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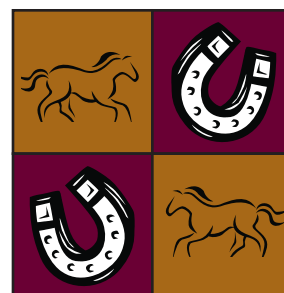
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A Message from Tom Kirsch ETI National President

Hello to all:

We did not have our ETI National board meeting this month. Our board members were very busy enjoying the last of summer and getting kids ready and back to school. Our finances are in good shape, and membership is holding its own. So, all and all, ETI is doing good.



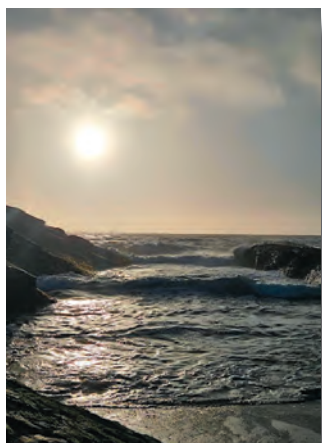
As you know, the equestrian community is not growing like we would like, but we have a great membership. Hopefully, we will continue to support each other, and the membership will continue supporting the many corral events.

These last two months have been tough on our animals and humans. I guess next month is not going to be much better temperature-wise. Make sure you and the animals are drinking lots of water (beer doesn't count...lol)

ETI National elections are up coming, so the corrals should be thinking about talking to their membership to see if anyone would like to run for office. We need a 2nd Vice President and both Nikki and my terms are up.

Remember, read the magazine and support the corrals events. Look out for each other, and take care of yourselves.

Tom



Spooner's Cove at Corral 88's
Montaña De Oro camping trip
Photo submitted by Lily, Corral
88.

National Board Meeting

Next meeting will be
September 21 at 7pm

Monthly meeting is via
conference call. If interested in
joining the call, email us at
office@etinational.com

Join us!

ETI SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIRPERSONS

2026 SPRING RIDE: Cancelled for 2026

ETI TRAIL RIDER AWARD PROGRAM (TRAP): Carol Elliott (760) 963-8209 happy2appy@yahoo.com



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NATIONAL 2026

December 12/National

ETI Christmas ride Contact:

office@etinternational.com

2026 Individual Corral Circuit Shows/Series

Corral 37/Thousand Oaks

Ranch Horse - 4 shows; May – November

Contact: Sharyn Henry

redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

September 27

October 11

Corral 101/Hansen Dam Equestrian Center

5 show series - March - October

Contact: Kim Estrada (818) 497-4730

rockbacknzip@aol.com

September 12-13

October 17-18

GYMKHANAS/PLAYDAYS

Corral 37/Thousand Oaks

7 gymkhanas; April – October

Contact: Sharyn Henry

redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

Corral 43/Tri-Valley Riders

9 Gymkhana series Contact: Stefany

Grainger (909) 917-6163

Corral 88/Dusty Spurs

Gymkhana series; February - November

Phelan Contact: Leslie Davis (760) 662-

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Corral 210

Monthly play days fourth Sunday of

each month, Gibson Ranch, Sunland

Contact: Jeanette Provolt (818) 472-6537

countryatheart.jp@verizon.net

2026 ETI Trail Rides, Drives, Events

When a Corral plans a ride at Vasquez Rocks, as a courtesy, please call the Rangers (661) 268-0840



SEPTEMBER 2026

September 5/Corral 88

Trail Ride, TBD Contact: Noel Cook

(951) 427-9343

September 9/Corral 54

Chilli cook-off Contact: Carry

Wendler (818) 266-7664

September 11-13/Corral 14

Inyokern Drive Contact: Kate

Christman (661) 824-2609 or Denise

Smith (760) 977-6046

September 12/Corral 12

Trail ride, Hansen Dam Contact:

Patty Hug pattyhug@ca.rr.com

September 12/Corral 15

Trail Ride, Vasquez Rocks Contact:

Lexi Albin (661) 338-8746

lexijanene@gmail.com

September 12-13/Corral 101

Horse Show, Hansen Dam Contact:

Kim Estrada (818) 497-4730

rockbacknzip@aol.com

September 13/Corral 43

Gymkhana, Tri-Valley Riders Contact:

Crystal Florian (951) 537-8825

September 13/Corral 138

Trail ride, Mint Canyon Contact: Charlene

McMullen (661) 644-3371

September 14-18/Corral 83

Camping, Black Rock, Inyo National Forest.

