

# HOOF PRINTS

DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS  
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September 2017

## Upcoming Events

All events at the DCTR Clubhouse and Grounds unless otherwise stated. Check [www.dctr.org](http://www.dctr.org) or our Facebook page for event specifics throughout the year.

### October

- 6 DCTR Monthly Meeting
- 8 Despooking/Parade Eval/Open Arena
- 15 Trail Ride Perry Lake
- 21 Maple Leaf Parade
- 29 DCTR Fall Fun Show

### November

- 3 DCTR Monthly Meeting
- 5 DCTR Benefit Trail Ride

### December

- 2 Old Fashioned Christmas Parade
- 9 Christmas Party and Gift Auction

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## Trail Rides

Kanopolis State Park has some beautiful terrain to ride in. The September ride was lucky enough to have about 15 riders come out for the weekend. We couldn't have asked for better weather. Bob Rombach posted a video of our weekend on our Facebook page. Be sure to check it out. Thanks for all those who came to ride.



Next month we had originally planned to go to Melverne Lake but there will be a Benefit ride there the same weekend. We have chosen to move our ride to Perry instead. If you still want to ride at Melverne it will be a \$30 for adults and \$10 kids to take part in their benefit ride. We will be riding at **Perry Lake on October 15 with a 1 pm ride out.**

Save the date November 5 for our **"Raise the Roof" Benefit trail ride** at the DCTR arena. Proceeds from this ride will go towards our clubhouse roof.

### Oct. 6 Meeting Features DVM, Chili

The October 6 Monthly meeting will feature our members' favorite chili recipes for the Five Buck Dinner at 6:30pm. Our speaker is Dr. Andy Hawkins from the Kansas Department of Animal Health to talk about what they do and provide the latest on equine diseases such as Equine Infectious Anemia and West Nile. We'll be taking nominations for 2018 officers as well. Three officer and one Board positions need to be filled.

## **Despooking Clinic/Parade Evaluations/Open Arena Oct. 8**

If you have not been certified for parades, this will be the last opportunity this year. **October 8 10am-12 noon**, bring your horses and be ready to tackle some Scary obstacles. Cowboy obstacles will also be set up, with open arena following despooking.

## **Maple Leaf Parade Oct. 20**

Five riders from DCTR participated in the Ottawa Cowboy Days Parade. The next parade is in Baldwin for the **Maple Leaf Parade October 20 at 11 a.m.** Hope everyone can join us for that one Remember, all horse and rider combinations must be parade certified thru DCTR at one of our despooking clinics. **We will be working on our decorations on Oct. 8 after the despooking clinic.** If you have any lightweight lumber you would like to donate please bring it at that time. Contact Misti Tidball for more information.

## **September KSHSC Show a Success**

We had a successful KSHSC Horse Show on September 10 with more than 220 entries. Contestants appreciated receiving trophies, buckles and other prizes. Thanks to our show managers and volunteers for your hard work to make it a fun day. Visit our Facebook page for lots of wonderful photos.



## **Get Ready for October Fun Show**

Get those costumes ready everyone! Don't forget your horse's costume. The first class of the day will be a costume class, mounted or in hand is acceptable. Be sure to mark the calendar for **October 29 at 10 am**. Thanks to Dancing Star Ranch and Marty Bloomquist for sponsoring another buckle for the Trail and Extreme Trail classes.

Of course, it takes volunteers to host a successful show. We need help in the office and concession stand as well as gate and arena people. If you can help, or need more information, please contact Marty Bloomquist, 785-554-3257, martydsranch1@gmail.com or Julie DeYoung, 785-393-7498. You can also check out our events on our Facebook page.

## **Wearables Order Deadline is Oct. 6**



We are taking orders for **DCTR hooded sweatshirts (pullover) and hats**. Everyone ordering a hoodie or hat by Oct. 6 will be entered into a drawing to get it for free! The drawing will be held at the Oct. meeting, you do not need to be present to win. We also have long- and short-sleeved T-shirts in stock, kids and XXL sizes. Get a head-start on your Christmas shopping! Order form is attached to this newsletter.

## Pet Policy

At any horse event sponsored by DCTR there will be a pet policy in effect. "Owners assume all liability for their pets. All dogs and other pets must be on leash or contained at all times. Dogs are not allowed inside the arena at any time. DCTR reserves the right to require any disruptive or dangerous animals leave the premises. DCTR assumes NO liability."

## Maintenance

For those of you with itchy hands and want to put them to work, we have several little projects around the clubhouse and arena that need some TLC. If you find yourself with a bit of time and would like to help out, please contact Michelle Vassar at (785) 764 2699 or email her [nitecharm16@yahoo.com](mailto:nitecharm16@yahoo.com) for more information. It would be great if we could get this list done before it starts getting colder. If there is anything on this list that you find yourself drawn to doing or anything you see that will make our clubhouse and arena areas look better, do it.



## 2018 Officer Elections

Officer elections will be held at the November general meeting. We are now taking nominations for officer and board positions. Each position will serve a 2-year term. Please contact any of the current board members to be placed on the ballot.

## Memberships

It's that time of year again to start thinking about renewing your DCTR memberships. Any renewals made by the December Christmas party and auction will be put into a drawing for a free membership for 2018. Remember, to be eligible for the drawing we must have your payment and membership form turned in. Be on the lookout for our survey and more information online.

## Reminders

Please remember although the arena is open to members to use any time, any obstacles that are placed inside the arena should be removed after use. Also if it rains and the ground is wet, please do not use the arena. We are still working on the sand and footing.

## Wish List

Next time you are shopping, would you pick an item to add to our supply? Here is a list:

- Paper towels
- Brand name can sodas, regular and diet of Coke, Pepsi, Dr. Pepper, Sprite, Root Beer, Mt Dew
- Bottled water
- Ice cream
- Sturdy divided paper plates
- Dessert plates
- Sturdy soup bowls
- Solo cups
- Styrofoam coffee cups
- Plastic silverware
- Toilet bowl cleaner