

## Southwest Mentor Report – 11/11/07

Summer and early fall in our southwest region was dominated by the dry weather and the short supply of hay and poor pastures. But on the plus side, our trails are the best we've ever seen.

Probably the biggest OHC news in the southwest for 2007 was the establishment of a new chapter, Adams County. They have done great, with a good-sized membership and a team of officers that stepped forward to lead the club. One of their success secrets was to draw on the well-established 4-H network in their area. The kids in 4-H were having a good time with their horses, so why shouldn't their moms, dads, and grandparents! OHC stepped right in.

Other worthy southwest news: Butler County led the effort to get horse trails put into Sebald Park, which is part of the County Park's system. A special thanks to Kathy McClure and husband Steve for spearheading the effort and working closely with Park officials.

Congratulations to Doug Adams, Preble County president, for receiving the Gibby Award for 2007. For the past several years, Doug has led the effort at improving the horsecamp and trails at Hueston Woods.

Highland County has a new website up and running. Montgomery County hosted another successful regional ride at Sycamore State Park, and the Southwest continues to lead the state in number of State Rides with 4: Greene, Pike, Clermont, and Preble.

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