



# Lake Washington Saddler

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** As you all may have noticed, lately I've been lax about getting out the Saddler on anything even close to a monthly basis. At this point, I am looking to put out a Saddler on a quarterly basis. We are finding that a great deal of club communication takes place on the "Fans of the Lake Washington Saddle Club" Facebook page. Also, all events are always listed on our website. That said, it's still fun to have a place for a bit of updates on club members and activities. I'll continue to write up what I have. It helps when people send me interesting blurbs. If you have something you want put into the Saddler, you can contact me at the above link.

***Mark Your Calendar - LWSC Club Annual Awards Banquet***

***Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Courtyard Marriot, Bellevue***

**Nominate someone for LWSC Annual Awards;** Junior/Senior Sportsmanship, Father/Mother of the Year, Horse of the Year, Trainer of the Year, Service Award, Purple Horse Award. Nominations now open on the web site; <https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/annual-awards-ballot.html>

## **Nature's Diary**

As many of you know, we had a bit of excitement in late June as a juvenile Black Bear decided to take up residence in Bridle Trails State Park and surrounding neighborhoods. This young bear (I believe it was thought to be male), was spotted by numerous persons, in varying locations, sometimes in folks' yards trying to access the garbage can, and sometimes ambling down a trail in the Park. There was even video of the poor fellow trying to cross I405, and being struck obliquely by a car!!

Sightings kept coming from random and diverse locations every day, which kept us all on our toes with the anxiety that we might round a corner in the park and have an unfortunate encounter. This bear had not exhibited any show of aggression, but the mere scent of a bear is enough to send most horses into a real panic. Some horses in a nearby boarding situation were so panicked by something that they burst through their hotwired enclosure and went for an early morning 'run' of the neighborhood.

Eventually, the bear was treed, not far from Jennifer Duncan's house, and safely captured by wildlife officials to be relocated deep into the Cascade Mountains. This made us all both heave a big sigh of relief, and feel a bit wistful at the sad thought that another wild creature is unable to live WITH us in this island of nature, surrounded by development. We all felt a bit of sadness for the poor bear, as he tried to eke out his wild life, in the midst of ever expanding man-made restrictions. We hope that he will live well and free. . . . And at a safe distance!

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## **Park News**

### **New Park Aide!**

We have a new Senior Park Aide working out there! This is **Dimitrio Maldinato**. You will likely see him driving out there in the gator, cutting, trimming, sawing, whacking, dragging, and a whole lot more! Please introduce yourself and say hi should you see him. He will be with us all year this time. In the past, the LWSC and Bridle Trails Park Foundation have funded a Park Aide to assist the Ranger for a limited time period, extending what the State funds for a few additional months of the year. The State funds the seasonal position for approximately 4 months. This year, we are extending the funding for this position for the entire year, as we feel that the park will benefit from the additional care and attention. This is one of the benefits our club and Bridle Trails Park Foundation provide to the park and all who enjoy it! We should feel very proud that we are doing this public service.

### **New State Park Ranger to Help Patrol the Park .**

State Parks Ranger **Clayton Marshine** has begun patrolling areas of the park hoping that an increased presence will deter visitors from walking with unleashed dogs, bikers from riding the trails, and other no-nos. The data received from the online reporting has been helpful so please continue to report any sightings of off leash dogs or bikes at;

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/report-off-leash-dog-or-bicycle.html>

When people SEE the presence of the State officials, they realize this is a State Park, and not free from rules and regulations that protect us all, especially the equestrians, who are, after all, one of the MAIN reason for the park in the first place! Should you see a state vehicle in the parking lot, do not hesitate to introduce yourself and thank them for their service here. We want to have an ongoing 'personal' relationship with those that protect our park.