Contact: Lyn Engels, (661) 478-7705

September 19/Corral 20

Trail ride, Happy Camp (Moorpark)

Contact: Jeanne Mather

September 19/Corral 37

Gymkhana, Thousand Oaks Contact:

Sharyn Henry redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

September 19/Corral 66

Trail ride, Yoder's Little Yard Contact: Jamie

Rees (760) 953-7235

September 19/Corral 88

Dusty Spurs Gymkhana Contact:

Charles Sneed (760) 917-2673

September 19/Corral 118

Trail ride, Paramount Ranch Contact: Dean

Wageman deanwagemancnc@gmail.com

September 26/Corral 3

Play day, Big Bear Contact: Cindi

Schaub (909) 354-1613

September 26/Corral 22

Moonlight Ride, Hideaway Trail Boss:

Allan Johnson Contact: Kathleen Smart

kathleensmart99@gmail.com

September 26/Corral 83

Wine ride Contact: Carolyn

McIntyre (661) 972-2337

September 26/Corral 86

Full Moon Ride Contact: Kat Ferrell

(661) 208-1331

September 26/Corral 103

Trail Ride, Wildwood Canyon Contact:

Dawn Walker (760) 961-7879



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September 27/Corral 37

Ranch Horse Show, Thousand Oaks
Contact: Sharyn Henry
redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

September 27/Corral 22

Playday, Gibson Ranch Contact: Jeanette Provolt countryathear.jp@verizon.net

September TBD/Corral 3

Paul Dietz clinic, Big Bear Contact: Cindi Schaub (909) 354-1613

September TBD/Corral 10

Clinic, Mitchell Ranch Contact: Gabrielle Dagan-Winstead (818) 899-6702
eticorral10@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 2026

October 3-10/Corral 14

Lone Pine to Bishop Drive Contact: Sue Martzolf (760) 662-6102

October 3/Corral 15

Phelan Phun Day Parade, Phelan Contact: Lexi Albin (661) 338-8746
lexijanene@gmail.com

October 3/Corral 88

Phelan Phun Days Parade Contact: Deborah Jasper (760) 508-3100

October 4/Corral 12

Trail ride, TBD Contact: Patty Hug
pattyhug@ca.rr.com

October 8-11/Corral 22 & 86

Camping, Alabama Hills/Lone Pine Trail Boss: Allan Johnson Contact: Kathleen Smart kathleensmart99@gmail.com

October 11/Corral 2

Trail ride, TBD Contact: Ann Regan
annregan@sbcglobal.net

October 11/Corral 37

Ranch Horse Show, Thousand Oaks
Contact: Sharyn Henry
redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

October 11/Corral 138

Trail ride, Acton Hills Contact: Tracy (818) 640-1801

October 15/Corral 83

Trail ride & lunch, Sand Canyon Contact: Monica Lindsey (661) 805-1244

October 16-18/Corral 15

Camping, Lake Perris Contact: Lexi Albin (661) 338-8746 lexijanene@gmail.com

October 17/Corral 20

Trail ride, Vasquez Rocks ride, Agua Dulce
Contact: Nikki Ahten (818) 489-6527

October 17/Corral 37

Showdeo, Thousand Oaks Contact: Sharyn Henry redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

October 17/Corral 66

Charity Ride, Peggy Sue's Contact: Jamie Rees (760) 953-7235

October 17/Corral 88

Dusty Spurs Gymkhana Contact: Charles Sneed (760) 917-2673

October 17-18/Corral 101

Horse Show, Hansen Dam Contact: Kim Estrada (818) 497-4730
rockbacknzip@aol.com

October 17/Corral 118

Trail ride, Santa Rosa Valley
Contact: Dean Wageman
deanwagemancnc@gmail.com

October 18/Corral 43

Gymkhana, Tri-Valley Riders Contact: Crystal Florian (951) 537-8825

October 18/Corral 54

Play day gymkhana, Arro Seco Arena
Contact: Carry Wendler (818) 266-7664

October 18/Corral 86

Trail Ride, Juniper Hills Contact: Elizabeth Bridwell (661) 609-3884

October 18/Corral 103

Trail Ride, Juniper Flats Contact: Dawn Walker (760) 961-7879

October 24/Corral 37

Gymkhana, Thousand Oaks Contact: Sharyn Henry redhatcowgirl@yahoo.com

October 25/Corral 22

Playday, Gibson Ranch Contact: Jeanette Provolt countryathear.jp@verizon.net

October 31/Corral 38

Halloween Play Day, Martinez Arena
Contact: Liz Radley liz@lizradley.com

October 31/Corral 138 & 86

Halloween Ride, Vasquez Rocks Contact: Kimberly Dwight (661) 478-2770

October 31/Corral 88

Obstacle Challenge #4 Contact: Pam Garon (760) 917-2673

October TBD/Corral 3

Belt Buckle Obstacle Challenge, Big Bear
Contact: Cindi Schaub (909) 354-1613

October TBD/Corral 10

Clinic, Mitchell Ranch Contact: Gabrielle Dagan-Winstead (818) 899-6702
eticorral10@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 2026

November 7/Corral 88

Trail Ride, TBD Contact: Noel Cook (951) 427-9343

November 7-8/Corral 22

Mulligan Stew Ride, TBD Trail Boss: Allan Johnson Contact: Kathleen Smart
kathleensmart99@gmail.com

