

# HOOF PRINTS

DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS  
816 N. 1750 ROAD, LAWRENCE, KS 66049

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## You're Invited! DCTR Christmas Party December 9



It's the end of the year! Come join us for a fun party! It's the DCTR Annual Christmas Party where you can connect and reconnect with your DCTR friends, old and new. We welcome members, guests, families, supporters and more!

The party is held at the DCTR Clubhouse, 816 N. 1750 Rd., Lawrence, KS. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Following the dinner we will have a brief meeting to introduce next year's officers and recognize our outstanding members.

The fun continues with our Christmas Auction! Please bring an unwrapped gift to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. Gifts can be horsey related or not! We request that an approximate value be marked on wrapped gifts.

Renew your membership at the party and you will be entered into a drawing for a free 2018 membership.

### Potluck Dinner

DCTR will provide the main course. Please bring a dish to share - see the following suggestion based on the first letter of your last name. Or if you have a "specialty" that's not in your category, feel free to bring it!

A-J Vegetables or Sides

K-S Desserts

T-Z Salads or Rolls

**Please RSVP to Julie Springer by Wednesday, Dec. 6** by texting or calling 785-979-1161 so we have an accurate head count for dinner.

## Upcoming Events

### December

2 - Old Fashioned Christmas Parade, Lawrence

9 - DCTR Holiday Party 5:30 pm

14 -2018 Planning mtg 630 pm

### January

5 - Club Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner, Meeting 7 pm

### February

2 - Club Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner, Meeting 7 pm

23-25 - EquiFest of Kansas, Topeka ExpoCentre

### March

2 - Club Meeting 6:30 pm Dinner, Meeting 7 pm

## 2018 Officers and Board

A new slate of officers and Board of Trustees for 2018 was elected during the November meeting. We thank the outgoing officers and Board members for your leadership. And we congratulate the incoming officers and Board members and thank both new and continuing for volunteering your time and expertise to the club.

### 2018 Officers and Board Members:

President	Michelle Vassar (785) 764-2699 cell nitecharm16@yahoo.com
Vice President	Jenna Brumm (785) 766-7413 cell brummfarms@yahoo.com
Recording Secretary	Rachael Eve (913) 709-1671 cell scrappineve@gmail.com
Treasurer	Liz Rombach (816) 289-7197 emrombach@yahoo.com
Corresponding Secretary	Julie West (785) 414-0575 cell juliamwest@outlook.com

Board Members: Julie DeYoung (Immediate Past President), Andi Kent, Julie Springer, Maggie Stout, Misti Tidball, Judy Warren

We are also seeking committee members for 2018. Committees include Horse Show, Trail Ride, Activities, Maintenance, Concessions, and Technology. If you are interested in the activities of or in volunteering for any of these committees, email [dctr@dctr.org](mailto:dctr@dctr.org) or contact Michelle Vassar and she will put you in contact with the committee chairperson.

## Christmas Parade December 2

The Lawrence Christmas Parade is Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. For bystanders, the parade starts down Mass St. at 11AM, but if you'd like to ride in the parade please park in the North

field at the Douglas County Fairgrounds (corner of 19<sup>th</sup> and Harper St.). DCTR will be dressed as



elves riding reindeer, preceding Santa and Mrs. Claus's entrance. Pictures of the elf costume to be worn again this year can be found on our DCTR Facebook page. Please wear a red/green turtleneck under the elf costume (and of course pants hahaha). If you strongly oppose the elf costume, you are welcome to wear a DCTR (or plain royal blue sweatshirt) and jeans. I highly recommend wearing thermal underwear and gloves, as well! DCTR will also be providing decorations to be used on the horses for a seasonal, uniform appearance (gold glitter hooves, red leg wrap, reindeer antlers, Christmas garland with bells, and blue DCTR saddle blankets).

We will rendezvous at the Brady's horse trailer (Northwest corner of the field, near the trees; look for the DCTR signs) at 9:15AM, and promptly ride out on our way to the parade entrance at 10AM. This is a huge parade and takes some time for us as a group to get decorated and organized, so please arrive early (no later than 8:30-9AM)!! The Brady's have generously offered to provide pizza for the participants as a post-parade celebration at their horse trailer!

**\*\*Where to pick up your costume:**

Please stop by "Advantage Medical Group" (1104 E 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Lawrence, KS 66046) to pick up your elf costume between the hours of 7:30AM-5:30PM Mon-Friday, or 7:30-11AM Saturday. Laura Brady will have them available, starting November 18<sup>th</sup>. If your horse hasn't worn the antler/hat in the past, I encourage you to pick yours up in advance, and practice with it on at home to give them an opportunity to adjust.

\*\*\*If you are unable to stop in and pick up your costume during those times, please contact Miste to make other arrangements\*\*\*

**\*\*Reminder:**

As with all parades, to ride with DCTR every rider/horse combination must be DCTR Parade-Certified. If you and your stead have not yet been certified, but intend to ride in the parade, please contact Miste, or the DCTR Board, to make arrangements.

On a side note, we seem to be missing some of our blue parade vests and DCTR saddle blankets. If you happen to come across any of these items in your trailer from past parades/activities, please be sure to return them to the club!

