel.**

Facility Biosecurity Measures

- **All individuals should wash hands before entering the facility and wear clean clothes as part of the facility's general biosecurity plan.**

- Individuals should touch only the equipment and supplies necessary for completing the tasks of caring for and exercising the specific horse(s).
- Shared use of helmets, grooming supplies, tack and other equipment between individuals should be avoided.
 - Any equipment that must be shared should be cleaned and disinfected before and after use.
 - Keep individual animal waterers and feed bunks in a fixed position within the stall to ensure feed or water can be provided without touching these items or removing them.
 - Calculate how much feed will be necessary for your animals to minimize feed deliveries and ensure adequate feed is on hand.
 - When utilizing shared items such as trash receptacle lids, hoses, etc., use good biosecurity practices such as gloves, paper towels, hand-washing or other methods, as appropriate, to avoid transmission.

In one example of preparation and planning, a facility has utilized a Flag Color protocol to advise users of what is or is not accessible. Here is an example. Red indicates no access. Orange indicates access to outside property, no riding, and limit 10 people properly social distanced. Yellow indicates outdoor riding, tacking, grooming allowed using own equipment and social distancing. Blue indicates indoor facility access, some riding with limitations or scheduling in place. Green indicates all access, and riding allowed.

Whatever you decide to use as your plans, communication is important. Make sure staff knows the expectations and protocol and make sure clients do as well.

Kansas Horse Council is working hard to keep updated on the impacts to the equine sector and to provide answers to questions that come up. The office is operating, and you can still update your membership, ask questions, purchase liability signs or anything else that you need assistance with from Kansas Horse Council. We are here to help you address all your equine needs.

To our current members, thank you for your 2020 membership and for being part of the Kansas Horse Council. To those who have not yet renewed, we welcome you back as we always continue working for you as a Kansas horse owner advocating and educating.

We hope all our members and their families remain healthy and safe during this time. We look forward to the days ahead when we can happily share upcoming events as they start back up!

We want to hear from you. Please keep in touch. Send an email, or pick up the phone and call or send a message through Facebook, or put a letter in the mail. Tell us how things are going for you, tell us if you have concerns, complaints, or even if things are going well and you are having a great time with more free time to enjoy your horses. Take Care!

Sincerely,

Justine Staten
Executive Director
Kansas Horse Council,
Event Manager
Equifest of KS
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2019 FLOODS LEAVE WORK TO BE DONE

BCHKS Repairs Trails Following Historic Flooding of 2019

The summer of 2019 saw flooding and historic high-water levels at many parks in Kansas. The majority of Kansas equestrian campgrounds and trails are located at US Army Corps of Engineers lakes located throughout the state. These multi-thousand-acre, man-made lakes were developed for flood control and were extensively tested during the summer of 2019. Trails in the eastern half of the state were under water the entire summer, and it was fall before floodwaters receded enough to begin to assess the damage. Accumulated debris, silt, and erosion were just some of the messes left behind. BCHKS trail volunteers were chomping at the bit to begin the work that would get these trails returned to rideable condition, even though the muddy mess didn't allow access to the trails until well into winter.

Trail damage at Kanopolis Lake, in the north-central area of the state, had trails completely closed to the public from June 2019 to April 1, 2020. Work days on those popular trails brought out a delightful mix of hikers, trail runners, cyclists, campers, families, park staff, and equestrians, all working together and anxiously awaiting the opportunity to get back out on the trails they love. The damage was mostly due to debris completely covering the trails, namely logs and sticks as well as some trash where the water line sat all summer. There was a small segment of trail alongside a creek that had washed out and was re-routed further up the hillside. An area of severe erosion that was worsened by flood damage was fixed. A lot of volunteer hours were spent on normal maintenance that couldn't be taken care of during the flooding due to lack of access and also lack of resources in the agency. Park staff members were stretched thin all summer trying to mitigate damage to campgrounds.

