



Geauga County Chapter

Ohio Horseman's Council is the largest Ohio non-profit equine organization representing all ages of rider, all riding disciplines and all equine breeds. Organized by county chapters, OHC is committed to serving the needs of its members and being the trusted advocate for equine participants at all levels of government, zealously promoting access to public land for recreational use. <https://ohconline.com/>

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For contact info see email

Hi Everyone-

Our official kick-off of the riding season is this coming May 17 with the Nora Stanton Memorial Ride at Swine Creek. Lunch follows locally for the trail miles awards. Hope you can come to both. Details on timing and restaurant location will be coming soon.
Thanks- Jennifer



The Club provides goodie or cookie trays/baskets for the employees of Big Creek, Swine Creek and The Westwoods in appreciation of their dedication to maintaining our bridle trails. Donna Kennedy did a fantastic job purchasing everything and assembling these baskets. Thank you to those who contributed. And thanks to those who delivered: Chrissy Henderson/Bill Lanning, Jen Salo and Cecilia Hanish. We received a nice thank you email from John Oros, Executive Director Geauga Park District, as well as from park staff.



Our annual banquet took place Friday, April 18th at Claridon Woodlands and was well attended. There was great food and plentiful items for the Chinese auction. Thanks to Cindy Wynne, our VP and the committee for doing a great job organizing, setting up and tearing down.



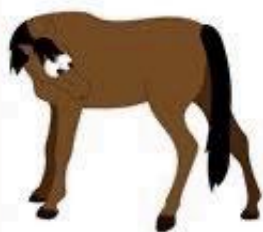
On April 9th the club sponsored Dr Keckler, Buckeye Veterinary Service, to speak on Equine Colic at Schneider's Saddlery.



RECOGNIZING COLIC



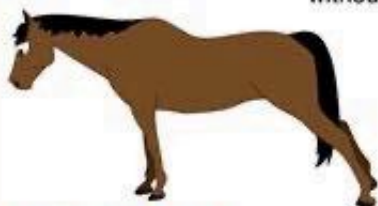
Horses show signs of abdominal pain in a wide variety of ways. **Among the more common signs of colic are:**



Turning the head toward the flank,
kicking or biting at the belly.



Pawing.



Stretching out as if to urinate,
without doing so.



Repeatedly lying down, rolling, and
getting up, or attempting to do so.



Inappropriate sweating, rapid
breathing and/or flared nostrils,
elevated pulse rate.

Leaving food behind or completely
disinterested in food; putting the head
down to water without drinking.

If you suspect your horse is suffering from colic, alert your veterinarian immediately. They may not need to come out and examine the horse if the colic signs are mild, but leave that decision to the veterinarian.

Our club's annual garlic mustard pull at The Westwoods was Tuesday, April 22. Staff of two cleared the invasive weed and enjoyed spring wildflowers in full bloom on a perfect spring evening! Thank you to Dottie Drockton for organizing this every year.

Read about this invasive species here from the Nature Conservancy:

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/indiana/stories-in-indiana/garlic-mustard/>



The plaque has been installed on the mounting platform at The Westwoods. Many thanks to Donna Kennedy and her husband Doug for handling this!





FROM THE TRAIL DESK - Linda Golding

A review of the Ohio Horseman's Council final summary of the 2024 riding season brought forward several interesting facts about Geauga's rider achievements.

For the second year in a row Melissa-Rush Batista and her daughter Lauren appeared in the TOP 10 list of SADDLE HOURS reported. Melissa placed 4th in the Adult rankings and Lauren was 3rd in the Youth rankings. Dedicated riders!!

On the TOP 10 list statewide of the TRAIL MILES BY COUNTY, Geauga was 5th with 13,594 miles reported. I report Cuyahoga County with their 9th placing because we all ride the Metroparks frequently. In the SADDLE HOURS BY COUNTY, Geauga was FIRST with 2,721 and Cuyahoga placed 4th with 1,970. We again demonstrate our enthusiasm for the sport of horseback riding.

At the State level, although not a Geauga Park or Forest, I mention South Chagrin Reservation's rank of 7th among the Location Total miles reported--7090 miles. We all know this park and all helped put it in this TOP 10 list.