Also, please take this opportunity, while we talk about Rangers and such, to literally program into your cell phone the phone number of Matt, OUR RANGER: **Matt Birklid: (425) 417-7871** (cell phone) **For emergencies call 911. On-call Ranger: (425) 466-6306**

### **Toilet Paper Blizzard.**

Ok, not a 'blizzard' per se, but you must have noticed on your recent park rides the unusual preponderance of ugly bits of 'used' toilet paper just off the side of the trail, scattered over the park. On

one ride I counted 13 such 'piles'!! Very disgusting! In my almost 20 years riding in the park, I have not seen this amount of trailside toilet abuse. The Board has discussed with State Parks how to handle this kind of bad manners. The State is increasing patrols. **Park rules require visitors to NOT relieve themselves on the trail, but rather use the restrooms at the main parking lot.** In the case of an absolute "emergency" most of us with any kind of camping experience know that we are to go well away from people, trails or water, dig a 'cat hole', and bury the 'evidence'. The frequency of what we are seeing in the park is not indicative of an "emergency type of need" and is pretty disgusting. It is sad to see and is impacting everyone's enjoyment of the park. We all know that the park is big, and sometimes you are not able to go that far when an undeniable need arises. Please, however, if you **MUST** use nature as your bathroom, don't do it trailside, and don't leave the evidence in plain view. Bury it!!!

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## **College Scholarship Awarded!**

LWSC offers a \$1,000.00 scholarship annually. Applicants do not need to be club members, but they should be pursuing a career in animal health and husbandry, or forestry.

This year's recipient is **Taylor Robbins!** Taylor wrote a beautiful application essay and came with glowing recommendations. She plans to pursue a large animal veterinary degree. While she was accepted at 5 prestigious colleges, she chose WSU! go Cougs! Go Taylor! (Just don't go so far away that we don't get visits from you!)

## **Many thanks to these dedicated board members!**

Sadly, the LWSC Board has lost two of its members recently. **Suzanne Kagen**, most recently club vice president, accepted a new job with the State Parks. Due to conflict of interest concerns, the State required her to leave the Board. Suzanne has served on the board for MANY years, and was club President, and Vice-president. Her contributions to the club are too numerous to list. She brings a level of energy and positivity that is hard to match. We know that the State Parks have hit the jackpot in hiring her, because she is a total winner! She will be sorely missed as a Board member but will remain very involved in LWSC as a loyal and dedicated member.

**Robin Foster** put a great deal of work into developing the trail obstacle days, and is the show manager for our new English/Western Schooling Show. Her creative thought process brought a wonderful variety and freshness to the Board that will be hard to replace. But, her current work life demands mean that she had to give up her board position. She will continue to manage the Trail Obstacle and EW Schooling events.

It is with sincere gratitude that we thank them for their dedicated service. Both are still committed LWSC members, who will be helping out in many ways, but not as board members. Now we begin the process of trying to fill their empty spots.

## New Board Member Search Continues:

### **WE NEED YOU!!!!**

We want to encourage new blood into the ranks of the Board members, and so if you are even just a bit curious about what being a Board member would entail, please don't hesitate to contact Jennifer @ [president@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org](mailto:president@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org) or, me! I can give you the scoop, too.

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## Field Trips/Events

Let me just take a second to say how very much we appreciate the efforts, and creative thinking, of **Candice Boyd**, or Field Trip and Community Outreach person. Her energy has brought a wealth of great opportunities for exploring cool places, having out and out fun and learning something new. Candice, . . . You are tops!!!

## **Glassybaby In-Store Fundraiser a Huge Success!**

At April 27<sup>th</sup> fundraising event in cooperation with Glassybaby Bellevue, was a huge hit!! Sales were great, and **Heather Andreini** brought her mini horse, **Jet**, to represent the 'equine' nature of our club ( the only appropriately sized equine that would fit in the dainty store). LWSC netted \$922 in sales, Which was then **MATCHED** by **David**



**Robinson**, executive director of **glassybaby white light fund** by an

addition of a **\$922** matching donation!! This is extremely generous, and will be put to good use. We thank him wholeheartedly for his generous support. I know that the 'spring' toned glassy babies that I bought will be something I treasure for a lifetime!