Sections of the Black Hawk equestrian trails at Pomona Lake in Eastern Kansas traverse lands that were once farms and homesteads. Old trash dumps caused extensive trash and debris to wash up onto the trails and remain after the waters eventually went down. One BCHKS work day resulted in 10 large trash bags full of glass bottles, tin and aluminum cans, and plastic bottles on a two-mile section of trail. New trail markers were posted in areas where trees with markers were uprooted by the flooding.

Summer pictures from Melvern Lake, in the east-central part of the state, showed kayakers paddling along the trail signs that were still visible above the flood waters. Riders on Melvern's Crooked Knee Trail can still see evidence of last summer's flood with driftwood caught up in trees along the trail ten feet overhead!

Clinton Lake's Rockhaven trail system includes three trails: the upper trail is marked with blue, and the middle trail is yellow. These heavily wooded trails had several trees down that needed to be cut up and cleared. Clinton's lower trail, marked in orange, closely follows the shoreline of the lake. As the orange trail began to re-surface, it was covered with wooded debris that in many places resembled pickup sticks. Some sections of that orange trail fell away into the lake. The blue and yellow trails are now cleared for 2020 summer riding; but the orange trail will not be rebuilt, rerouted, and cleared until BCHKS volunteers can get access to them this next fall and winter.

The weather this spring has not been kind, either. Above normal rains have kept lake levels high, and lower trails are still occasionally under water. Storms with heavy winds are uprooting trees that were weakened in the water logged ground. As Kansas trail riders are finally able to get back out on trails, they will continue to see evidence of the record floods of 2019 with odds and ends of driftwood caught up in trees overhead, and the 2019 water line still visible halfway up the trees along shorelines. Riders will also continue to come across BCHKS volunteers in their orange and yellow vests working on clearing and repairing. Trail volunteers' work is never done!

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***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.***

***We are currently seeking a Chairman volunteer position for the Foundation Board.
Please contact Justine at Kansas Horse Council if you would be interested in this position.***

***Scholarship Applications are Currently Being Reviewed.
Awards will be given in June!***

For Review of the 2019 Award Recipients, refer to June 2019 Newsletter or go [HERE](#).



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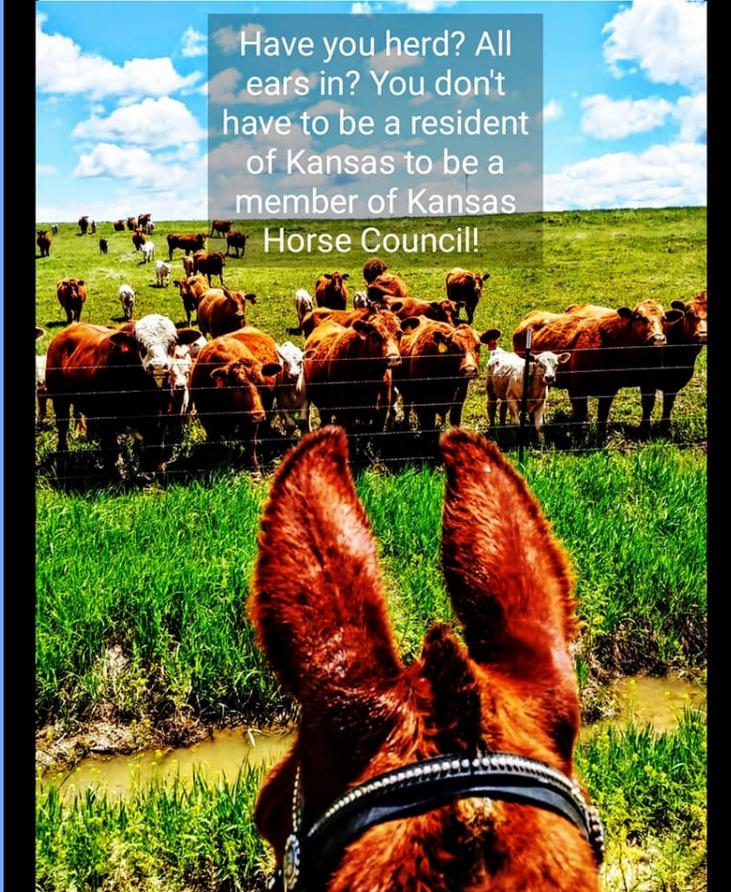
but it's a great way to enjoy the outdoors with friends too!

