

# North Carolina Horse Council

## Membership Newsletter



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***NCHC Annual  
Board Meeting  
Hunt Horse  
Complex  
May 4th—7pm***

### **NCHC Officers:**

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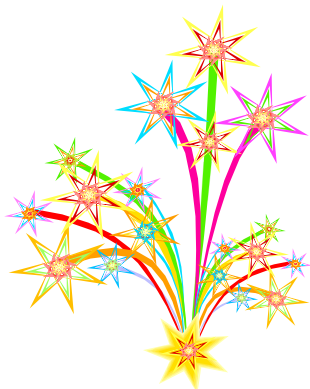
Secretary:

Lucinda Human

Executive Dir: Sue Gray

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## **New Grant Programs Implemented**

The North Carolina Horse Councils' mission is to serve as the collective voice of the North Carolina horse community through education, communication and representation. Our strategic goals are to develop and implement a comprehensive marketing and promotion program, expand and strengthen the industry's legislative presence, increase the involvement of horse owners throughout the state, enhance educational and research programs, improve the business and regulatory environment, and manage and maintain a statewide program to promote trail riding and trail access.

The NCHC Horse Industry Grant Program is charged to solicit and fund strong horse industry proposals which enhance our mission and support our organizational goals and strategic plan. In order to better accomplish these goals this new grant structure has been adopted.

### **Grant Categories**

By re-defining the grant categories the NCHC increases our potential to impact the average member of the equine community state-wide. As the trends have been to fund repeat organizations, our dollars may not be reaching new or unique members of our community. A complete description of each category can be found by visiting the NCHC website at [www.nchorsecouncil.com](http://www.nchorsecouncil.com) and clicking on the Grants link.

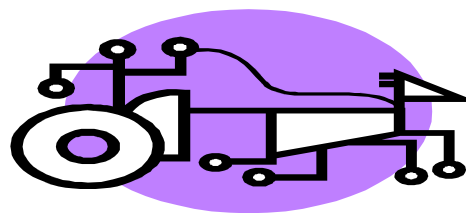
The following is a list of the new grant categories and includes the funds available:

- Gelding & Euthanasia Support Programs
- Equine Safety Net Program
- Trail Program
- Education/Community Program
- Development/Scholarship Fund
- Health/Research Grants

### **Funding**

A total dollar amount will be set each fiscal year. Funding is set as a percentage of the total grant dollars towards each grant category.

## Horsepower.... Thoughts from the Executive Director



### Accomplishments:

Equine Health Symposium: NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine  
 Southwestern Caucus  
 Hunt Horse Complex Committee Meeting  
 Legislative Issues  
 Jordan Lake Watershed Regulatory Committee  
 Leave No Trace Train the Trainer Workshop  
 Southern Horse Festival Flyer with "No Bling" NCQHA All Novice Show  
 Coalition of State Horse Councils

**Southwestern Caucus**—With the assistance of Sue Schneider, we held our first Southwestern Caucus on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The attendance was small but the discussion was lively. We reviewed the Equine Economic Impact Study, discussed the goals and directions of other regional caucuses and talked about several local issues. One of the local concerns brought to the groups' attention was with regards to our state building codes and how that impacts our equine farms. The NCHC is currently supporting a bill through the legislature regarding changes to the existing building code exemptions for horse farms which address the number of people who can be in attendance and the number of events which may be held. However, this will not necessarily address the local concerns. It was the consensus of the group to hold meetings quarterly.

**Hunt Horse Complex Committee Meeting**—The Hunt Horse Complex Committee also met during April to discuss the potential budget cuts and how that will impact the intended improvements to the horse complex grounds. It currently looks like the State Fair will lose a significant

portion of their reserve funding. If this happens, the improvements to Barn C & D will be put on hold as well as several other construction projects to the complex.

**Trails**—Trails work continues as the Western Trails Committee Chair, Deirdre Lightsey, put together a "Leave No Trace" Train the Trainers' Workshop in conjunction with The South Mountain State Park. This program will assist the NCHC by putting on the ground multiple trainers who in turn can educate and train more local horsemen in these conservation principles.

**Equine Health Symposium**—The NCHC participated in Equine Health Symposium, hosted by the Student Chapter of the American Association of Equine Practitioners at NC State (SCAAEP), and the Equine Health Program at NCSU. The two day event exposed veterinarians, students and horse owners to the benefits of becoming a member of the NC Horse Council.