## Memorial Day Weekend Visit to Cle Elum, Flying Horseshoe Ranch

A wonderful time was had by all! Members came to share the large cabin, and some slept in the teepees, and some like myself, came only for the day. There was a lot of eating, ( and I mean A LOT!), lots of happy conversation, some great walks, a horse ride (some brought their own horses, others rented horses for the trail ride), a hot tub, wine and a fire at night. Seriously, folks, what more could you ask for!!!!?? A total success, again, thanks to Candice!!

**I think this will become a new annual Spring tradition for us.**



## Seattle Mounted Police Barn Tour

Ever wonder WHERE they keep those police horses you see at large public events? Well, WE got a special chance to tour the facilities and meet the police officers and their police mounts. The facility is in such an urban area you would not imagine it could have facilities for horses, but they are there, and well cared for. They provide a valuable service that has been proven to be irreplaceable, even in these modern times. We thank them for letting us tour, and we continue to believe in the value of horses as work mates, both in times of need, and as ambassadors for the men and women in blue! One police officer on horseback is equivalent to ten on foot for crowd control. If there were ever a natural disaster, and vehicles were unable to get through, horses could do the job.

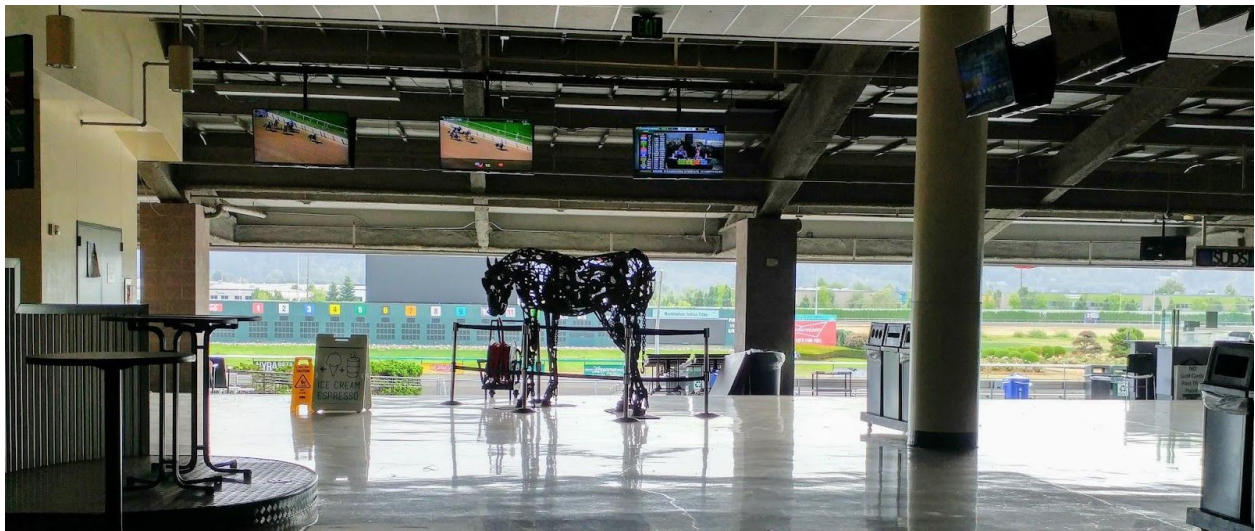
The officers in the unit study under Buck Brannaman and take their partnership with their mounts seriously. We learned a great deal about the saddles that they use and the special shoes they wear.

The horses have also helped with community outreach for the Seattle Police Department. No one would just go up to a police officer in their patrol car, but the public will come and talk to those on horseback. As Officer Chase said "even when arresting a bad guy, they'll ask 'can I pet your horse?'"



**Coming up next!**

**August 11 - Emerald Downs Tour including:**



**Breakfast at the Wire** - 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Breakfast will be served while we chat with jockeys and other staff who work at Emerald Downs

**Behind the Scenes Tour** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. includes a tour of the equine hospital and a bus tour of the stable area. Afterward, stay for the races. Races start at 2 p.m.

