



KHC Newsletter

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“Fall in the Flint Hills Trail Ride”

Brian and Lisa Keith of Keith Cattle Company in Allen, KS hosted the first annual “Fall in the Flint Hills Trail Ride” on Oct. 18 and 19. The Keith’s partnered with the Kansas Horse Council to provide riders a memorable Flint Hills experience.

Local land owners, Lee and Sylvia Lowder and Pete Wheat, and Jim and Nelda Lowder of Amarillo, TX allowed the riders to navigate their property, which provided many miles of open prairie, creeks, draws and one of the longest stretches of Santa Fe Trail ruts in the state.

Riders enjoyed excellent fare the entire weekend thanks to Bobby D’s, Merchant Street BBQ and Main Street Pub & Grill. New friendships were made as riders enjoyed their catered lunch on the trail Saturday. A large variety of horse breeds were represented including Morgan, Arab, Connemara, Standardbred, Appaloosa, Tennessee Walking Horse, Mustang, Paint, Percheron and Quarter Horses.

Riders came back to camp Saturday afternoon and relaxed while preparations were made for a steak dinner. Later, around a roaring campfire, local historian Don Schiesher shared his vast knowledge of the settling of the area. Entertainment continued with the cowboy music of Lee Muller, who kept everyone smiling until it was time to turn in.

Sunday morning, as we rode the same trail the pioneers followed on their journey to the New Mexico Territory, the spirit of the weekend was summed up by Jo Turner of Topeka, who observed that “Riding the Flint Hills is a very spiritual experience.”

Anyone interested in information about the next ride can contact the Keith’s at 620-528-3358 or call Pattie Stalder at the Kansas Horse Council office, 785-776-0662.

Membership Renewal Time

Annual membership renewal statements will begin arriving in mailboxes this month. To maintain coverage on your liability insurance we recommend sending dues in before January 1, 2009. Member packets will be mailed out within 2 to 3 weeks of payment. Thanks to all our members for their continued support. Anyone wishing to join can complete the membership form below.

Extreme Cowboy Race to be held at EquiFest of Kansas

EquiFest of Kansas will be held at the Coliseum in Wichita, February 13, 14 & 15, 2009 and we're looking for some extreme cowboys and cowgirls to compete in Craig Cameron's Extreme Cowboy Race. The Extreme Cowboy Race, as seen on RFD – TV is a timed and judged race through an obstacle course that is designed not only to push horse and rider teams out of their traditional "comfort zone" but also to test communication between horse and rider and the horsemanship skills and athletic abilities of each competitor. Come cheer for your favorite team and enjoy the excitement of this fast paced event.

Although the Extreme Cowboy Race at EquiFest of Kansas is not currently scheduled to be filmed for broadcast, the competition will include all of the same elements, excitement, and prizes associated with Craig Cameron's televised productions in Texas. A maximum of 30 horse/rider teams will be selected by Mr. Cameron for participation in the race. The first 15 teams will compete Friday, February 13th with the remaining 15 teams competing Saturday, February 14th. The top ten horse and rider teams will advance to the Extreme Cowboy Race finals on Sunday, February 15th. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top four finishers.

The Extreme Cowboy Race will be open to all riders age 18 years and older and horses of all breeds. All horse and rider teams will compete against each other; there will be no divisions based on gender or age. To print applications go to www.equinepromotions.net .