**Legislation**—This has been an active legislative month. With extensions made on placing new bills, we have been working on a potential bill to include pasture land as an agricultural product, a draft for the inclusion of a state right to ride bill, the re-introduction of the NCHC Specialty License Plate, and the improvement to our building code exemption for equine farms. We have also encouraged our membership to submit comments on regulations and policies which impact their farms. Included in this discussion are several of the nutrient management rules, building code rules and regulations, and others which impact our use of public land.

**Jordan Lake Regulatory Committee**—The Jordan Lake Regulatory Committee met to discuss the following:

- Pasture Point System Update
- NLEW and PLAT Update
- Draft WOC accounting package
- DWQ's memo on Banks on Agricultural land
- Fertilizer management rules

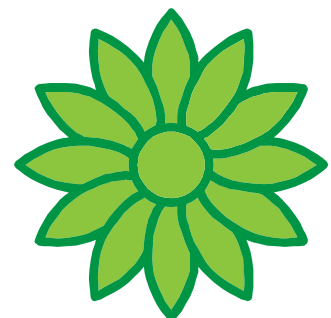
In addition, Barb Oslund was appointed to the Falls Lake Regulatory Committee. This appointment assures that both the Jordan Lake and the Falls Lake regulatory committees' have equine representation.

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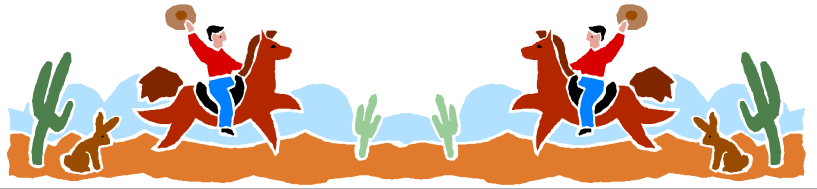
**Southern Horse Festival**—Work continues on the Southern Horse Festival and the "No Bling" All Novice NCQHA Show. A grant was submitted to the USAET to partially fund the show. In addition, sponsorship requests went out to several potential Corporate Sponsors including (but not limited to) Smart Pac, the Wrangler Corporation and the NC Farm Bureau.

**Coalition of State Horse Councils**—Bob Sanford and Sue Gray participated in a conference call with the Communications Committee of the Coalition of State Horse Councils. Issues discussed included:

- Only issues of national importance would appear in the newsletter
- The need to identify which councils are members of AHC
- Recruiting membership to AHC as well as the Coalition
- Website development
- Funding of the Coalition



## News from the Trail



**Transylvania County** - Wilderness Ranger David Finnan of the Pisgah Ranger District is hosting an equestrian "Leave No Trace" Train the Trainer Workshop for the Back Country Horsemen of NC in Pisgah in May. Graduates will be accredited to teach the "Leave No Trace" short course to their respective chapters.

**Henderson County** - Wild South is undertaking a data gathering project on the Pisgah Ranger District trail system, including all trail types (multi use, hiking only, wilderness, etc). This project will assist Rangers to analyze their trail mileage assets, and further in the trails classification that is mandated by USDA Forest Service. This will be a 3-6 month project and is funded by the National Forest Foundation. Volunteers from the Back Country Horsemen of Pisgah will be working side by side with Rangers, hikers & mountain bikers to accomplish this task.

**Rutherford County** - Rutherford Outdoor Coalition - Equestrian Division (ROC) is gaining momentum & making inroads into a "FETA" type equestrian only trail system in Rutherford County. The plan is to begin with two areas (Green Hill/Gilkey & Bostic) and expand the trail systems to meet one another. Long term goals are to hook up to neighboring counties (Polk, Cleveland) and help to facilitate a long range trail system.

**Cleveland County** - Plans are underway to host a "Leave No Trace" Train the Trainer Workshop at South Mountain State Park. Please contact Deirdre @ 828 288-3911 or [neverest@bellsouth.net](mailto:neverest@bellsouth.net) for further information.

## NCHC Store

The NCHC Store is being updated and will soon have a new look. We are totally revamping the store and the items that can be purchased on-line. There will be a greater selection of products that can be ordered, from cups and stickers to sweatshirts, t-shirts and jackets.