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- trail rides
- growth for the equine industry
- legislation and health concerns impacting the equine industry within KS
- helps secure the future of our equine-related jobs, recreation, and lifestyle.

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Membership Benefits

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

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KHC Member Spotlight

Retired Army Sergeant First Class Extends Lifetime Roping Aspirations Through Devout Rodeo Family

by Frank J. Buchman



DeLaGarza Family

"Strongest faith encompassed in contagious enthusiasm for the cowboy way of life to be heartfelt embedded into his beloved family."

Albert De La Garza grew up a cowboy, now living his lifelong dream, surpassed only by loving adoration of his wife, three children and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Retiring as a Sergeant First Class from a 20-year Army career, De La Garza served mostly overseas. He was honored with the Bronze Star Medal, Commendation Medal with Valor and additional military recognitions.

"Times on the battlefield were tragically sobering, yet humbling so I truly appreciate my Savior's many blessings," Albert acknowledged. "I'm extremely fortunate for my wife, Kristen, and our three children, Katherine, Joseph, and Samuel," he appreciated. "We are further blessed with many acquaintances in the rodeo world, friends, ranchers, and our home in rural Kansas."

Growing up in Seven Sisters, Texas, the youngest of five children, Albert was a cowboy. "My dad was a construction worker, but we always had horses and steers for my family to rope," Albert said. "Team roping has always been a passion of mine, but we also did day work for area ranchers. "I was more inspired to rope in rodeos when I became acquainted with professional team roper Tee Woolman," he added.

Graduating from high school at 18-years-old, Albert joined the United States Army within a few weeks. He followed the footsteps of his older brother, also an Army veteran. "I appreciate the freedom we have in our country and I wanted to serve to keep these privileges," Albert said.

His tours of duty took him to Korea and Iraq each twice plus Germany, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Africa. "Those experiences made me stronger, a better person to truly appreciate all that we have," Albert reiterated.

The urge to be on horseback, with a rope in hand, never left his heart. Fulfilling that desire however was not always convenient. "It was impossible to keep horses where I was stationed, and when I did compete, I borrowed mounts," Albert said. "I often drove 400 miles back to south Texas to get on a horse to be able to rope."

Already in their 30s, Albert met Kristen, a schoolteacher in Columbia, Missouri, through online contact. "She grew up with horses, mostly trail riding and such, but hadn't been in rodeos," Albert said. "Kristen and I began dating in 2010 and she started barrel racing some then with her horse Oldie. We were married in 2012, so Kristen did not really rodeo much until after Katherine was born.

"All of us participate in rodeo events now," he added proudly. With Albert stationed in Oklahoma, plus additional overseas tours, Kristen remained stateside as a teacher and mom. "When my military career was nearing end, I traded for an opportunity to be stationed at Fort Riley," Albert smiled. About five years ago, the couple purchased their five-acre home place near Randolph. "It's a perfect location to raise a family with horses, and become friends with the great Kansas people," Albert insisted.

Today, Albert works as a Civil Service employee at Fort Riley. Kristen teaches at Manhattan Catholic Schools where two of their children are students. "The horse population is up to five head now, so everybody has a horse to ride and participate in rodeos," Albert said. "I help area ranchers and also compete on ranch rodeo teams, plus enter team roping jackpots and other association rodeos."

