

Idaho Horse Council Youth Program Fund

Education:

The education process will be two fold;

1. To reach youth that are interested in obtaining a horse but don't know how or what the commitment is
2. To inform the current owner as to all the various avenues open to them in the equine world

By collaborating with area trainers, farriers, veterinarians, tack store owners, breed organizations

By reaching out through various mediums to bring these youth and their parents together at facilities throughout the state. Activities that will engage youth and their families in hands on programs that build confidence and encourage responsibility.

This will be a starting place for these families and provide them with the knowledge of how to proceed and with what discipline they are interested in.

The IHC will need to rent area facilities in appropriate size to accommodate these activities.

Promotion;

Produce and assimilate current information in all areas of the equine lifestyle in Idaho. The annual Idaho Horse Expo held each year on the 3rd weekend in April at the Idaho Horse Park in Nampa is a great place to promote and introduce these programs through seminars, social media, booths and further promote our youth.

The IHC is the only organization in the state that represents all breed and disciplines so is in a unique position to promote the equine industry.

Youth Development:

By assisting all of the various youth organizations throughout the state we can allow youth to find their passion and to be able to resist negative peer pressure by offering a positive learning environment.

By using equine as a catalyst, research has found by involving these youth and families in an equine program, their maturity, responsibility level and work ethic are enhanced.



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Representing the Idaho Horse Industry

The Idaho Horse Council has, for 40 years, worked to protect and promote the horse industry. Up to 26 different clubs have belonged to the IHC over the years to further the common interest of the horse industry. The IHC serves as spokesman of the industry to governmental and regulating bodies. We have worked with horsemen, veterinarians and the Department of Agriculture to develop rules for the potentially devastating disease of EVA, which was diagnosed in the Twin Falls area recently. Our committee member's travel at their own expense often times taking off of work or sacrificing vacation plans.

The IHC encourages its Directors and members to attend planning and zoning meetings all over the state to protect property rights with regard to horses. We testified to keep trails open to horses in Eagle Island State Park. In one of the last proposed plans, horses were phased out. After the Horse Councils testimony, horses and horse trails are alive and well at Eagle Island State Park.

We maintain a permanent office and staff all to answer questions and supply an informational resource to horsemen, business's and governmental agencies. We have put on, through largely volunteer effort, one of the largest equine "Expo's" in the northwest... introducing horsemen and non-horsemen to the latest clinicians, events and related gear, etc. All of the monies go back into the horse industry for promotion and protection.

We affect legislation on a state and national level as it relates to equine health, promotion (creation of the Idaho Horse Board) and protection of trails, racing and a multitude of horse related issues.

We have supported the funding of a horse census, which is vital informational resource for legislative bodies, businesses and promotional events. We helped pass the Equine Activity Immunity Act in Idaho, helping to mitigate the liability of horse owners and users.

The Idaho Horse Council provides 3 - \$1,500.00 scholarships to three Idaho students who have been active within some area of the equine industry.

We constantly work for your "right to ride"... The IHC is always alarmed about the decline of open spaces in which to keep and enjoy our horses in light of rapid urbanization in Idaho. We, and all of our members, recognize that we must protect our historical heritage and traditions. We believe horses enhance the quality of life in our communities and we believe horses contribute to our state's scenic beauty as well as its economy.

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IDAHO HORSE COUNCIL Membership Form

\$ _____ **Organizational Membership**

A list with name & address for each member should be submitted by email if possible..
1 through 25 members - \$50 minimum
25 through 250 members - \$2 per member (\$500 maximum membership fee)

\$ _____ **Business/Associate Member**
\$50 Membership fee

\$ _____ **Individual & Family Membership**
\$30 Membership fee

Name /Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

e-mail: _____

President/Contact: _____

Number of members in organization: _____

Please mail this completed form to:

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IDAHO HORSE COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- Further the common interest of the Idaho Horse Industry.
- Promote horse related activities and programs.
- Serve as spokesperson and communicate within and outside the industry.
- Protect and support programs for the natural and environmental resources vital to the horse industry.
- Promote the highest standards of sportsmanship for the use of the horse as a source of healthful recreation and welfare of Idaho residents.
- Support and develop programs and activities, which enhance the marketing of horses.
- Encourage the humane and appropriate treatment vital to the horses best welfare.
- Serve as an advisory body to the University of Idaho, College of Agriculture and the Idaho Department of Agriculture regarding the horse industry and related horse activities and programs.