November 7/Corral 138

Trail ride, Mescal Creek Contact: Elaine (661) 946-1976 emac43031@gmail.com

November 8/Corral 43

Gymkhana, Tri-Valley Riders Contact: Crystal Florian (951) 537-8825

November 12/Corral 83

Trail ride, Placerita Nature Park Contact: Kim Brandon (661) 714-6038



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November 14/Corral 15

Poker Ride, Oro Grande Contact:
Lexi Albin (661) 338-8746
lexijanene@gmail.com

November 14/Corral 103

Trail Ride, Walnut Creek Contact:
Dawn Walker (760) 961-7879

November 15/Corral 138

Trail ride, Acton Hills ride
Contact: Kimberly (661) 478-2770
jdwright@aol.com

November 21/Corral 66

Trail ride, Tonka Town Contact: Jamie
Rees (760) 953-7235

November 21/Corral 86

Turkey Poker Ride, Peaceful Valley Contact:
Janette Beas (858) 692-6836

November 21/Corral 88

Dusty Spurs Gymkhana Contact:
Charles Sneed (760) 917-2673

November 22/Corral 22

Playday, Gibson Ranch Contact: Jeanette
Provolt countryathear.jp@verizon.net

November 28/Corral 88

Dusty Spurs - rain date Contact:
Charles Sneed (760) 917-2673

November 29/Corral 88

Obstacle Challenge #5 Contact:
Pam Garon (760) 917-2673

DECEMBER 2026

December 6/Corral 88

Trail Ride, Vazquez Rocks Contact:
Noel Cook (951) 427-9343

December 10/Corral 83

Trail ride, Glider Port Contact:
Monica Lindsey (661) 805-1244

December 12/National

ETI Christmas ride Contact:
office@etinternational.com

December 12/Corral 38

Christmas Caroling on Horseback, Burbank
Contact: Liz Radley liz@lizradley.com

December 14/Corral 138

Christmas toy ride, La Cabana
Contact: Kimberly (661) 478-2770
jdwright@aol.com

NON ETI EVENTS

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Therapeutic riding program
(310) 403-966 www.elsainc.org

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Nancy (818) 848-0870
www.headsuptherapy.com

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program for disabled riders
(818) 700-2971 www.rideon.org





Blast From The Past...September 2018 National Trail Coordinator's Message

Written by Lynn Brown

With all the craziness going on trying to keep equestrian property as is, thought Lynn's words of wisdom might be well timed.

Lessons learned in getting important issues achieved by dealing with City Agencies and Bureaucracies

These are suggestions only. Some may have tried and found that the cards were stacked against them. Or the opposition was better organized.

In the Case of the fight to preserve the Silver Spur Stables from being demolished and rebuilt as small lot housing, it seemed like an impossible task. We tackled it anyway, and to our surprise, we won. The individual who had applied to Glendale City Council for a zoning change, suddenly after months of relentless opposition, withdrew his request. If he had been successful in obtaining the zoning change, it would spell the end of all the historic boarding barns and feed stores along Riverside Drive.

The first challenge is overcoming public negativity. "You can't fight City Hall. THEY will do whatever they want to do." This attitude leads to discouragement, apathy and inaction. Equestrians, like hikers, tend to be a solitary folk, used to going out on their own. I had a hard time getting people to show up to a meeting to bring their concerns forward to Land managers, City Hall, and Statewide issues affecting trails, trail access and preservation of equestrian horse keeping. People felt that they couldn't win, so why expend the energy?

Nothing succeeds like success. Once a victory is obtained, possibilities open up, and people are more willing to try. A united front is key to effectiveness with decision makers. Horse people defeat themselves by battling among themselves over horse breeds and riding disciplines. Often they fall apart before they even reach the decision makers.

No matter what the breed of horse or the riding discipline, from Quarter horses to European dressage horses, they are all equines, and each owner

loves their horse/
mule and practices
what their
disciplines are. It

is unimportant to the public, but often the battle is lost before it even reaches the Board or Council.

Here are some effective tips:

- Know who your elected decision makers are and make yourself known in a friendly way before asking for favors. Learn to be especially nice to the secretary or staffer who answers the phone. Often the secretary is the one who plans the boss's schedule. That person can be very sympathetic and helpful. If you make an enemy of the staffer, you will be placed in Appointment Waiting Hell.
- Make friends with non-people who may share your concerns. This can be considerable help, especially on trail issues. Recruit allies to the cause. If it is just equestrians, bureaucrats can dismiss you, i.e. "Oh it's the horse people again. They always complain about everything." But if it is hikers, joggers, mommy stroller groups, dog walkers and environmentalists, bird watchers etc., you present a panoply of different people on the same issue. It is much harder for the land managers/bureaucrats to dismiss the issue.
- Cultivate your contacts now. You can't wait until your hair is on fire to run for help.
- Also, even if you are upset or angry at what's happening with your issue, the worst thing you can do is to take the attitude "I pay your salary" with either the land manager or an elected person. You are likely to receive the following answer (either out loud from the person you've pulled rank on or just in the treatment of your issue) "Oh, you want this done when? I'll check my calendar. How about never? Is never good for you?"
- Know your local bureaucratic process as each