An unrelated note to the main topic of today's message: When **Jeff Spitz** reached his **lifetime trail miles** total of **15,000** in 2021 no giant announcement was loudly made to celebrate his achievement. Let it be done now. CONGRATULATIONS, JEFF!!! Jeff has declined the red silk patch thereby donating the dollar value back to our treasury

Upcoming Geauga OHC Events:

*****For details, watch your email*****

May 17 - Nora Stanton Memorial Ride. Meet 10am Swine Creek Reservation

<https://geaugaparkdistrict.org/park/swine-creek-reservation/>

Lunch and awards ceremony afterwards

June 8 - Ride at The Westwoods

June 24 - Cow sorting at Rich Bradshaw's

June 28 - Helmet fitting at Big Ds with Lisa Goretta

July 11-13 Camping at West Branch

Visit our Facebook page <https://tinyurl.com/mwxuk6ye>



EQUINE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Manure Happens! Manure and Facility Management on Horse Properties

Thursday, May 29, 2025

9:00am – 3:00 pm

Geauga County Office Building – Room A333



Horse ownership has become an appealing and significant attribute of Geauga County's rural landscapes, but all too often the essential management of horse manure is undervalued and overlooked. The Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District, along with Geauga County Farm Bureau, are pleased to present the "Equine Environmental Stewardship Workshop: Manure Happens! Manure and Facility Management on Horse Properties." Join us to discuss the importance of manure and facility management for the betterment of your horses, your farm, and your community. Gain knowledge and resources to help reduce mud, manage manure, increase chore efficiency, improve horse health and property aesthetics, and conserve money and resources! Don't miss this unique opportunity featuring local natural resource professionals from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio State University Extension, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Geauga Soil and Water Conservation District. Lunch will be provided by Geauga County Farm Bureau. Equine Environmental Stewardship recognition signs will be distributed to farms upon completion of this workshop.

Topics to be included:

- Managing horses and protecting water quality
- Regulatory compliance
- Manure and nutrient management
- Horse facility management
- Pasture and forage management

Though the workshop is free, registration is required by May 21st to reserve your seat. To register visit geaugaswcd.com or scan the QR code. Questions? Contact 440-834-1122 or lberkheimer@geauga.oh.gov.



**Gauga Soil and Water
Conservation District**



GEAUGA COUNTY



Geauga Park District Activities:

- Sunday, May 18, Holbrook Hollows Horse Ride
- Saturday, June 21, Holbrook to South Chagrin
(Long Ride on Longest Day)
- Saturday, August 23, Trail Horse Nature Challenge,
Swine Creek Reservation
- Saturday, October 4,
Moonlight Ride & Headwaters Horse Ride.

There likely will be a Buggy Training in September



Cuyahoga County OHC Rides

<http://www.cuyahogacountyohc.com/>

5/3 (Sat) Cuyahoga OHC – Hinckley Reservation – 606 parking lot. Ride out at 10 am.
Please call Joni if you plan on riding, as this is the same day as the Brecksville ride.

5/3 DERBY DAY – Ride Brecksville at 9 am, meeting at the Meadows parking lot.

5/12 Trailer Safety Clinic

See flyer below



Trailer Safety Clinic

New to trailering, or experienced but looking for additional tips or suggestions? Join the Cuyahoga County Ohio Horseman's Council Chapter and Cleveland Metroparks Police Department Mounted Unit for a Trailer Safety Clinic.

When: Monday May 12, 2025 6pm to 8pm.

Where: 9650 Boston Rd, North Royalton, 44133

Bring a chair and any questions or concerns you have about trailering your 4 legged passenger! This clinic will be held rain or shine in our covered arena.

DO NOT BRING: A horse or trailer.

RSVP TO:

