Southern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association

Summer Newsletter July 2022

Trail Talk

Upcoming Events!

Mon, Sept 12th - Next Club Meeting Sat, Sept 24th - Fall Fundraiser! Sat, Oct 29th - Fall Cleanup Day!



Shout out to these amazing members, partners & volunteers!

Andy Agenten & his helpers, Alisha & Kristin, for their ongoing obstacle course maintenance!

Cindi Merka, for her donation of two, brand new, flat free, two wheel wheelbarrows!

Amy McCray, for her donation of 300ft of hose for the camp host site!

Duane Domagalski & Bob Michaels, for their ongoing fallen tree cleanup efforts, trail maintenance & great team work with the DNR!

Jen Haras, for serving as President & Secretary!

Anne Korman, DNR, for her support & guidance!

Krista Hesprich - for website updates & support!

We appreciate all of you!

Visit <u>www.SKMHTA.com</u> for maps, club info, donations & so much more!

REPORT DOWNED TREES

Please Call the DNR - 262-594-6220

Join us on **Facebook** to get the fastest club updates, network with other equine enthusists in the area & have some fun!

Meet the SKMHTA Board of Directors!



Left to right: Debbie D, Duane D, Amy M, Devon L, Amy J

Devon Lewer, President: Hi my name is Devan, your current President of SKMHTA. I have been a horse crazy girl my whole life. It has continued into my adult life. I have a Kentucky Mountain mare that I ride endurance with. I am new to the gaited horse world. I grew up riding a lot of different horses, but ended up owning 2 QH mares for 20+ years. My husband & I live in the Madison area. We enjoy the outdoors. I am looking forward to the future of SKMHTA & hoping I can make a difference.

Amy Muth, Treasurer: I live in Eagle with my husband, 21-year-old son, & two dogs. When I'm not riding my quarter horse horse, Derby on the trails, I am a kindergarten teacher at Eagle Elementary.

Amy Janecek, Secretary: my partner Matt & my two gaited horses, Corona & Mahli, enjoy living in Eagle, right on the trails! I am an industrial mechanic at Target, but stay busy with the horses, chickens, cats & great dane, Artie!

Debbie Domagalski, Fundraising Coordinator & Duane Domagalski, Trail Coordinator: We've been married for 27 years & have lived in Eagle for the last 28 years. After 15 years of Duane pleading to get horses, I finally agreed & we've had Romeo and Lane for 7 years. We've been members of the club since we got our horses but only attended a couple of the annual meetings. We truly believe in the club's mission and decided to get more actively involved this year. We're excited to be on the board with this truly amazing team and look forward to making a difference and growing our membership & accomplishments.

SKMHTA Activities & Future Goals

Meetings, workdays, fundraising, making new friends & having fun!

Spring Campground Cleanup

On May 1st, we had a cleanup day at Horseriders Campground. Brush and branches were trimmed, firepits cleaned out, & new friendships made!

Midwest Horse Fair Booth & NNO

Several members represented the SKMHTA at this year's horse fair, as well as National Night Out! The booth featured information, maps, photos, stories, shirts, trail hankies & notecards!

Corral/Highline Area Footing Project

You may have seen the first campsites with new footing! The completed sites look amazing!
Thanks to the guidance of Anne Korman, DNR, we have been approved for a matching DNR
Enhancement Grant of \$5000 toward this project!

Trail Signage Repair & Updates

Duane, Trail Chair, has been walking the trails repairing signage and making notes of needed updates and replacements.

Additional Corrals for Campsites vs Fencing

With the heavy roadside brush trimming this spring, many of the campsites along the road are quite exposed. We are researching costs of a barrier fence for safety, versus the cost of adding corrals to those sites as our next priority.

Stair Trail Cleanup/Repair

A favorite trail, the Stairs, is in need of some attention. We will begin with a cleanup effort and evaluate from there.

Wheelbarrow Repairs & Upgrades

Our President, Devon, has spearheaded an effort to update & improve the wheelbarrows in camp! Flat-free tires are on our Amazon Wish List!

Amazon Wish List

Speaking of Amazon, the club now has a Wish List page for those who would like to donate supplies such as manure forks, wheelbarrow tires, hoses & wasp spray!.















Fall Fundraiser

Saturday, September 24th - Horseriders Campground, Palmyra WI

Debbie Domagalski is hard at work organizing an amazing Fall Fundraiser event! A \$30 donation will include dinner, shirt & entertainment!



Event tickets are available now! Ordering details for additional shirts, tank tops, long sleeve & hooded sweatshirts will be available soon, watch your email and Facebook for updates!

Raffle prizes, donations & auction items are already rolling in! We will also have a used tack sale, bake sale, lunch option & musical entertainment! Book your campsite, rustle up a few friends, & start making plans to be there!



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A five night, two stall stay at the fabulous **Timber Ridge Horse Campground** in Jamestown,
TN has been donated by our friend & former webmaster, **Susan Riggin!** Thank you for your continued, long distance support!



For more information: timberridgehorsecampground.com

As you can imagine, the SKMHTA, along with many other clubs, experienced setbacks from the pandemic with lost opportunities for events, fundraising, & even memberships. We are hopeful & optimistic that 2022 results in the BIGGEST & BEST fall fundraiser yet, but we need everyone's help! We are looking for not only volunteers to help that day, but also donations from our members & facebook fans; everything from event ticket sales, to donations for our tack sale, bake sale & raffle prizes, which could be gift baskets or any sort of horse decor (in "close to new" condition). We appreciate each and every one of our members & followers and look forward to an AMAZING event!

If you would like more information on how to make a donation, please contact Debbie at:

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414-254-5942



The next SKMHTA meeting is Monday Sept 12th at 6pm!

Want to help? Open board position!

We are looking for a volunteers for the following role:

Vice President

The duties of the VP are to perform the duties of the President in case of their absence, such as chair meetings & act as the point of contact for the club.