Blast From The Past...September 2018

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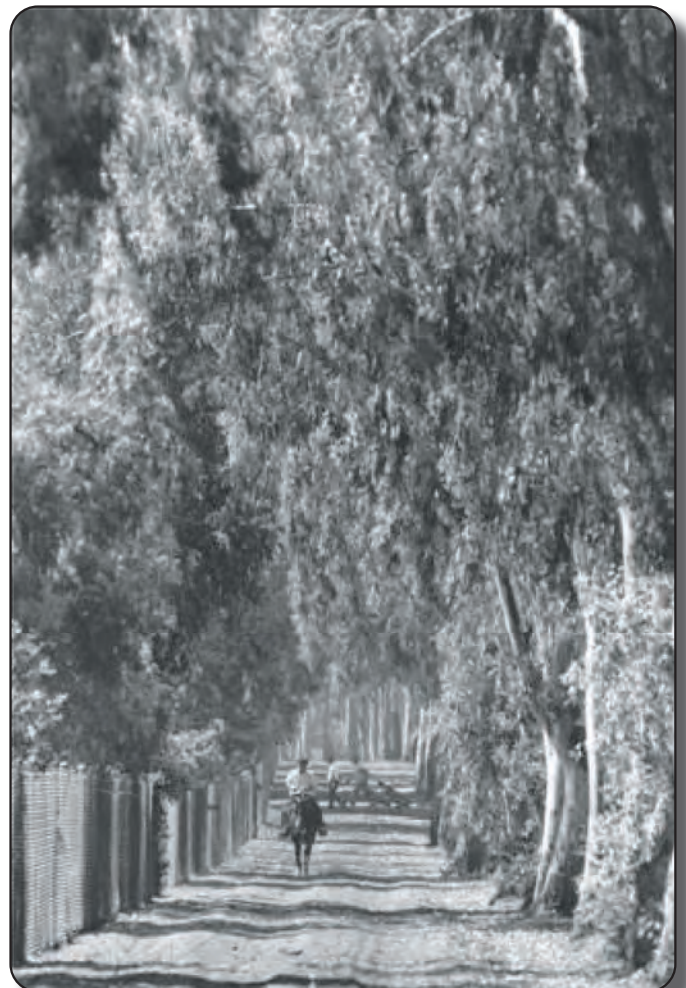
Written by Lynn Brown

jurisdiction may work differently. Know what you can ask for and what you can't. Also, know that requests to officials can take time. You have to allow time for your request to be dealt with.

- When you come to complain, bring a solution. Sometimes, the people you are asking for help might not have a clue as to what could be done. Always be willing to accept a half victory, instead of a complete defeat. Speaking on an issue is fine, but having it in writing makes it a permanent document for the record.
- Cities have to follow State Law for land use or complicated environmental processes. Find out who's in charge. Gather allies, make friends with them, and remember to always put requests in writing.
- A political sense is not something we are born with...we learn from others. Check your impulses to phone or write letters to influential people with another ally who might be knowledgeable about your issue and who knows how to achieve goals. To this day, I'll check out a good idea with another person. In the past, the response would be "Oh, no...don't do that," but then "you could do this" and be given a direction more effective than the brilliant one I thought up. It has saved me a lot of horrific mistakes, and I learned through the process.
- Also, I learned to Show Up to a meeting or in a manager's office. I have dragged myself to meetings that I didn't want to attend. You never know who you will meet that will be helpful to your issue. Bring a business card, if you have one, and be sure you collect the cards from the people sitting on the other side of the desk. The card you get from them could be gold, especially if your arguments have made an important impression. Also, if you have a flyer or a printed statement, be sure and leave it behind. At the end of their day, certain busy officials may not remember what you wanted in detail and your "leave behind" will be

helpful.

- At an important meeting, try to take people with you who are well spoken and not obviously angry. Two or three people who present themselves well can be more effective than a larger group who might burst into tears, get really angry, speak off point or ramble on with personal stories about their childhood.
- Don't show up looking like you just came from mucking stalls. They'll know you are horse people anyway, but it is insulting to the officials when you look like you'd never bathed or put on clean clothes





Trail Rider Award Program T. R. A. P.



It's TRAP! What is "TRAP" you ask?
TRAP is ETI's Trail Rider Award Program!



What does it do?
A heck of a lot more than it sounds!

If you have any questions about the TRAP Program, call TRAP Chairperson Carol Elliott, (760) 963-8209. All completed logs and CHECKS should be sent to Carol Elliott: 6990 Ord View Rd; Apple Valley Ca 92308. happy2appy@yahoo.com

All your TRAP dues of \$6.00 are due in January.

ETI TRAP keeps computerized logs on how many hours members are riding and where.

In this day and age, when trails are giving way to housing developments, it is crucial that records be kept on trail usage.

ETI Corrals in all areas are finding themselves having to defend their riding areas more and more against encroaching civilization. On several occasions, TRAP records have been instrumental in maintaining trail access.

When a Corral calls ETI TRAP and identifies a specific problem area, TRAP not only provides them with actual riding statistics of usage, but TRAP members are notified to increase usage and support in that particular area.

Documentation from 'trail logs' turned in by TRAP members are proof that trails are being used by equestrians.

ETI TRAP acknowledges hours in the saddle with shoulder patches and pins that can be attached almost anywhere.

Lest we offend the "cart" people, TRAP also counts those non-arena hours of driving time spent on the trails.

How much does all this cost? It's cheap!!! The fee to join TRAP is only \$12.00 (you must maintain current ETI membership); then the TRAP membership is maintained each year for only \$6.00.

You will start by receiving the TRAP main shoulder patch (about the size of a police patch), and your log sheets. As you hit the hour goals (100, 200, 500, etc.), additional patches will be sent to you. When you reach the higher levels, your hours will be acknowledged with pins instead of patches.

Why should the Show people get all the awards?



