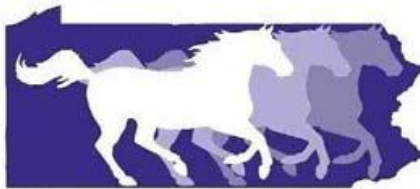


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**I think we are all tired of winter.**

## PEC NETWORKING FOR YOU!

Thank you for all the responses to the Pennsylvania Equine Council Horse Industry Survey. The PEC is committed to serving the equine community. The answers you provided will help us customize our communication to meet your needs as a Pennsylvania horse owner.

Your voice has been heard. The PEC looks forward to serving you in the future.

### 2017 Membership Campaign

*It will soon be time to renew your PEC Membership, your voice counts, stay connected and informed about the horse industry in Pennsylvania. Please fill in your membership application completely with all the information required. This will help insure that your information is correct and helps the membership volunteer to save time by not flipping screens to look for your information. If you are paying for someone*

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else, please be sure it is clear who the member is. Thank you for your membership in PEC.

Desi Phillips, Membership Chair

## HORSE WORLD EXPO MARCH 4-7, 2017 FARM SHOW COMPLEX, HARRISBURG, PA



Get out of the shadow of winter! Light up your Horse World. Visit the Pennsylvania Equine Council at Horse World Expo 2017. Come see what our volunteers are doing for the horse industry. Get the latest info on shows, trails, management and more.

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## Equine Learning Center



### Upcoming Events...

#### January 21, 2017

PEC Board Meeting  
Farm Show Complex  
11:00am. Conference call will be available.

#### 15th Annual Pennsylvania Horse World Expo

#### March 2-5, 2017

Harrisburg Farm Show  
Complex

#### 2-Day Packing Clinic May 20th & 21st, 2017

Clarion County; for more info and registration contact Gwen Wills at 814-379-3759 or gwills52@gmail.com

#### 2017 Trail Steward Workshops

July 17-19th and  
July 20th - 22nd  
State College, PA  
For more information contact Gwen Wills at 814-379-3759 or gwills52@gmail.com

### 2017 Meeting Dates

#### Saturday, January 21

11:00

Farm Show Administrative  
Office Conference Room

#### Saturday, March 11

11:00

Hoss's Steak House,  
Atherton Ave., State  
College

#### Saturday, May 13 11:00

Farm Show Administrative

Office Conference Room

**Tuesday, August 15 5:30**

Ag Progress Days, Blue Building next to arena at top of hill

**Friday and Saturday, November 3-4**

**ANNUAL MEETING AND ISSUES FORUM**

Super 8 Motel, Atherton Avenue, State College  
Details to follow

Mike Kraft and his beautiful appaloosa, "Gracie", make dreams come true for horse lovers. The public has a hands on approach to the horses that are a part of the Equine Learning Center. This photo was taken at Bloomsburg Fair.

## Trail Riders News



# Attention:

## Hikers, Bikers, Skiers and Horseback Riders!

The Pennsylvania Equine Council  
**PRESENTS A FREE**  
**1-DAY TRAIL STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP**  
WITH BUD AND GWEN WILLS  
**Saturday, February 18, 2017**  
**8:00 AM-4:00 PM**



Protect your home or business.  
Purchase your signs today.  
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### WARNING

You assume the risk of equine activities pursuant to Pennsylvania Law.



### Free Trail Workshop

**What better way to spend a cold February day than with fellow trail riding enthusiasts.** If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of Bud and Gwen Wills' trail stewardship workshops you won't want to miss this one. The workshop is filled with fascinating twists and turns, what we all like to refer to as "Bud-isms" and an introduction to classic forestry equipment that you will want to add to next year's Christmas list.

Trail riding is topping the horse industry and it is up to each one of us to learn what goes into making a sustainable trail. After attending this workshop you will want to apply all your knowledge to your favorite trail systems.

If the February workshop fits your schedule please read further details below or [CLICK HERE for a printable registration form](#)

**WHAT:** A chance to learn how to build, maintain and utilize non-motorized sustainable trails within State Parks & Forests and private trail ways within the region.

**WHY:** Pennsylvania State land management agencies have contacted the PA Equine Council requesting assistance in maintaining non-motorized shared-use trails. These agencies are reluctant to accept volunteers who have not had





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education. With our assistance, trails and access to these trails can be developed & maintained. Otherwise, use of these trails will be severely restricted or possibly eliminated.

