

Spring is in the air! And the Lake Washington Saddle Club has a great line up of shows and events coming up.

2024 LWSC Prize Rides – Mark Your Calendars!

April 27th - “Spring Has Sprung” Prize Ride

Enjoy a great trail ride and see spring in all its glory. Trillium, bleeding heart and all the forest plants in that special “new” green of Spring. And possibly win a prize! We will have over \$450 in various gift cards for prizes.

Pre-registration and payment is required on our web site:

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/2024-spring-prize-ride-registration-form.html>



During Covid people had to pre-register and winners received their prize (gift cards) when they checked in. This enabled people to ride and then leave promptly. People liked it that they did not have to wait around for the prize distribution. We have continued this process, so the April "Spring Has Sprung" event will require pre-registration and the prizes will be gift cards.

Raffle ticket cost is \$25.00 for three tickets or \$10 for one ticket.

Ride times will be scheduled in designated time periods that space people out. Riders are asked to return to the registration area to let us know you arrived back.

No dogs, stallions, carts or ponying of rider-less horses allowed.



August 3rd – Equine & Vines

For the August Equine & Vines, we will have two prize opportunities. Those who pre-register will be entered into a gift card raffle processed the night before the event. They will still receive their prize at check in so that if they want to ride and then head for home, they can.



Those who register the day of the Equine & Vines event will participate in a second raffle that will be held the day of the event. Those who pre-register will also be entered into this raffle. However, winners must be present to win for this "day of" raffle. This raffle will include both gift cards and other prizes such as gift baskets, merchandise, etc.

Raffle tickets cost \$25 for three, \$10 for one.

To pre-register go to:

<https://www.lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org/2024-equine--vines-prize-ride-registration-form.html>

Ride times will be scheduled in designated time periods that space people out. Riders will then have a wonderful trail ride along a marked trail with trail markers always on your right. Riders will return to the registration area to let us know you arrived back. Wine will be served beginning at around noon for \$5 a glass.

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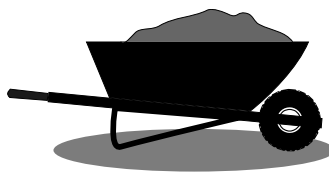
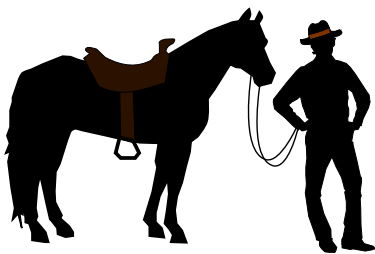
Volunteer Opportunities

Get an early start on your volunteer hours. We have some great volunteer opportunities coming up.

On **April 20th** the Bridle Trails Park Foundation will host their annual **Earth Day** work party. Get volunteer hours while working to control invasive species in the park. For more information go to <https://www.bridletrails.org/earth-day-2024>



This spring we are going to start working to improve the **trail obstacles at Acheson**. We will start by refurbishing the existing obstacles. Then we have plans to add some new obstacles. We plan to have a work party soon to get started on this project. Stay tuned for more details. If you would like to participate in this work party, contact saddler@lakewashingtonsaddleclub.org.



We can't run any of our events without our wonderful volunteers. So check out our upcoming schedule and contact the event manager to volunteer. Remember, to be eligible for **LWSC annual awards**, members must volunteer for at least 8 hours in club activities.



LWSC Members Competing in the IEA

Riding your own horse at shows is pretty fun, but what many youth members have found just as fun is getting to show all kinds of new mounts. Lake Washington Saddle Club is home to many young riders, who also enjoy riding through the Interscholastic Equestrian Association. From middle school walk-trot, all the way to High School 2'6", riders can compete in a draw-style show setting. IEA takes great poise, skill, and horsemanship as you never know what kind of horse you might draw.



Rachel Franz, Lilah Kennedy, Maggie Reese

Young LWSC riders have been able to show off their impressive riding abilities throughout the 2023-2024 season, with many qualifying all the way through regional, zone and now National competition located in Tryon, North Carolina. In late April, high school LWSC members, Rachel Flanagan, Gabby Frederick, and Braelyn Webb from Sharkey Farm, with Lilah Kennedy from Glory Days Equestrian, will compete with other riders nationwide (Braelyn will compete in the Varsity Open Championship for her consistently high placings throughout her season). Ciel Hollywood, Stella Lee, Nora Burdick, and Quinn Henderson from Sharkey Farm, along with Rachel Franz, and Maggie Reese from Glory Days Equestrian will represent Middle School.



Braelyn Webb

While many LWSC riders compete in hunt seat competition, IEA proudly offers dressage and western disciplines. One LWSC member, Ava Jensen, will be competing at Tryon in Dressage seat equitation for high school. Ava represents Creidmount Saddle club.



Ava Jensen

We would like to extend a big congratulations to our LWSC IEA riders representing our zone in Tryon, we applaud all their participation and dedication.



Calendar of Events

April

- 20 BTPF Stewardship Day/ Earth Day
- 27 LWSC "Spring Has Sprung" Prize Ride

May

- 25 LWSC English/Western Show
- 26 LWSC Dressage Schooling Show
- 31 LWSC Members only jumper schooling (5pm)

June

- 1-2 LWSC Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show
- 22 BTPF Horseshoes and Habitats
- 23 LWSC Dressage Schooling Show

July

- 13 LWSC English/Western Fun Show
- 14 LWSC Dressage Schooling Show
- 26 LWSC Members only jumper schooling (5pm)
- 27-28 LWSC Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show

August

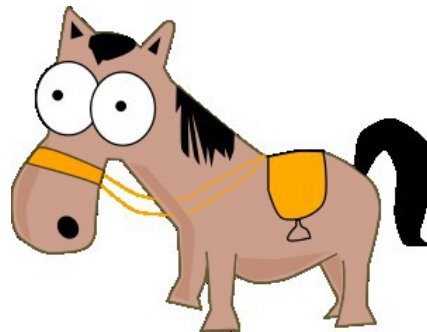
- 3 LWSC Equine & Vines Prize Ride
- 23 LWSC Members only jumper schooling (5pm)
- 24-25 LWSC Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show

September

- 7 LWSC English/Western Show
- 8 LWSC Dressage Schooling Show
- 20 LWSC Members only jumper schooling (5pm)
- 21-22 LWSC Hunter/Jumper Schooling Show
- 28 BTPF Stewardship Day/ National Parks Day

Save the Date

The Bridle Trails Park Foundation's annual celebration of Bridle Trails State Park will be held on **June 22nd**. This year's theme will be Horseshoes & Habitats. For more information go to <https://www.bridletrails.org/horseshoes-habitats-experience-bridle-trails>. And yes, there will be **pony rides!**



Bridle Trails Learning Center Update

The Bridle Trails Park Foundation is working to develop a learning center in Bridle Trails State Park. The LWSC is coordinating with the BTPF to ensure that this center will be a great space for equestrian education. For more information on this exciting project check out the following links:

<https://www.bridletrails.org/education#eec>

<https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/projects/bridle-trails-state-park-land-classification-update-environmental-education-classroom>