TRAIL RIDER AWARD Program application



Name _____ Corral # _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone(_____) _____ Email _____

New \$12. _____ Renew \$6. _____ ALL DUE January 1 or NOW

Send with Check, Money Order or Credit Card info _____

NEW Mail to: Carol Elliott, ETI TRAP; 6990 Ord View Rd; Apple Valley CA, 92308



Autumn Equine Treats

When many of us think of fall, we think of warm blankets, fires, and pumpkin-spiced everything.

It's a time to indulge in some of our favorite comfort foods like soups, chili, or apple pie. Our horses can enjoy the season a little more, too, with a healthy fall treat. Here are a few DIY ideas:

Pumpkin Cubes

(recipe modified from Cowgirl Magazine)

Ingredients:

- 1 small pumpkin
- 1 tbsp cinnamon
- 2 cups oats
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1/3 cup honey

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut pumpkin (without string, seeds, or rind) into cubes and put in large saucepan with enough water to cover bottom of pan. Sprinkle cinnamon on top. Let cook on medium heat for 45 minutes or until mushy, stirring frequently. Let cool. In large mixing bowl (you may need two), mix oats, honey, molasses, and pumpkin. If not thick enough, add molasses. Roll into small balls and place on cookie sheet. Put in oven for 12-15 minutes. Let cool.



Pumpkin Oatmeal Cookies

(Adapted from Spalding Labs)

Ingredients:

- 4 cups whole oats
- 1 can pumpkin (or 15 oz of fresh cooked pumpkin)
- 2 cups water
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1 3/4 cups oat flour or almond flour
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1 tbsp honey or molasses (optional)

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix pumpkin and water together well. Add flour, oats, and spices. Add optional honey or molasses. Drop spoonfuls of mixture onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake for 20 minutes or until done.



Apple Treats

(Adapted from BigOven)

- 1/4 cup molasses
- 4 apples; chopped
- 1 cup carrots; chopped
- 2 tbsp flax oil or coconut oil
- 1 cup oat or almond flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup bran

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease a large cookie sheet. Mix the apples, carrots, oil, and molasses together. Mix in oats and flour. Shape by hand or roll and cut dough into cookies. Cook for about 20 minutes.

You can freeze any of these treats to save for later!

Recipes thanks to: <https://yourhorsefarm.com/healthy-fall-treats-for-horses/>





Fall Checklist for Preparing Your Horse Property For Winter

Written by Alayne Bickle (Oct. 11, 2019)

Even though we're in the midst of the lazy, hazy dog days of summer, now is actually the time to be planning ahead for the winter months. Whether winter in your region means snow or just rain, winter in North America usually brings some type of hassle for horse owners. Tackle the hassle by making your horse property as chore-efficient as possible.



Here is a checklist of fall horse property chores to go through during the next few months in order to better prepare yourself and your horses for the upcoming winter months.

Buy your winter supply of hay.

Be sure to look for green, leafy, fresh-smelling hay without mold, weeds, dust or discoloration. Most recent nutritional recommendations are that a horse should receive 2% of its body weight in hay (or forage) per day. For the "average" 1,000-pound horse with moderate exercise, that will be about 20 pounds of hay per day or about 600 pounds of hay per month. Since hay is usually sold in bulk by the ton (2,000 pounds), one ton of hay will last about three and 1/3 months per average-sized horse. So, do the math to determine how many tons of hay you'll need for the winter. If you don't have the room for storing that volume of hay, perhaps a horse neighbor might. Two (or more) of you could go in on the purchase of the hay and reduce the cost for all. Another point to consider is that a couple of extra pounds of hay fed on extremely cold nights is the best heat source you can provide your horse. Body heat generated by eating and digesting the hay will help keep your horse warm. One final suggestion; avoid over or under feeding your horse by always weighing hay (and grain!) Feeding by

eye or scoop is not accurate and wastes feed—and money.

Purchase bedding for the wet months.

Pelleted beddings are readily available and are a cost-effective alternative that are highly absorbent and compost well. Pelleted beddings come bagged and with the addition of a cover you may be able to store them outside in a very small area. Horse health benefits include that they are very low in dust, a concern if either you or your horse have respiratory issues.

Bring in footing material for paddocks, confinement areas and other high-traffic areas.

Now is the time to think about the hogfuel (chipped wood), gravel (1/2 to 5/8 inch crushed rock) or sand (coarse washed) needed for footing in sacrifice areas, paddocks, walkways, and in front of gates. These materials are more available now before demand is high. Plus, it is much easier for delivery trucks to back into paddocks and drive through pastures now rather than once these areas have become slick or muddy.

Begin a manure management program.

If you don't already pick up manure on a regular basis, NOW is the time to start doing so. A horse creates 50 pounds of manure per day. When mixed with rainwater over the winter months, this quickly turns into 50 pounds of mud per day. Picking up manure on a regular basis it will greatly decrease that amount of mud on your farm over the winter months. All manure should be picked up at least every three days in stalls, paddocks, confinement areas and high-traffic areas.

Tarp your manure piles.

This will help keep the nutrients you are trying to save IN the compost and not allow them to get washed OUT into the surface waters where they can cause a potential problem. Be sure to store manure as far away as possible from streams, ditches or wetlands to avoid potential environmental problems.

Spread compost.