Christa Abood

cjabood1@gmail.com

440-263-9023



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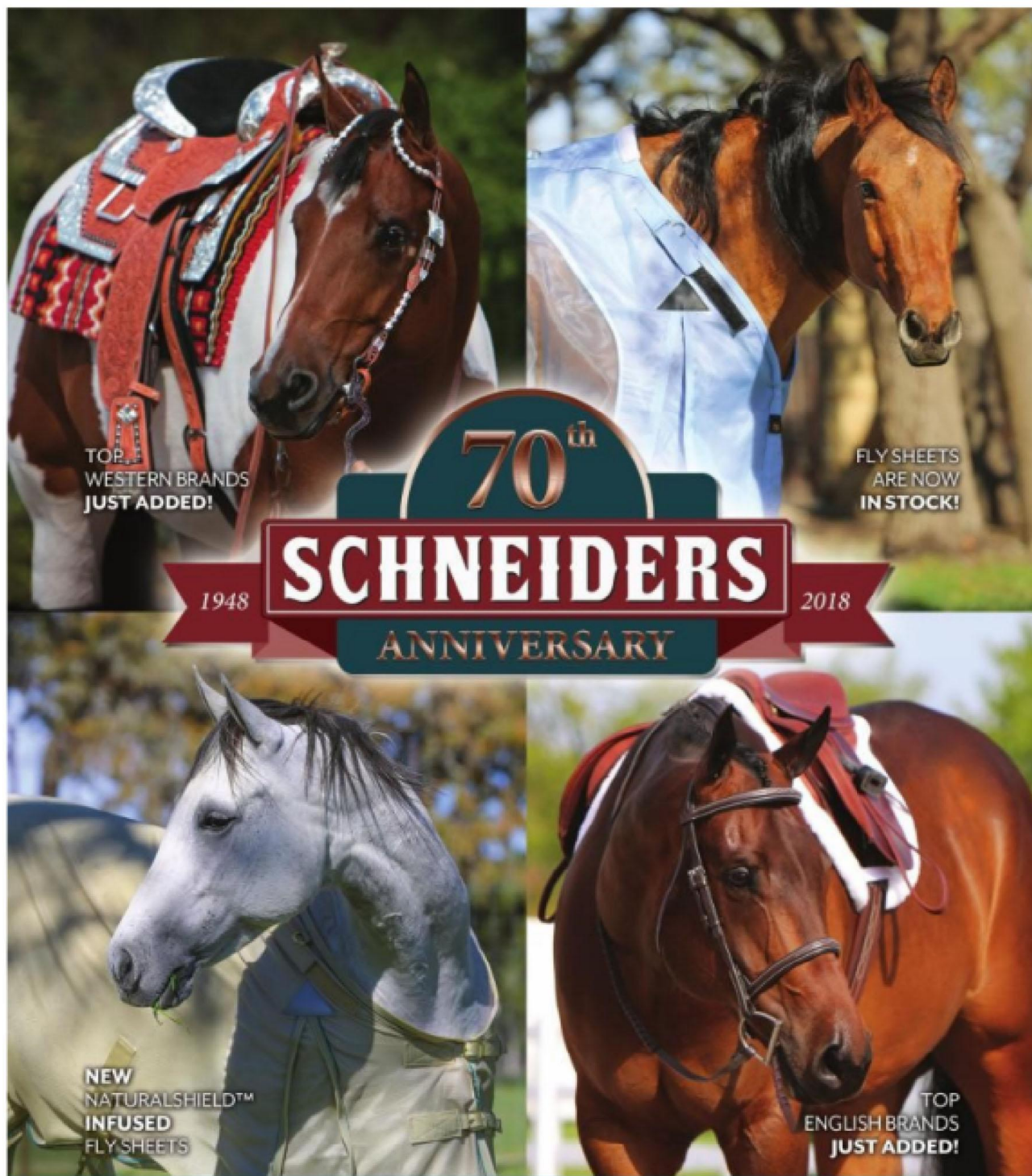
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SUNDAY JULY 6TH**

SPONSORED BY WAYNE COUNTY OHC

REQUIRED REGISTRATION- WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 1, 2025

THURSDAY- Arrive any time and ride on your own

Enjoy the trails

FRIDAY- 6pm: Dinner (Hot dogs, chips, cookies, drinks and table service provided)

SATURDAY- 10am-4pm: Poker Run \$10/hand (winner announced at dinner)
6pm: Door Prizes, Silent auction, catered dinner by On The Rise BBQ
(pulled pork, pulled chicken, mac n' cheese, smokey beans, coleslaw & dessert)

SUNDAY- Cowboy Church & Scavenger Hunt
Must depart camp by 6pm

**ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AS PER FOREST RULES, AND ARE NOT
ALLOWED IN THE PICNIC SHELTER**

CUT HERE AND RETURN LOWER PORTION

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME _____ **CHAPTER** _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____

DEPARTURE DAY _____ **SIZE & TYPE OF RIG** _____

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CUYAHOGA, MEDINA, & SUMMIT OHC CHAPTERS

Save the Date:

State Ride hosted by: Ohio Horseman's Council Inc.

September 26-28, 2025

Cleveland Metroparks

South Chagrin Reservation Polo Fields

Across from: 3795 Chagrin River Rd., Chagrin Falls

Official Flyer Coming Soon

Once the details are finalized, the form will be posted on the Facebook page of each county & shared with Ohio OHC.

**Things are subject to change.*

If you would like the details as soon as the flyer is completed, please be sure to let us know. We will be happy to email it directly to you.

Looking forward to sharing our trails & friendship with you!

For Questions, Contact:

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Cathy Matonis: (216) 798-0496

Molly Eastwood: (330) 603-0820

Raydeen Ryden: (334) 663-7361

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- Auction items to bid on
- Cleveland Metroparks Mounted Unit Obstacle Course
(max 20 participants)
- Entertainment:
 - Campfire
 - Singing
 - Line dancing??
- Fundraising: Collecting hats, gloves & socks for veterans



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COUNCIL INC.

*****Must be a current OHC member to participate in this event. Be sure to sign up and/or renew your membership today to get all the updated information.***