Competing in bull riding at one point earlier in life, Albert has specialized in team roping. "I do other events, too, in order to prove to my kids, I'm an all-around cowboy," he said. "I tie-down calf rope; compete in steer mugging, everything with cattle ranching and in the arena. I like it all."

Katherine races in speed events, has started goat tying and is learning to rope. "She's won a number of buckles in Blackjack and Circleville Saddle Club circuits as well as jackpots," Albert noted. "Katherine has a great love for horses, especially her horse Snicker, and a passion to barrel race."

Joseph is an energetic rider. "When he gets on his horses, Duke and Dunny, I have to remind

him not to run them all the time," Dad noted. "Joseph doesn't always run the pattern correctly, but he is learning from his mistakes. He has started mutton busting and calf riding, making the whistle sometimes, too."

Samuel is even faster paced than his older brother. "He's always on the go," Dad credited. "Samuel is into the mutton busting mostly and is beginning to show an interest in riding horses, too. When he does ride, he prefers to ride Daddy's rope horse, Blondie, or Mommy's old horse, Bay."

Momma competes in saddle club and jackpot speed events. "Kristen has helped improve my horsemanship skills and she's making our kids great riders, too," Albert recognized.

Serving as president and webmaster for the Black Jack Saddle Club, Albert is emphatic about the club's purpose. "This is a family organization for all ages to participate. We want everybody to ride, learn more about horses and become better riders," he declared. "Children and their parents need to understand it's not all about winning. We emphasize safety, care of horses and equipment, sportsmanship and helping each other all the time."

Straying a bit from his faith at heavy points in life, Albert credits the Lord for all his many blessings. "My family and I are members of St. Thomas More Catholic Church," he noted. "My mother-in-law moved to Manhattan to be near our family several years ago, which has proven to be a huge blessing."

Looking ahead, Albert indicated, "We plan to compete in rodeos and horse activities at all levels. The kids are going to ride in Christian Youth Rodeo (CYR) events this year. We will be at some rodeo nearly every weekend as soon as the world health shutdown concludes.

"There's nothing better for a devout Christian family than riding horses with good horse people," Albert De La Garza affirmed.

Upcoming Events

*With the current restrictions due to COVID 19,
please call before you haul to any event, trail ride or activity.*

*Event managers will be the best source for status
of an organized ride, show or other event prior to attending.*

Check the [KHC Events Calendar](#) on the website for events listed.

Upcoming KHC Events!



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May 29-30: Region 3

Trail Ride at Cimarron National Grasslands.
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August 1: Region 4 Event

Cowboy Dressage Clinic at El Dorado Lake Arena.
Participate or Spectate, your choice!

September 25-26: Trail Ride at Historic Lake Scott.

Come enjoy some beautiful scenery!

September 27: Region 1 Event

Meet Ms. Amberly Snyder
In person at Colby Community College!

November 14: Horse Care 101 at K-State Vet Med

& KHC Annual Meeting and Banquet
at Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan!



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NEWS and EVENTS throughout KANSAS



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IN THE NEWS

Recent passing of a very involved horsewoman in Kansas City

"Beverly Ann Rinehart Riccardi

(1936-2020) passed away at her home in Prairie Village, KS surrounded by her family on April 19, 2020.

Beverly became interested in horseback riding taking lessons with her friends at Somerset Stables in Olathe KS. She soon introduced her children to the sport and became a well-known and very active sponsor, public relations spokesperson and generous philanthropist for horse-related activities in the region. She strongly believed in the importance of showcasing young riders' horsemanship and knowledge of the sport, and she became one of the longest standing sponsors and volunteers of the Mission Valley Pony Club (MVPC).

Through her efforts, young riders participated for the first time in the annual American Royal Parade in 1979 and continued to do so for many years. Beverly compiled the history of the MVPC from 1956 to present which is on display at the American Royal Ambassador's Room.

Through Beverly's endeavors as procurer of the museum, Carol Durand the first woman who won

a place on the US Equestrian Team in the 1952 Olympics and one of the MVPC founders is honored at the museum.