To sign up: <https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/emerald-downs-field-trip-sign-up-form.html>

While Candice is doing a bang up job, she welcomes **new ideas for field trips**, at:

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/field-trips.html>

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## **Hunter/Jumper News**

**Next shows:**

**August 18-19,      September 22-23**

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### **Horse show set up and take down**

Lake Washington Saddle Club Schooling shows have become so very successful that they are outgrowing what a handful of volunteers can do and still keep their sanity, and a life! The workload to set up the stalls, parking lot, prepare the arenas, set up a course, organize the office, provide shavings, manure service, etc. etc. etc., is simply enormous! Consequently, the club has elected to use hired help for the set up and tear down of the Hunter/Jumper weekend shows. We hope this will help our very hardworking Hunter/Jumper team to keep from exhausting themselves. For all they do, we are extremely appreciative!

Jennifer, the club president, got her creative thinking cap on and contacted Lake Washington High School to see if any of their activity clubs would like to take this on as a fundraising opportunity. We would make a tidy donation to THEIR club, and they would work to support OUR club, with set up and take down. They jumped at the chance, with the Track & Field, and the Basketball support groups vying for each show date! What a great Win/Win situation!! Great job, Jen!

### **Volunteer Hours**

That does not mean that volunteers are not still needed. They ALWAYS are! Always. And, as we are halfway through our show year, please keep in mind that you have your membership up to date, and are logging in your volunteer hours! It is only about 3.5 months until the end of the year awards banquet! There are still opportunities to complete the required minimum of 4 hours to be eligible for an award.

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## Congratulations to Audrey Newbrey Smith!



She was selected to become a Thoroughbred Ambassador by the United States Jockey Association!

The T.I.P. Youth Ambassador Program is offered on an annual basis to twelve young riders who own or lease a Thoroughbred and have actively participated in T.I.P. sponsored shows, classes or award programs. The goal of the T.I.P. Youth Ambassador Program is to promote participation in T.I.P. with the mission to encourage retraining of Thoroughbreds into other disciplines upon completion of careers in racing or breeding. A Youth Ambassador's role is to positively represent T.I.P. and the Thoroughbred breed at his or her local barn, shows, competitions, or any other activities in which he or she may participate. more info:

<http://tjctip.com/About/TBYPAM>

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## Dressage News

**next up: August 12 and September 16**

Dressage shows are very popular and fill up quickly. For the riders there were not able to secure rides for June or July, **we encourage you to enter early for, the August 12<sup>th</sup> show with judge Jane Judson or the September 16<sup>th</sup> show with judge Mollie Martin.** We have a new show photographer this season as well. Myah Vasquez, who some of you know from the Hunter/Jumper shows will also be at the dressage shows to capture those memories of you and your magnificent horses.

No horse but you love dressage? We would love to have you **volunteer** at one of our shows! We are a very relaxed and welcoming group that would love to share this beautiful sport with you. Please email [dressage@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org](mailto:dressage@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

We are still working on getting entries migrated to online via equestrian entries. We appreciate your patience as we work out this new system. We hope to have it operational for the July show. We are still currently accepting mail in entries.

**Announcing the debut of a HIGH POINT award each show for the top score junior and senior rider.** We are pleased to offer a prize to the premier rides of the show. If you are not present to receive the prize we will have it for you at the next show.

Indra and I can't wait to see you all this season

**Heather Andreini** – show manager



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## **Trail News**

Horses and Hops, one of our two **prize rides**, was held on July 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a crystal clear day, neither too hot, nor too cold. There were neither too many, nor too few riders. The prizes were neither too small, nor too large . . . get the idea? It was PERFECT!!! So much fun, and beer too!!!

Thanks to **Bellevue Brewery** and **Meghan Rasmussen**, our bartender extraordinaire! As always, a huge thank you to our own club President, **Jennifer Duncan** who plans and manages these events. She rode out the night before and set up all the markers, and manned the check in area all day. Basically, she gave many hours of her time so we could all ride, drink, and win prizes! Thanks so much!!