Thank you! If you have any questions, please contact Miste Tidball ([mistetidball@gmail.com](mailto:mistetidball@gmail.com) / 785-249-4157).

**Want to attend EquiFest for free? Volunteer two ways!**



Get out your 2018 calendar and highlight Feb. 23-25 for Equifest! DCTR will have a booth and is coordinating volunteers to help exhibitors and vendors load-in and load-out. Volunteer for either

(or both) and get a day's free entry to Equifest! To sign up to work the DCTR booth, contact @Michelle Vassar at 785-764-2699, for Equifest load-in/load-out, contact Judy Warren at 785-979-3074, or email us at [dctr@dctr.org](mailto:dctr@dctr.org).

**Renew your membership at the Christmas Party for a chance to get it Free!**

Did you know that the more paid memberships we have the less we have to rely on other fundraising to operate DCTR? In fact, if all of our current members renew their membership, we would have sufficient funds to pay basic Club operating costs (insurance, electricity, water, etc.) for the year. Collecting renewals early in the year lets us know how much money we will have to spend on maintenance and improvements or how much other fundraising we will need to do.

To encourage early renewal, everyone renewing for 2018 at the Christmas party will be entered into a drawing for a free renewal. Dues for 2018 remain unchanged, with Single membership just \$30 and Family membership for \$45.



A membership form is included with this newsletter - just fill it out and bring to the party along with a check for speedy renewal! Don't get left bringing up the tail.

## Support DCTR While You Do Your Holiday Shopping

Planning to shop on Amazon.com for holiday gifts? Amazon has a program called AmazonSmile that is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization (DCTR, of course!) every time you shop, at no cost to you. To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List and other account settings are also the same. The only difference is a portion of the purchase price will be donated to DCTR!

On your first visit to AmazonSmile, select Douglas County Trail Riders as your charitable organization before you begin shopping. It will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will result in a donation of 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

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## Year End Workhorse Award Nominees

Santa has been watching everyone. Have you? Nominate your favorite hardworking DCTR member for the 2017 DCTR Bud Nation Work Horse Award! The Work Horse Award is given each year to a member or members who have contributed time, energy and resources to the Club in the past year. You may remember that on our 60th Anniversary we renamed the award in

honor of founding member Bud Nation, who passed away in 2013.

Current DCTR members may nominate an individual or family who has taken on extra duties, represented the club well, and gone above their call of duty as a member. Past winners include Kelley Hamersky, Marty Bloomquist, Jenna Brumm, Larry & Lyric Bartz, the Springer family, Bruce LeClair, Jennifer Livingood, Joan Homes and Larry Warren, among others.



To nominate someone, please send their name and a short summary of what they have done to deserve the award to [dctr@dctr.org](mailto:dctr@dctr.org) by **November 24th**. A committee of past winners will review the submissions and choose this year's recipient. The winner will be announced during the Christmas party on December 9th.

## 2018 Calendar Planning

As the year comes to a close DCTR is busy planning the calendar of events for next year. We are looking at dates for our different clinics, trail rides, meetings, and other events. If you would like to put in your suggestions, please be sure to come to our 2<sup>nd</sup> calendar planning meeting on December 14 at 6:30 pm.

# October, November Events

Maple Leaf Parade WINNERS!



## DCTR Fall Fun Show



Julie DeYoung and Ghost in the costume class

## Raise the Roof Fundraiser Trail Ride



It was a cool but lovely trail ride for our Raise the Roof Fundraiser Trail Ride on November 5. Thanks to Trailbosses Johni Alvarez-Budenbender and Andi Kent, we rode through fields in the DCTR neighborhood on a beautiful fall day. Due to winds, we skipped the bonfire but enjoyed Jimmy Springer's chicken chili and



delicious desserts in the clubhouse.

Thank you to Committee members Johni Alvarez-Budenbender, Julie DeYoung, Rachael Eve, Andi Kent, Dendria McLaughlin and Julie Springer for organizing the event, and to additional volunteers Jimmy Springer, Judy and Larry Warren, Liz Rombach and Jenna Brumm for making today a success. And a shoutout to Andi for donating profits from her Accessories By Andi Paparazzi jewelry sale to the fundraiser! One more thank you to our Pumpkin Hunt prize sponsors: Dad's Shop, Accessories By Andi, Julie

West and Rachael Eve. So far, we have raised \$1,135 to put toward replacing the clubhouse roof - woo hoo! If you couldn't attend, you can still donate to our Raise the Roof fund by using the Sponsorship form and filling in whatever amount you would like to contribute:  
<http://www.dctr.org/pdfs/2017/DCTR%20BENEFIT%20TRAIL%20RIDE%20Sponsorship%20Form.pdf>

## THANK YOU, RAISE THE ROOF SPONSORS!

### Penthouse

Julie and Bob DeYoung  
Liz and James Jolley  
Liz and Bob Rombach  
Stanley Steamer Carpet Cleaning

### Ground Floor

Andi Kent, Accessories by Andi  
Julie West

### Mezzanine

Marty Bloomquist and Joe Scranton, Dancing Star Ranch  
Ron and Carolyn Crawford  
Linda Johnson  
Annalise Newlin  
Cheyanne Simons  
Christine Wilson