Beverly was also active as Governor of the American Royal, and organizer of the Concert of Champions as well as a member of the Saddle and Sirloin Club. She realized the importance of training grounds for future MVPC members, allowing them to excel in combined training, show jumping and dressage, and therefore helped to form the liaison with Longview Horse Park.

She served on the Board of Directors for Longview Horse Park from 1980 until her retirement."

USDA APHIS NEWS

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing a new National List of Reportable Animal Diseases (NLRAD) to further strengthen the country's ability to detect, respond to and control animal diseases.

The new list will provide a consolidated, comprehensive set of guidelines to ensure Federal and State animal health officials quickly receive information about potential cases of communicable animal diseases.

This helps ensure that serious diseases are reported earlier, which can help speed our response time and lessen the overall impact on producers and the economy.

The [proposed list](#) spells out exactly which animal diseases need to be reported to Federal and State officials, how quickly they need to be reported, who needs to report them, and to whom they need to report them.

Having this comprehensive, national list will also help APHIS better meet international reporting obligations. Current U.S. reporting requirements only require accredited veterinarians to report some of these diseases, and do not cover the entire range of diseases necessary to meet international reporting needs.

The United States must submit reports to the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) on the status of certain diseases of livestock, poultry, aquaculture, bees and, in some instances, wild terrestrial and aquatic species. APHIS currently relies on voluntary reports for many endemic (diseases found in the U.S.) and emerging (newly discovered) diseases, which makes it more difficult to provide this information to the OIE.

APHIS is seeking public comment on this [proposed rule](#) for 60 days following publication in the Federal Register. All comments will be considered before moving forward.

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*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.)

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!

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Horse Industry COVID 19 Resources

A list of COVID 19 Horse Industry Resource Links can be found at [American Horse Council](#)

Here's an excerpt from [Horse.com](#) Magazine listed in those resource links.

Things you can do to help:

1. If you have the opportunity, reach out to those less fortunate or infirmed and ensure they've planned for their animals (hay, feed, etc.) for the coming months. If you know people who are always just barely able to get by with caring for their animals, this might push them past the brink.
2. Remind people in your communities that animals are part of our community and that they might need to consider pet or large animal sheltering on a small scale for people who are sick and can't care for their animals. For large animals this may be shelter-in-place care involving teams going to check on animals at their homes regularly. Check with your animal response teams and animal control shelters to see if this is being coordinated.
3. Watch for animals that are not being cared for, losing weight, and/or showing signs of neglect. Call your animal control or welfare officers first to get involved with education and correcting the problem. A good relationship with your local animal control/welfare officers can often mean they call trusted members of the community for assistance with specific issues (i.e., someone loses their income and can't afford to take care of their animals properly).
4. If you board your horses at a facility, look around to make sure others (and your management) are doing smart things to prevent illness spread (biosecurity for animals and people), proactively mitigating challenges, and planning for

backup in case of limited supplies and resources. Don't be afraid to speak up and ask questions.

5. If you are starting to see a lack of hay, feed, and other resources in your communities, reach out to your local and state agricultural animal response teams and emergency managers. This would be at your state's ESF-11 of the EOC (emergency operations centers) and let them know this is happening. They should plan now for hay banks, pet food, and animal resources to help people get through this coming situation.

6. While I prefer all animals get the very best of care-which I am sure you're working to provide-I remind all of you that pasture, hay, and water are what large animals need, and they will survive with less feed if you provide more turnout and hay. If you don't have the cash for that bag of horse feed and can't get out to muck stalls because you feel awful, get hay bales instead, and turn your horses out in pastures and paddocks. This makes it easier to ensure they stay healthy, even if they look muddy, hairy, and get a few bites and kicks from their pasture friends.