Check out the NCHC Store soon.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p><b>The North Carolina Horse Council and The South Mountain State Park</b></p> <p><b>are proud to sponsor a Leave No Trace "Train the Trainer" Workshop</b></p> <p><b>to be held at  South Mountain State Park  Dates to be Announced</b></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**Fee \$60 per participant, including meals & camping,  
subsidized by the NC Horse Council**

**This workshop is intended to give the attendee sufficient background in Back Country Horsemen's accredited "Leave No Trace" principles to be able to train their respective fellow equestrians. It is the Horse Council's objective to have attendees 'spread the word' to their respective organizations. It is important, with the rate of loss of multi use trails, that trail riders are perceived as aware of conservation & stewardship of the public lands they enjoy.**

**Instruction will be all day Saturday and half day Sunday. We will be tent camping Saturday night. Our facilitators, Susan Shedd & Melinda Towe of the BCH of N. Georgia will provide cowboy style meals over a campfire. Students say they have so much fun they never want to go home!**

**Spaces will be limited! First come, first served!**

**Please email [Neverest@bellsouth.net](mailto:Neverest@bellsouth.net)  
or call 828 288-3911 for additional information**



The North Carolina Horse Council announces the “No Bling” NCQHA All Novice Show in conjunction with the all breed Open Horse Show

**When:** November 11—13, 2011

**Where:** Senator Bob Martin Eastern Agricultural Center, Williamston, NC

**What:** Open Horse Show

New for 2011.... The Southern Horse Festival All Breed Open Show Saturday and Sunday, November 12—13, 2011, and the new one day SHF “No Bling” All Novice NCQHA Show Saturday, November 12th.

This unique opportunity will offer the novice equestrian the chance to experience an all breed open show as well as a breed show in one weekend!

All dollars raised to benefit NC equestrians via NCHC programs.

**Educational Seminars**

**High Point Prizes**

For additional information:

NCHC Office: (919) 854-1990  
Sammy Jenkins, Show Manager, at  
(919) 201-3606  
Linda Falls: (910) 740-1943

**Great Prizes**

**Payback Classes**

NCHC Member # \_\_\_\_\_

# Invoice 2011 Membership

January 1—December 31, 2011



## North Carolina Horse Council

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### Membership Options for 2011

Check the type of NCHC 2011 membership you are joining under:

- Lifetime Membership (includes "in-excess" insurance coverage 1st year only)..... \$360
- Individual Membership (includes "in-excess" insurance coverage)\*\*\* ..... \$37
- Individual Membership (no insurance coverage)..... \$12
- Student/Junior Membership (individuals under 18 years old)..... \$6
- Riding Club/Breed Association (more than 100 members)..... \$100
- Riding Club/Breed Association (less than 100 members)..... \$50
- In-excess Insurance Coverage for Lifetime Members..... \$25

\*\*\*If you choose "in-excess" insurance, coverage begins January 1, 2011\*\*\*

Your membership joins with others across North Carolina to promote everything horse. Legislators are influenced by numbers, so join the herd and BE heard! Some things to ponder:

- Only members of NCHC can vote in the annual Board meeting held in January.
- Riding Clubs/Breed Associations who join can appoint a representative to the Board.
- You can make a difference for as little as \$12.
- Volunteer opportunities are available.
- NCHC is the only statewide organization that works to serve the needs of the entire horse industry, regardless of breed preference, riding style, or activity.

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### [Wilderness Trails Stewardship Conference](#)

SAWS, in partnership with The Appalachian Trail Conservancy, is sponsoring the first annual Wilderness Trails Stewardship Conference, May 23rd - May 27th. This week-long conference provides training and certification to those interested in stewardship of the trail systems in federally designated wilderness areas.

This free conference is open to the first twenty five registrants, and will include two days of Wilderness First Aid training and certification, a one-day session on Wilderness History and Legislation and two days of cross cut saw training and certification. Those participating in the conference are being provided free camping by the Cherokee National Forest at the nearby Parksville Lake Campground.

The conference starts on Monday May 23<sup>rd</sup> and continues through Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>. There is an optional second week of the course (May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup>) for those working or volunteering on a trail crew in 2011. This week will include Crew Leadership Training; Leave No Trace Training and Incident Management. Participants are required to be certified in First Aid and CPR\*\*. Space is very limited, so please register early. Participants will be provided with all necessary materials, but will be responsible for their own meals.

\*\*For those not already holding a First Aid and CPR certification, a course is being offered on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> preceding the conference (also free).

For more information on our projects or events, visit [www.trailcrews.org](http://www.trailcrews.org) or contact [Bill Hodge](#) at 865-617-4804.