

The OHC Booth at Equine Affaire – April 2-5, 2009

What: OHC has a large “L” shaped booth that features our “OHC Trail.” The booth is a wonderful vehicle to promote OHC and the liability insurance. It also provides an opportunity to get a wide variety of information out to the public.

Where: Ohio Expo Center (aka State Fairgrounds), Columbus, OH
NW Corner of the Breed Pavilion in the Voinovich Center.

Who: We need **YOU** to volunteer. With your help, it's really possible!

How to help: **JOIN THE PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

Sunday DECEMBER 7th is the first planning meeting.

Flying J Truck Stop (Interstate 71 and Routes 36/37)

Come buy your lunch at Noon. The Meeting is at 1 PM.

We hope to have all of our committee members back this year.

We also welcome fresh faces and fresh ideas. Join us!

HELP SET UP – Wednesday, April 1st at Noon. Help create the booth!

GREET the VISITORS – Thurs. through Sun., April 2nd – 5th. Come greet the visitors for a couple of hours – we need you! You'll enjoy talking horses, trails, parks, and definitely OHC. It's fun!

TEAR DOWN – Sunday April 5th at 5 PM. Your help makes it speedy!

Volunteers: Email the

Judy Preston or Linda Waites will get you signed up. Be sure to give your Phone Numbers & Email address, OHC Region and Chapter, days & times that you will volunteer. Or you may phone or email Linda Weese (info below).

Chapter Books: There are a few books to be picked up today. Please update your Chapter Books and bring them to the State Meeting in March. For Info contact Donna Potteiger, or call (740) 965-4563.

2009 Booth Highlights: Our '09 main focus will be Bridle Trails and information on the beautiful trail riding opportunities in Ohio. In addition, we will also offer educational information regarding camping with horses, safety issues, and riding and maintaining the Ohio Bridle Trails in a responsible manner.

Photos are needed to print: We need lovely SCENIC digital photos that are “in focus” and of good quality that can be enlarged and printed to 16x20 and/or 8x10 size for display in the booth. We want photos of beautiful spots that you see while trail riding in all regions of Ohio. Hopefully we'll have the funds to select and print a limited number of these photos. We will also need your help gathering information regarding those parks and trails (brochures, maps, etc.) to handout to booth visitors.

Email your digital scenic photos to: Jack Weese at . Please indicate the location of the photo (name of park, trail, area, overlook, lake, etc.)

For more information: Linda Weese, OHC Equine Affaire Booth Chair,
, Home (440) 234-9668, Cell (216) 319-2252

RE: 2009 EQUINE AFFAIRE and your CHAPTER BOOKS

ATTENTION: COUNTY PRESIDENTS

Again this year we will be displaying your County Chapter Books at the 2009 Equine Affaire. For those who did not see this fine display in 2008, it was a big success. The public was very interested in what the counties had to display. Some folks were disappointed when they wanted to check out a particular county chapter and there wasn't a book available for them to see. Let's make an effort to have 100% of our Chapter Books there in 2009.

The requirements for the books are:

1 inch WHITE BINDER (end of book measures about 1.5 inches).

Plastic covered for map on front and county name on end.

List of officers

Contact names, numbers and/or email addresses

Pictures, pictures, pictures (most comments made by the public were what they could see your chapters doing in the photos).

You may add your own personalized touches to the inside of the binder; however I will be responsible for county name on end of binder and front of binder with state map with your county highlighted. (so that all of the books are uniform).

Some suggestions to place inside the book are what your county offers, events you have done this past year, flyers for events you may have planned for 2009.

Counties should have their books brought to the State Meeting in March of 2009. If you do not plan to attend, contact your regional representative for delivery of your county book. There will be a sign out again this year for release of the books back to the County, so we know who's responsible for bringing back your chapter book. So please make sure your chapter has an assigned person to collect the book after Equine Affaire is over on Sunday.

If you want it mailed back to you, please include a self-addressed, prepaid envelope (average cost is \$5-\$6 per book) when you bring the book to the State Meeting in March.

You may contact me with further questions.

Please call (740) 965-4563 or email me at bpotteiger@embarqmail.com.

Looking forward to viewing your books.

Donna Potteiger --- Equine Affaire Committee