-Rebecca Gimenez-Husted, PhD, who is based in Georgia

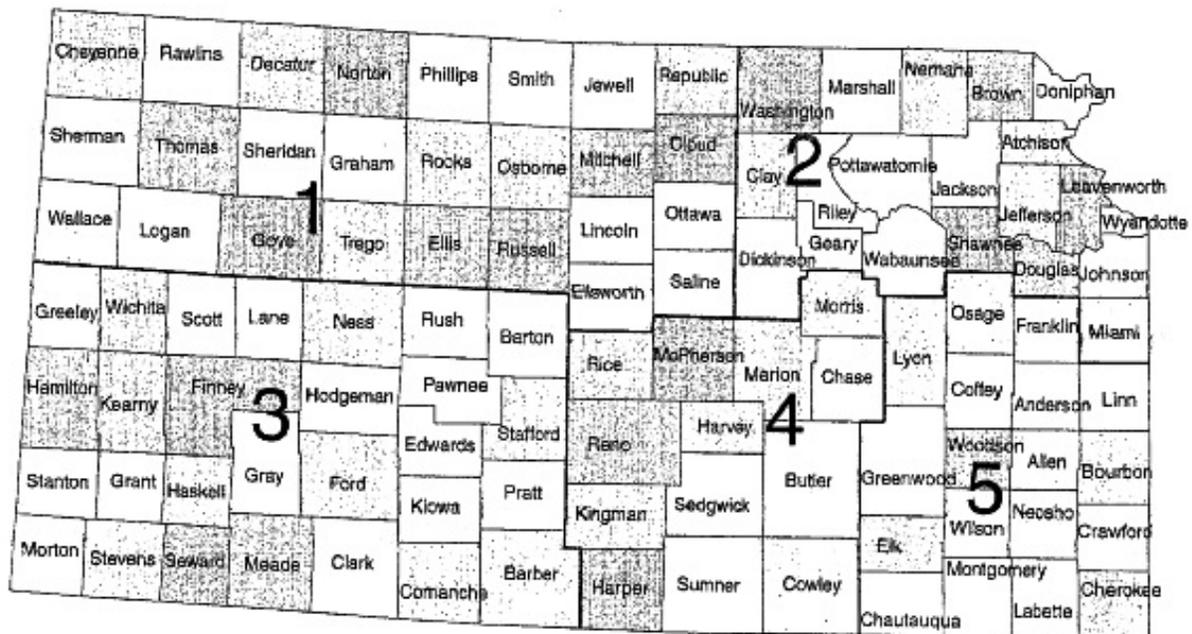
KANSAS HORSE COUNCIL DESIGNATED REGIONS



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

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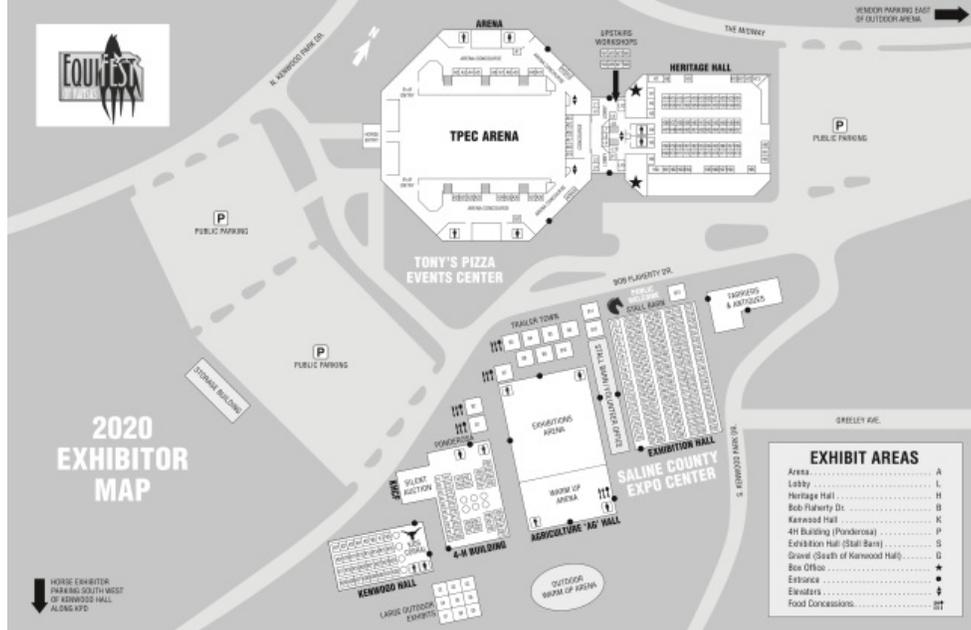


