

HOOF PRINTS

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

May2017

Upcoming Events

All events at the DCTR Clubhouse and Grounds unless otherwise stated. Check www.dctr.org or our Facebook page for event specifics throughout the year.

May

20 Trail Ride-Hillsdale Lake - CHANGED TO MAY 21 at 10 AM

June

2 DCTR Meeting
4 Open Arena/Playday
11 Despooking/Parade Evals/Open Arena
17 Lecompton Parade
25 Trail Ride-Perry Lake

July

2 Open Arena/Playday
7 DCTR Monthly Meeting
16 DCTR Summer Fun Show
22 Douglas County Fair Open Show
29 Trail Ride

New Recording Secretary

Welcome to Dendria McLaughlin, our new Recording Secretary. A Kansas native, Dendria and her husband recently returned after serving in the military. Dendria is a Centered Riding instructor and operates HathaHorse, <http://www.hathahorse.com/>, offering equine and canine acupressure, chakra balancing, equine craniosacral and essential oils. We appreciate her joining our club and volunteering to serve as an officer and Board member. Thanks, Dendria!

Trail Ride

Join Douglas County Trail Riders on **May 20th at the Hillsdale Saddle Ridge Horse Trails** (<http://ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Hillsdale/Trails/Saddle-Ridge-Trails>) for the May trail ride. Ride-out at 1 pm. Followed by a potluck after the ride with burgers and hotdogs around the campfire. Saturday night camping is available for those riders wanting to extend the ride to Sunday morning. Non-members are welcome. A release waiver for non-members is required. This is a no-fee ride, cost limited to state park or camping fees as applicable.

If the weather is calling for rain please remember to call before you haul. There will be several members camping the weekend so if weather is bad we will ride out 10am on Sunday May 21. Pack a lunch for the trail.

Watch the DCTR Facebook page for more information. Call or text Liz Rombach at 816-289-7197 to answer your questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

Save the date for our next ride, **Sunday June 25th at Perry Lake State Park** (<http://ksoutdoors.com/State-Parks/Locations/Perry>). Campers are encouraged to join us for a Saturday ride and sleep-over at the lake. Ride out is at 10 am on Sunday. Pack a lunch to eat on the trails.

DCTR Members are encouraged to contact Michelle Vassar (nitecharm16@yahoo.com) to sign up for flash ride notifications and to join the DCTR StarS (the Spontaneous Trail Adventure Riders) Facebook page. Looking for company on a last minute ride or wanting to be notified of riders looking for company? Join the flash ride list.

DCTR Fundraiser Rides will help pay for a new roof. Yes, we need a new roof on our clubhouse to keep us dry inside. The fundraiser ride is scheduled for November 5th. Save the date and watch for updates for the ride.



Benefit Trail Rides:

- Sept. 2-3rd, Perry Lake Benefit Ride
- Sept. 22nd, Kannapolis Benefit Ride
- Sept. 29-Oct. 1st, Clinton Lake Benefit Ride
- Oct. 4-5th, Eisenhower Lake Benefit Ride

Recaps

KSHSC Show on April 23 was a big success. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked. Julie Springer and Maggie Stout did a great job organizing our Tack and Clothing Sale. Dewayne Burgess and Mike McGhee did hat cleaning and shaping.



We had a great Cinco De Mayo Friday dinner at our monthly meeting. Thanks to the Brady's for organizing the taco bar from Jasmine's in Eudora. Leading into our clinic for May was our guest speaker, Ty Haas, answering questions about how we interact with our horses. Over 40 people joined for the night's activities.

Good weather and good arena allowed the Ty Haas clinic to be a full house. Everyone received great instruction from Ty.



We had 58 tons more sand added to our arena improving the footing. Thanks to Marty and Judy and Larry for heading up that project.



We still have a ways to go but can only do a little at a time. There is plenty yet to do for maintenance. DCTR will be

happy to accept any donations to our roof fund. The crows nest could also use some roll insulation for the upper and lower levels. Painting and landscaping is still on the agenda for our workdays. June will bring another workday to make repairs on our obstacles. For more information or to make a donation

of material please contact Michelle Vassar
(nitecharm16@yahoo.com)

DCTR members stay quite busy once the season starts and the horses start shedding. The June calendar is filling up fast.

Join us for the monthly meeting June 2. Five Buck Friday Dinner will be a baked potato bar starting at 6:30pm. We will be talking about the events for the month.

First playday of the year starts at 1pm on the June 4. There will be a mini clinic on Jumping 101. Starting your horse on jumps. You don't need an english saddle and a jumper to do it. Afterwards will be open arena and obstacle course. Come out and have some fun.

June 11 brings another Despooking Clinic. Members are free and non members are \$20. This is an opportunity to test horse (and yourself) with all those scary objects you might find at a trail ride or parade.

Speaking of parades... Lecompton Territorial Days Parade is June 17. We will be riding in it. Come in your DCTR blues. Meeting time and location will be announced later. Please let Miste Tidball know if you would like to join us in the parade.



Wish List

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

- Brand name pop in cans, regular and diet of Coke, Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Dr. Pepper, Sprite and Root Beer
- Sturdy paper plates
- Dessert plates
- Sturdy soup bowls
- Solo cups
- Styrofoam coffee cups
- Plastic silverware
- Condiments: ketchup, mustard and relish