Early fall is a great time to spread compost. Compost is a



Fall Checklist for Preparing Your Horse Property For Winter (cont.)

Written by Alayne Bickle (Oct. 11, 2019)

rich soil enhancement. It adds micro and macronutrients and replenishes beneficial bacteria that improve the health of soil and plants. Spread compost in pastures in early fall no more than 1/2 inch thick and no more than three to four inches per season in the same place.

Check gutters and downspouts.

Now is the time to clean and make needed repairs or additions to your roof runoff system. Think “keep clean rainwater clean” by diverting rainwater away from your paddocks to areas where it won’t get contaminated. Good places to divert to include areas on your property such as a grassy swales, dry wells, rain barrels, stock watering tanks, well-vegetated woods, or an unused portion of your pasture. Doing this will GREATLY benefit you by reducing the amount of mud your horse spends the winter standing in and making daily chores easier for you.



Reroute surface water runoff.

Runoff from driveways, parking areas and hillsides adjacent to confinement areas can add significantly to the problem of managing mud. Ditches, grassy swales, dry wells, water diversion bars and culverts are all useful means for diverting water away from confinement areas and barns. It is considerably easier to build these now than during the next downpour.

Bring your horses in off your pastures.

If you’re lucky enough to have pasture, now is the time to baby it. Pastures grazed too closely in the autumn will be subject to winter damage and are slow to start growth in the spring. It’s best if you allow the grass plants to produce

a good amount of leaf growth for winter protection—at least four inches. During the winter months, pastures simply cannot survive trampling and continuous grazing. Pasture plants are dormant and aren’t able to regrow. Also, soils are saturated and easily compacted during our soggy winters. A good option for managing your horses during this time is to create a winter paddock or sacrifice area. Confine your horses to this area during the winter and in the summer when pastures become overgrazed.

Review your lighting needs.

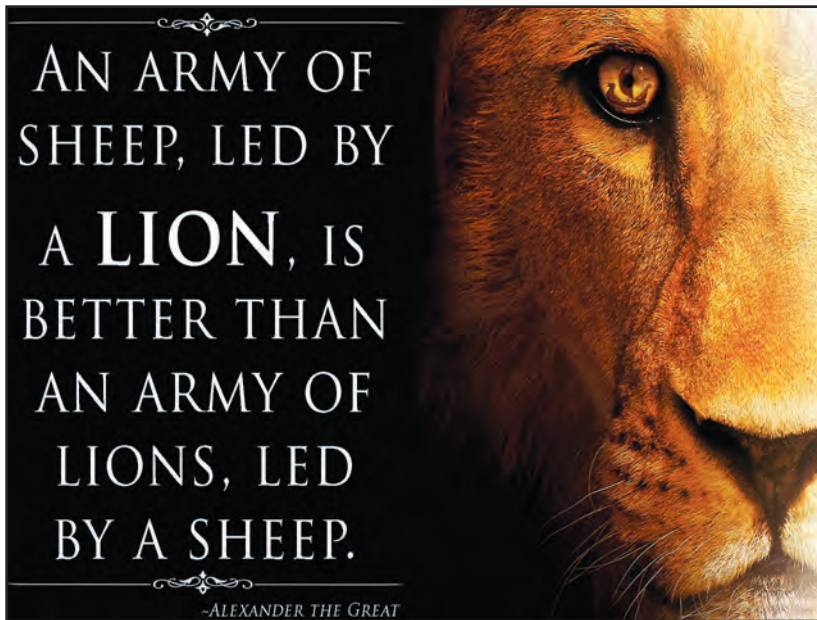
Do you have adequate outdoor lighting? Are your stalls bright enough to care for your horses during our dark fall and winter evenings? When you’re feeding at night, will you have enough light to see if the hay you’re feeding is green or could it be moldy? Would you be better able to do your manure pick-up chores in the paddocks if you had flood lighting? Have you been meaning to put in lighting along walkways or drives? Get an electrician in now and get that work done instead of waiting until temperatures are freezing and you’re trying to feed by flashlight.

Review equipment needs for daily chores.

Having the right equipment for chores not only makes things more efficient, but also insures that you’ll be more likely to get those chores accomplished when it’s dark and cold. Consider getting that manure cart that’s easy to push and dump into the compost pile. Is your manure fork half broken? The heavy-duty plastic-tined type with a bent edge is made specifically for cleaning horse stalls and paddocks. Wooden handles or ones wrapped with tennis grip tape (or even vet wrap) are easier—and warmer—to grip than metal handles.

It is a good feeling to be prepared as possible even though there is undoubtedly some adventure lurking around the corner. However, it is a safe bet that following this checklist will keep you ahead of the majority of problems, have you better prepared for the coming winter months and in a good position for next summer!

<https://thehorse.com/135393/fall-checklist-for-preparing-your-horse-property-for-winter/>



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Courage is fear that has
said its prayers and decided
to go forward anyway.

Joyce Meyer



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We had ten riders as six riders from other corrals showed up for the moonlight ride on July 28. We were concerned about the heat and wind, but Mother Nature was good to us.

Our next event is the annual tack cleaning and ice cream social on August 29, at the Bredelis Ranch at 10am. The monthly meeting will follow. Bring a sack lunch and a chair. Water will be provided. For more information please contact Jamie Rees at (760) 953-7235.