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Contact your local Back Country Horseman of America Chapter to see how you can help maintain our trails.



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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 [BCHA of Kansas Chapter Info](#)

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

Our 2020 Membership Purchasing Partners offering Kansas Horse Council Member Discounts with your current KHC Membership card.

SHOW YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD AND GET 10% OFF AT THESE PARTICIPATING KANSAS & OKLAHOMA BUSINESSES



Rittel's Western Abilene



For Equine Equipment Savings, discounts off Exmark, Farmpaint, Tenda and Toro, call or email to set up your Member account.

Email: sales@equineequipment.com

Phone: 877-905-0004

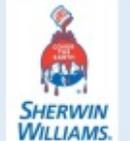


Information on accessing these USEF Fan Club Member Perks

Can be found on insert in your KHC member packet.



To enjoy the benefits of one stop shopping with discounts, call NTRA Advantage to set up your account. 866-678-4289. See National Brands below:



We are pleased to offer these 2020 Kansas Horse Council Membership Discounts. Visit [Kansas Horse Council](http://KansasHorseCouncil.com) to learn more about

our organization. You don't have to be a Kansas resident to become a member.
JOIN OUR HERD!

OUR EXCLUSIVE MEMBERS ONLY
HORSEMANSHIP REWARDS PROGRAM!



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.

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:
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Want to earn GREAT rewards 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 Horsemanship Rewards Program do apply).

[VISIT OUR WEBSITE HERE](#)

TO ROLL OVER 2019 HOURS TO 2020, YOU MUST RENEW THE PROGRAM FOR THE \$15 FEE IF YOU WERE ENROLLED FOR 2019 AND A RENEWED KHC MEMBER FOR 2020.

1ST TIME ENROLLEE FEE IS \$35 WITH CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

YOU MUST BE A CURRENT KHC MEMBER AND A MEMBER OF THE REWARDS PROGRAM TO START LOGGING TODAY!

***ENROLLED PARTICIPANTS ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT ALL LOGGED HOURS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS IN 2020.**

***ALL HOURS MUST BE ADDED BY PARTICIPANT BEFORE SUBMITTING LOGS**

***EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING TRACK OF THEIR HOURS LOGGED (COPIES OF) AS WELL.**

AS A MEMBER OF KHC AND THE REWARDS PROGRAM, YOU CAN EARN DOUBLE HOURS RIDING AT A KHC SPONSORED TRAIL RIDE, OR VOLUNTEERING FOR A KHC EVENT THAT INVOLVES HORSES!

ANY ACTIVITY WITH EQUINES COUNTS! GROOMING, CAMPING, VOLUNTEERING AT A SHOW, BUT SORRY...CHORES DON'T COUNT!