Next year, instead of Horses and Hops, we are going to try something new! **Ponies and Pies!**

(Featuring , well, you can guess)

The next prize ride, **Equines and Vines, will be held on August 25<sup>th</sup>**. Join us, heck if you can't ride with us, just come for a glass of wine between 2-5pm For full info and sign up:

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/trail-riding-events.html>

## **Sue Shecket Memorial Trail Obstacle Challenge and Training Day –July 8 (completed)**

The weather was sunny and warm for the first of two Trail Obstacle Challenge and Training Day events held each summer, and the turnout was fantastic! Riders came from as far as Arlington and Olympia to introduce their horses to the pool noodle squeeze, cowboy car wash, water obstacle, and more, followed by a leisurely ride through beautiful Bridle Trails Park.



Many thanks to volunteers **Nora and Mike Bell, Carly Loyer, and Karen Hall** for their hard work with setup and assistance during the event. Special thanks to **Kim McClelland**, IMCTA Judge and owner of 5-Star Horsemanship, for joining us to share her expertise and to judge the Sue Shecket Memorial Trail Obstacle Challenge. The competition featured one excellent horse-rider team after another, and the first place winner was Jennifer Duncan, who had a perfect round on her lovely steed Cody.

Next year , in memory of her late sister **Sue Shecket, Renee( Shecket) Sheppard**

will sponsor a trophy and cash prize for course champion. Thank you Renee, what a great way to honor Sue!

**The next Trail Obstacle Challenge and Training Day will be on August 26th.**

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/trail-obstacle-training.html>



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## **Clinics**

All LWSC sponsored clinics are FREE to members to audit. One of our top benefits of membership.

### **Suzie Hutchison clinic     August 4 / 5   (Completed)**

LWSC is proud to sponsor a clinic with international show jumper Susie Hutchison. Perfect for Pros and Amateurs alike - Susie helped every rider meet their goals with her kind, straightforward approach and high expectations that each rider invariably rises to.

Clinic is limited to 20 participants. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/376516742836910/>

### **Julie Carpenter Horsemanship from the Heart Clinics (two clinics)**

July 25-29: (5 Day clinic, completed)     &     **September 6-9: (4 Day clinic)**

The July Clinic was a great success, with full attendance and many LWSC members taking advantage of free auditing. The September clinic is also full but please take advantage of your membership and audit Full info at: <https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/clinics.html>

## **NEW!!! English / Western schooling show! July 21st (completed)**

New this year in our lineup of schooling shows was a low-key, no pressure schooling show that provides flat classes for both English and Western disciplines. This was an opportunity to apply all those hours of lessons to the show ring in a relaxed and supportive environment. The show team for this event was Robin Foster (show manager), Maggie Phillips and Jennifer Duncan. None of us had put on a show like this before and we want to thank both our judge (Sherie Boltman) and gatekeeper (Pam Watterson) for their great advice, expertise and support. Many thanks also to Hailee Lehtinen, our volunteer Ringmaster.

Ribbons were awarded to 5th place and seven Division winners received prizes of saddle pads. Divisions for each discipline are listed below with our congratulations to the winners.

<b>Division</b>	<b>High Point Award</b>	<b>Rider</b>	<b>Horse</b>
English 12 & under	Grand Champion	Sylvie Maccartney	Coco Puff
	Reserve Champion	Taylor Shaw	Jose
English 13 - 17	Grand Champion	Megan Farnsworth	Kactus Relevation
	Reserve Champion	Reese Garnes	Rio
English 18 & over	Grand Champion	Kaisa Cannon	Best Hoff
	Reserve Champion	Michelle Maccartney	Ed
Western 12 & under	Grand Champion	Taylor Shaw	Jose
Western 13 - 17	Grand Champion	Megan Farnsworth	Kactus Relevation
	Reserve Champion	Reese Garnes	Rio
Western 18 & over	Grand Champion	Kaisa Cannon	Best Hoff
	Reserve Champion	Neolani Hough	Makana
Thoroughbred	Grand Champion	Kaisa Cannon	Best Hoff
	Reserve Champion	Megan Farnsworth	Kactus Relevation

These results will be included in the annual LWSC High Point Award calculation for those members who participated. This first show was pretty small with only 10 intrepid riders. But everyone who came had a great time and we plan to offer this show again next year. We are thinking of having it either earlier in the season or at the end of the season. We also need to understand how to market this event so if you have suggestions, please let one of us know.

