



Spring Newsletter

By Pattie Stalder, KHC Administrator

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Dates to Remember:

March 31st is the last day to participate in the Flint Hills Trails survey. If you haven't filled it out yet, click on this link to access the 8 question survey. It is in regard to creating a continuous trail throughout the 22 counties that make up the Flint Hills area of Kansas. The survey link is <https://surveys.ksu.edu/TS?offeringId=158282>. If you have already taken it, please forward to as many other riders as possible.

April 1st is the deadline for accepting KHC Foundation Scholarship applications. The application and qualifying criteria are on the KHC website, www.kansashorsecouncil.com.

April 24 & 25 is the annual Elk City Trail Ride. This ride is exceptional because the park is only open to riders twice each year and the landscape is unlike any other in Kansas. The ride is limited to the first 75 riders and fills up fast. Fees are \$25 for KHC members and \$40 for non-members. Contact Jim Thomas at thomasj@kansas.net to register or complete the form at the end of this newsletter.

Check the Events tab of the KHC website to see a complete list of upcoming equestrian activities.

Welcome to our newest Club members:

Kansas Quarter Horse Racing Association
High Plains Paso Finos
Western Sedgwick Co. Saddle Club
Cowboy Way Ranch & Vacations
Newton Saddle Club
Red Hats & Purple Chaps
Kansas Draft Horse & Mule Assoc.
Black Jack Saddle Club
Pretty Prairie Horse Club



Check out the benefits of your club joining the KHC. Contact one of our regional directors or the KHC office at director@kansashorsecouncil.com.



13th Annual EquiFest of Kansas

We had a fabulous time at this year's EquiFest! If you didn't make it this year, please plan to join us next February at the Coliseum in Wichita.

Thank you to **Hunn Leather Products** for sponsoring the Ranch Rodeo Saturday night and to **Boulevard Beer** for sponsoring the Ultimate Horseman's Challenge competition on Friday night.

Al Dunning, Ken McNabb, Kay Meredith, Linda Allen, Scot Hansen & Rick Lamb were excellent but the show could not go on without the amazing work of dozens of **volunteers**. Thank you to so many folks who work hard year after year to pull everything together and keep the arenas on schedule. These volunteers give an amazing amount of time and energy to make each EquiFest better than the last.

www.EquifestofKS.com

Order your copy of the brand new publication:

Equestrian Trails in Kansas

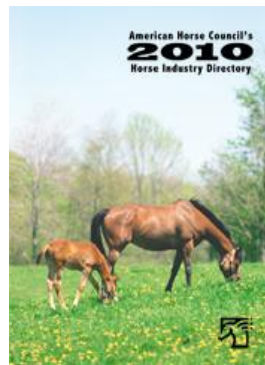
Send \$3 to cover postage to the KHC office, 8831 Quail Lane, Ste. 201, Manhattan, KS 66502. This 62 page guide contains information and maps for equestrian trails in Kansas State Parks, Federal Reservoirs and public lands. There's no other like it and it's brought to you by the Kansas Horse Council.

American Horse Council

The American Horse Council has its offices in Washington D.C. They promote and protect all horse breeds, disciplines and interests by communicating with Congress, federal agencies, and the media every day.

Your membership in the Kansas Horse Council connects you to all these current, national issues through our affiliation with the American Horse Council. To access current information on legislation and issues of interest to horse owners visit the KHC website, www.kansashorsecouncil.com, and click on the AHC tab.

Each year the AHC produces a current Horse Industry Directory. This resourceful guide puts the entire equine industry right at your fingertips. The Directory includes both national and international contacts covering every segment of the equine community. Updated every year, the 2010 Directory is the most definitive source of equine industry information available. The 2010 Horse Industry Directory includes breed registries; racing, rodeo, show, sport, and trails organizations; equine health and welfare organizations; interstate health requirements; statistical information on the horse industry; and an index of all the listings and telephone numbers are provided for easy access. The 2010 Horse Industry Directory is available for \$25 per copy or free with certain levels of membership. To learn more about The AHC visit their website, www.horsecouncil.org.



Check out all the member business listings and classified ads at www.kansashorsecouncil.com



Please help support the Unwanted Horse Coalition

The mission of the **Unwanted Horse Coalition** is to reduce the number of unwanted horses and to improve their welfare through education and the efforts of organizations committed to the health, safety, and responsible care and disposition of these horses.

The Unwanted Horse Coalition, a broad alliance of equine organizations that have joined together under the [American Horse Council](http://www.AmericanHorseCouncil.org), is concerned that some horses may slip through the various safety nets within the equine industry. Too many owners are unaware of, or do not give enough thought to, the available options, services and assistance available in the industry to help them ensure that their horse has caring and humane support throughout its life.

The Unwanted Horse Coalition will help educate the horse industry about this issue and help people learn to [Own Responsibly](http://www.OwnResponsibly.org).



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If someone you know is not receiving this newsletter but would like to, please have them send their current e-mail address to director@kansashorsecouncil.com.

ELK CITY TRAIL RIDE --- Registration Form

Presented by: **Kansas Horse Council**

Please complete the required information **FOR EACH RIDER**, with **ONE RIDER ONLY ON EACH REGISTRATION FORM**. Make copies of the form as needed. Riders under 18 years of age **MUST BE** accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The total registration fee **MUST** be paid in full at the time of registration. The first 75 registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

Rider Name: _____ Phone # : _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____ If under 18, name of adult rider: _____

We accept CASH, CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS and CREDIT CARDS. You may pay for multiple riders with one check but please complete one registration form per rider.

Registration Fees	Cost per Rider	My Fees
I am a 2010 Kansas Horse Council Member.	\$25.00	\$
I am not a member of the Kansas Horse Council.	\$40.00	\$
I want to join the Kansas Horse Council to ride at the Discounted Rate. Member benefits begin immediately.	\$ 80.00/Family \$ 50.00/Individual	\$ \$
Non- Riding Guest	\$ 10.00	\$
Make checks payable to Kansas Horse Council.	Total Due	\$
VISA #: _____ Exp. Date: _____	Security Code: _____	
MasterCard #: _____ Exp. Date: _____	Security Code: _____	

*****Ride will be held rain or shine*****

Waiver and Release:

By signing, I hereby for Myself, My Heirs, Executors and Administrators do waive and release any and all rights for damages or injury to myself, my equipment or animals. I agree to hold blameless the Kansas Horse Council, agents or representatives for any and all claims of liability.

Signature

Date

Mail with payment to:

Kansas Horse Council
8831 Quail Lane, Suite 201
Manhattan, KS 66502

Questions:

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WARNING, Under Kansas law, there is no liability for an injury to or the death of a participant in domestic animal activities resulting from the inherent risks of domestic animal activities pursuant to Section 1 through 4. You are assuming the risk of participating in this domestic animal activity. K.S.A. 60-4001 through 60-4004.