2020 Current Enrollee's:

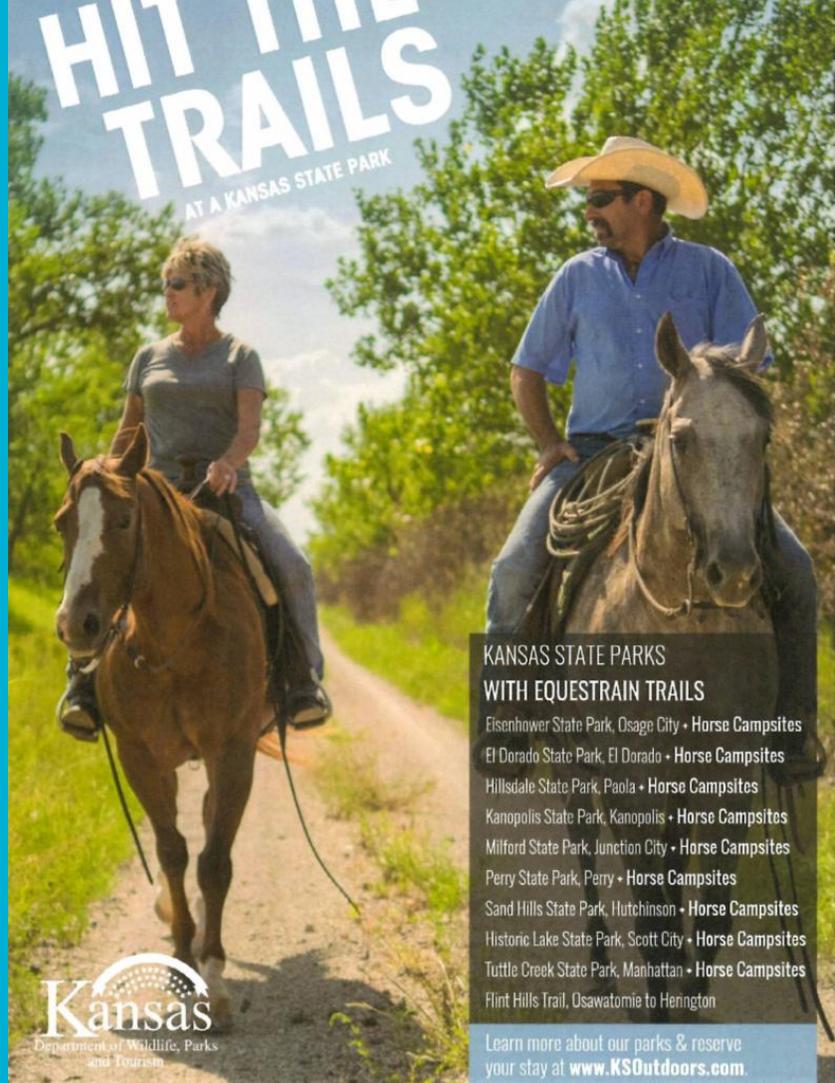
Marty Bloomquist, *Bella Bova*, Olivia Bova, *Jennifer Carnahan*, *Karen Carr*, Julie DeYoung, Donna Droge, *Jackie Fry*, Gab Hamler, *Kaidence Mai*, Jean McCormick, *Debbie Mercer*, Jan Moore, Nancy Owens, *Dee Ramonda*, Pattie Stalder, *Rosie Sweeten*, Cheryl Thomas, *Betty Thompson*, *Patrice Thomsen*, Joyce Troyer. *Denotes NEW participant for 2020*

1st quarter logs submitted and received from:
Bloomquist, Bella & Olivia Bova, Carr, DeYoung, Droge, Hamler,
Mai, Moore, Sweeten, and Thomas.

Let's log some hours! Stay well and stay positive! Stay outside
horseback if you can!



RIDE KANSAS



**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, Osawatimie to Henington

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

We ask you please call any park before hauling to ensure accessibility of trails and overnight camping facilities. When visiting our parks, please clean up after yourselves, and respect the trails. Refrain from riding during especially muddy conditions.

VISIT this link for current Kansas State Park Alerts and Conditions:

CURRENT STATE PARK ALERTS



FREE EQUESTRIAN TRAIL GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL OUR STATE PARKS or request a copy of the full color 2020 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
IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT.
LEAVE ONLY HOOFPRIENTS BEHIND
LET TRAILS DRY BEFORE YOU RIDE**

**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.

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