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ACTIVITIES OF THE IDAHO HORSE COUNCIL

HISTORY

The Idaho Horse Council was organized in 1975 as a united front to represent the many horse groups, individual horse owners, and members of the related industry. Charter members understood that as horse ownership and use increased so did administrative and legislative regulations involving traveling, trail use, zoning, health standards, tax status, and access to state and federal land. It was realized that horsemen working together present a united and informed organization. With this in mind the Idaho Horse Council is able to provide a significant influence on the decision makers of our state.

The I.H.C. is a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Idaho and an active member of the American Horse Council.



THE PURPOSE

The purpose of the council is to promote every type of horse activity, to be its official voice in Idaho, to monitor legislation affecting horse activity, and to act as an information resource for horse owners and regulating bodies. The I.H.C. also acts to correlate the many restrictions and regulations declared by federal and state agencies.



THE NEWSLETTER

The I.H.C. distributes a newsletter to the membership through E-mail and Web Site with pertinent information.



LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

The Idaho Horse Council has been instrumental in bringing about legislative modification involving animal welfare, including brand issues and animal abandonment, liability insurance, racing and trails.

The Idaho Horse Council successfully lobbied to create an Equine Activity Immunity Act and an equine education account. Pari-mutual funds deposited to the public school account from the Idaho State Racing Commission are to go to the public school fund.

IDAHO HORSE EXPO

The premier equine exposition in Idaho is sponsored by the I.H.C. each year. It is the greatest presentation of the horse industry to the citizens of Idaho and surrounding states. The Horse Expo offers something for everyone; a large showing of the 27 equine breeds represented in Idaho, educational seminars, trade show exhibits, arena demonstrations, celebrity guests, art displays, Extreme Cowboy Race and the very popular "Stallions On Parade"

with stallions of various breeds performing to music and the amazing Private Treaty Horse Sale.



COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Starting in the year 2000, the Idaho Horse Council began offering three, \$1,000 scholarships for upper level education to graduates of Idaho High Schools. The funds are generated through several activities that occur at the Horse Expo.



HORSE CENSUS

In 1988 the Idaho Horse Council commissioned the University of Idaho to conduct and publish a horse census and economic impact statement. Survey findings published in the 1991 Idaho Agricultural Statistics magazine show just under one billion dollars spent in Idaho on horses, capital equipment, facilities, travel equipment, and related expenses: including farriers, hay, grain, veterinarians, training, insurance, and advertising. A 2010 study to determine the size of the equine industry in Idaho was conducted by the Social Science Research Unit at the University of Idaho and funded by the Idaho Horse Council and the Idaho Horse Board. Idaho has an estimated 210,000 equine, including riding horses, draft horses, ponies, miniature horses, donkey, mules, wild horses and other equine.

Equine owners paid over \$48 million in salaries to full and part time workers for the care and training of their equine, and a total of \$1.6 billion in assets related to their equine, including the value of the equine, barns, and equipment. Over 4 million acres in Idaho are devoted to the use and care of equine.



INFORMATION WEB SITE

Information about the Idaho Horse Council, the horse industry in Idaho, legislation affecting horse owners and organizations and clubs throughout Idaho can now be found at www.idahohorsecouncil.com and idahohorsecouncil@yahoo.com and Idaho Horse Council Facebook. Come visit our site and get connected to everything horse-y in Idaho.