The next ride will be September 29, at Yoders little yard. We'll discuss the time at the August meeting.

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Corral 83

Tehachapi Mountain Riders
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Since I experienced some technical difficulties in getting this article to Sarah last month, I am sharing parts of the August article again here. The article was shared via email to corral members. I know from comments I have received in the past that members of other corrals read the articles submitted. I get calls when no article from Corral 83 appears in the online magazine.

During the dog days of summer, Corral 83 found a little shade for what some described as a perfect ride. Earlier in the morning than usual, but worth it for sure. On Thursday, July 23, Liz Komin led a group of four riders on a semi-loop ride that took riders through the Nature Park, formerly known as Golden Hills Golf Course. Parts of the trail are wide swaths cut into the wild oat fields where a local driving club comes to drive their equines in the mostly flat parts of the park. The balance of the trails are single track trails sometimes on the edge or side of the foothills. It's not uncommon to see wildlife of all sorts. The pond attracts waterfowls, songbirds and birds of prey.

Mammals also partake of the lush environment around the pond. In the past, I observed a gray Herron in his signature pose about to pluck a meal from the pond.

During Thursday's ride, Marcy W. of Corral 138, came up from AV area to enjoy the cooler temps in Tehachapi. On the ride she captured an amazing photo of the elk that had been hanging out in the area. Please see ETI Corral 83 Facebook page to see the photos she shared.

Liz Komin, Corral 83 Secretary, had been a very busy club member in July. On July 20, Liz hosted a get together at her beautiful home tucked away in the oak-covered countryside of Tehachapi Valley. The purpose of the gathering was a potluck of first aid items members shared to assemble a first aid kit to take on rides. Then a few days later, she led the Nature Park Ride. A huge thank you to Liz for her awesome contribution to our corral. Thank you!

Our August Corral meeting was held at Laurie Rude-Betts delightful dome home in BVS. Laurie remains our membership chairperson. She has hosted many corral meetings and potlucks at her home. Thank you, Laurie, for your generosity in giving your time and hosting this wild bunch at your home. I missed the meeting due to respiratory virus I contracted in July. I sure missed being there. Laurie gives her husband credit for the beautifully landscaped garden that surrounds her house and promotes life for the birds, bees

and other wildlife.

We had no rides in August, but we have an overnight campout set for September 14-18. Lynn Engles plans to lead a group in the Black Rock camp area of Southern Sequoias. Lynn made a trip there in August to check things out, get a good look at the current trail conditions, camping area and corrals. This area isn't far from Kennedy Meadows. Most people take Hwy 14 N to 395, continue north to Pearsonville, LAST opportunity for fuel and restroom break before heading up the gnarly Kennedy Meadows Road. I think it's called 9-mile road. Please take a moment and check out the photos Lynn shared on ETI Corral 83 Facebook page. It is great to get a chance to see a little bit of a preview. Thank you so much, Lynn, for sharing your scouting trip. It's nice to get up there early, unload horses and give them some time to breathe, relax and adjust to the elevation change. Lynn can provide details on distance to campground.

If you're interested in this September event, be sure to contact Lynn at (661) 478-7705. The number of available camp spots may be limited. You can bring your own portable corrals. There are eight corrals made of logs there. Large parking area. I always like to park in a manner that I am facing the exit without having to navigate around other rigs. It can be done.

I asked Lyn what the participants, who have never been there before, need to know before the campout. I personally have been in the general area many times in the past helping trail maintenance workers. I completely agree with what Lyn had to say about the trip. Trails are up and down hills, may have to step over logs, may encounter creeks. 1.) Horses should be in good condition for the terrain and elevation. The camping area is 8500 ft. 2.) The trails range from 8500 to 7500 ft elevation. Dehydration is a REAL thing there. The elevation impacts both horses and their riders. It is recommended that participants bring at least 40 gallons of water for their stock, and water for self. Electrolytes and salt are also recommended. 3.) There are no emergency vets in the area. 4.) There is no cell service. If you have a satellite phone or device that can send emergency tracking locations, it may be useful. 5.) You will need a fire permit that you can get online, watch a short 2 ½ minute video, answer some questions then print out the fire permit. This is required even to operate propane or butane stoves. No open fires are allowed. Permit can be saved to phone.

Campfire permits are available online or at any CAL FIRE, USDA Forest Service, or Bureau of Land Management facility in California. There are no fees for permits, however they must be available for rangers and other officials to check when camping. Be sure to check local restrictions as campfires may be restricted entirely in areas with a high potential for wildfire.



Link to get fire permit: permit.preventwildfiresca.org. I followed the link listed here and obtained a printed permit in less than five minutes. That's all. Quick and easy.

Please contact Lyn Engles if you have any questions. If you would like to participate, call (661) 478-7705.

Lastly, Corral 83 has a local ride planned for those who may not be able to go on the camp trip. Scheduled so those who do go and camp can still make the BVS ride now relocated to Cummings Valley, Wine ride, staging at Carolyn McIntyres ranch in Fairview Ranches. The date is changed to Saturday, September 26. Ride Leader Carolyn (661) 972-2337.