Again, we are VERY grateful to Pam Waterson for her help as gate person (you ROCK!), to Sherie Boltman as judge (we learned so much THANK YOU!), and also to Hailee Lehtinen who was the ringmaster (you are awesome!).

### **OLSON'S provides Club Sponsorship again!**

We are thrilled to announce that , once again, we have received a major annual sponsorship from Olson's Tack!! Their consistently generous support is deeply appreciated. Olson's is a foundational equestrian business, having operated in Bellevue for many years. After some years at their 140<sup>th</sup> avenue location, they have moved back to their original location at 2nd Ave, next to 405, literally back into the same house that many of us remember from way back. (where I got my first pair of riding boots!) Please consider them for your tack and clothing needs.

### **LWSC sponsors S.A.F.E. horse show!**

We are once again sponsoring two classes this year, English 13-17 and Dressage Training Level 1( a \$300 total donation) at the 12th annual S.A.F.E. (Save A Forgotten Equine) benefit horse show. SAFE - We LOVE what you do!!!

### **Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA)**

LWSC will once again sponsor an IEA show at BTSP, **September 29/30**

**Below is a write up by one of last year's participants, Marin Hadley.**

*(Last year, and this year, **Kate Sharkey** has offered her support and training for student riders at an IEA sponsored show at Bridle Trails arena. The following essay is by one of her students)*



This year was my first riding in IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Association) and I don't have any negative things to say about my experience. IEA is a chance for riders who want to experience low stress showing at a low price. At each show each barn participating brings horses. The horse's name is put into a bowl for every rider to draw. You can draw any horse from any barn. The point of IEA is to learn to ride random horses in a short amount of time. For jumping classes you get two warm up jumps and for flat classes you get no warm up. You are judged on equitation and how well you can handle an unknown horse. Classes vary

between walk-trot and 2'6 which is less challenging and inviting for beginner riders.

I enjoyed IEA because it improved my confidence when riding. I was put on horses who didn't behave the best and I learned how to handle different situations quickly. Of course, if a horse is misbehaving terribly you can ask for a different horse and are re-judged. This is called a re-ride. Although a horse acting up doesn't mean you lose. In one of my jumping courses the horse I drew spooked but I continued my course and placed first. If you handle the horse properly you can be placed as if it didn't happen. Although at post-season shows (regionals, zones, and nationals) you are expected to have enough control to not have any misbehavior so the judging is very tough and you can get marked down for the smallest of mistakes. For example, I recently rode at nationals in New York and talked to one of the judges who was staying at our hotel. He explained that I was leading my class until I chipped to one of the jumps. The competition was very tough at nationals but two out of five of our team's riders placed.

I strongly suggest joining IEA because it is for any rider of any level. There are also many opportunities for team bonding. IEA is not like normal showing because you are usually focused on your horse. You and your team work together to get your teams horses ready and help other riders learn about the horse they drew. My favorite thing about IEA was making friends who share the same passion for horses as I do. I also enjoyed IEA a lot because you don't need to own or lease a horse to be able to show. If you have any questions or are interested in joining Sharkey Farm's IEA team, you can find me or Kate around the LWSC shows!

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### **LWSC supports the larger Bridle Trails community!**

**Bridle Trails Community Club** is a neighborhood group that supports Bridle Trails area. Their mission , as per their website is: "to protect, enhance and preserve the existing residential and equestrian character of Bridle Trails area." What better organization to support than this!? We will sponsor a table( at \$200 donation) for the

**12th annual BTCC neighborhood night out event,  
Tuesday, August 14th. 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at Cherry Crest Elementary School.**

It's fun and free! come hand out and tell everyone who we are and what we do!

full info: <http://www.bridletrailscommunity.org/announcement.asp?id=272>