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Dusty Riders Gymkhana Lil Spurs

Hi point: Skylar
Reserve: Nakota



High points and reserves:

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AA - Kim White & Ranger
Reserve- Annabelle Wade & kitkat

A Adult- Johnny Acosta & Kingston
Reserve- Leah Escobar & Ruby
A Youth- Mckenzy Festa & Austin
FCY- Albert Suarez & Gwen
FCA - Blue Wolowiec & Arrow
Reserve- Kesanee Guzman & Micha
Walk/trot- Elizabeth Mulica & Mona
Reserve- Deborah Jasper & Copper

Lil spurs

Hi point: Skylar & Cowgirl
Reserve: Nakota & roper

Our annual Montaña De Oro camping trip didn't disappoint. The misty beach was a welcome sight after the great heat wave the desert was going through.

Scott Kocab on his trusty steed Peppy on a new trail we discovered that looped us back to where we could head back to camp (at low tide only) Photo taken by Carol Kocab



Enjoying Spooner's Cove

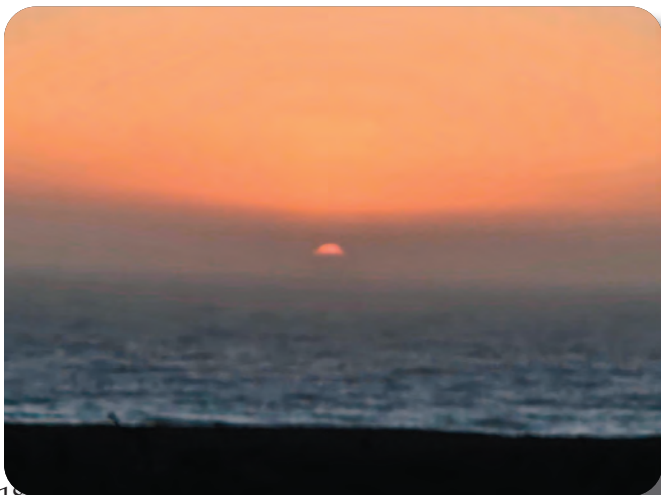




Back at camp after a good day's ride, getting ready for potluck.



Some riders had arranged for pictures to be taken at sunset, and even took a change of clothes. The photos looked like they would be great, a fantastic idea for future trips.



We were joined by Karen, Graden, and Elizabeth from ETI 86.



Such a variety in scenery at MDO, but always fun to end at the beach.



Lilly Adams on Sabrina and Carol Kocab on Diamond

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Send cards in A.S.A.P. **Don't hold them.** For **Single** membership, list only the person applying for membership and no one else.

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The Waivers/Release as well as Single Event forms need to be received at the ETI office within two weeks of event.

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* CHECK ☐ **Please send me information for a Corral in my area. ETI (818) 698-6200**

ETI National Programs

Horse Shows ETI has a National High Point Circuit which is currently on hiatus. Until then, please contact the ETI office. Non-ETI members can participate in our ETI High Point Shows. But to be a part of the National High Point Circuit you must be an ETI member. You can sign up for the Circuit any time during the season, but must compete a specified number of times in your chosen classes to win awards. Points towards year end awards start accumulating on the date you sign up with the high point program.



The **Junior Ambassador Program** is open to all ETI youth age 7 to 21. Boys are welcome for the Prince and King category. Applications for the program may be obtained by contacting Cheri Ovayan at (818) 335-2884 covayan97@icloud.com. The completed forms are due back by April 2nd with all fees, sponsors, autobiography and pictures. This is a great way for our youth to represent their Corral and ETI. Participants volunteer their time at several mandatory events as well as many horse shows; trail trials, parades, trail dedications, quarterly dinner meetings and fun events just for the Junior Ambassador Court such as the retreat! Contact Michelle or any of the girls who have participated for more info on the fun activities.



Trail Rider Award Program (TRAP) keeps computerized logs on how many hours members are riding. In this day and age, when trails are giving way to housing developments, it is crucial that records be kept on trail usage. ETI Corrals in all areas are finding themselves having to defend their



riding areas more and more against encroaching civilization. On several occasions, TRAP records have been instrumental in maintaining trail access.

ETI TRAP acknowledges hours in the saddle with shoulder patches & pins that can be attached almost anywhere. The fee to join TRAP is only \$12.00 (you must maintain current ETI membership); then the TRAP membership is maintained each year for only \$6.00. You will start by receiving the TRAP main shoulder patch and your log sheets. As you achieve the hour goals additional patches will be sent to you. Carol Elliott is the TRAP chair. Please contact (760) 963-8209 or happy2appy@yahoo.com.

Trail Trials: An ETI Sanctioned Trail Trial consists of a trail ride, usually averaging between two and three hours, with trail obstacles along the way. Obstacles are natural, or simulate naturally occurring conditions for the horse and rider to negotiate. We now have a DVD from a clinic demonstrating obstacles and tips to compete or put on a Trail Trial. It is important to remember that the people doing the judging at sanctioned Trail Trial event are volunteers following the rulebook and are doing thwe best they can. Safety, control, and common sense are the number one priorities for all ETI sanctioned Trail Trials. Trail Trials are open to ETI members and Non-members. There are three divisions: Juniors for youth 14 years (as of Jan. 1st) and under; Novice and Open. Please contact the ETI office at (818) 698-6200 office@etinational.com.