**WHERE:** South Mountain Armory, 10025 South Mountain Road, Fayetteville PA 17222

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** All outdoor enthusiasts (particularly hikers, bikers, mountain-bikers, skiers and equestrians) concerned about the future of (and access to) recreational public lands.

**WORKSHOP CONTENT:** Trail layout, construction, maintenance techniques, tools and their proper usage, and an introduction to Leave no Trace Skills, and the Ride Smart concept.

**COST: FREE!!** Light snacks and refreshments will be provided, please bring a bag lunch.

**DIRECTIONS:**

From the East - Rt. 30 at Caledonia State park. Turn left onto Rt. 233 South.

From the West - Rt. 30 at Caledonia State park turn right onto Rt. 233 South.

Go 4.2 miles on Rt. 233. At the stop sign, turn left onto South Mountain Road.

Go .4 mile Armory is on the left side of the road.

For more information, contact: Pat Rollins

REGISTRATION FORM - TRAIL STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP

Complete and mail by February 8, 2017 to: Pat Rollins 815 Goetz Road, Fayetteville, PA 17222

Or send as an attachment to: [smtrevents@gmail.com](mailto:smtrevents@gmail.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Trusty mules help pack in materials for PEC members, Parks and Recreation officers and volunteers for repairs on a portion of the Black Gap Trail in Bald Eagle State Forest. The trail will be a

shared use trail  
when it is  
complete.



Feeding an abundance of good quality hay is the best thing you can do for your horse in the winter months

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### Writing Manure Management Plans

**In Pennsylvania,  
there is increased  
emphasis on farm  
and nutrient  
management  
practices on  
equine operations  
due to expansion  
of environmental  
regulations.**

Of the 31,000 operations which house horses in Pennsylvania, 23,250 are non-commercial operations and over 75

## Horses To Be Well-Represented In Presidential Inauguration Parade



Twenty-five percent of the nearly 40 organizations that will take part in the Presidential Inauguration Parade will include horses.

On January 20<sup>th</sup>, the transfer of power in Washington, DC officially begins with the traditional Inaugural Parade. Over 3,000 organizations applied to march in the parade, with only 40 being selected. Of those 40, nine of them are equine organizations.

“We are pleased to see the equine community being well represented during the Inaugural Parade,” said American Horse Council President Julie Broadway. “Equines were an integral part of the foundation of the United States, and Presidents throughout history have appreciated and admired the grandeur of the horse.”

The most recognized equines in the parade will be the Caisson Platoon from Fort Myer, VA. In addition to their well-known, solemn duty of military funerals, the Caisson Platoon also participates in numerous historic processions performed by the Old Guard, as well as the notable honor of being included in Presidential Inaugural Parades.

The Michigan Multi-Jurisdiction Mounted Police Drill Team & Color Guard, from Ann Arbor, MI,

percent are on limited acreage, requiring intensive management. Horse farm operations have not been eligible for cost-share funding in the past and have not been regulated directly. Equine operations now fall under Act 38, Pennsylvania Nutrient Management regulations. Concentrated animal operations with over 8 AEU's per acre now need a nutrient management plan. However, farms with fewer than 8 Animal Equivalent Units (AEUs) are not regulated under the Nutrient Management Act. Operations with fewer than 8 AEU's frequently have fewer acres per animal unit and have the potential to pose a significant environmental risk. Under the recently revised DEP manure management regulations, all livestock operations that generate manure are required to have a manure management plan for their farm.

Managers of equine operations frequently do not have agricultural backgrounds and often need assistance in developing farm management plans. Therefore a two part educational program has been developed to help farm managers prepare their manure management plan. The program also provides practical information on best management practices that will help farm owners develop the

will be participating in the Inaugural Parade for the third time. The Michigan Horse Council (MHC) will also be well represented, as MHC President Col. Don Packard, US Army Retired, will carry the MHC flag in the parade. This is also the first time a person not a member of mounted law enforcement has ridden with the group. "We are excited to be coming to Washington, DC," said Col. Packard. "There are 23 riders in this group, and they are bringing along a support staff of another 20 people who are also honored to be a part of such a historic event."

The 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard of Ft. Riley, KS will also be participating in this year's Inaugural Parade. Established in 1992, the Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard (CMCG) provides a link to Fort Riley's historic past. Troopers and horses of this unit are outfitted in the uniforms, accessories and equipment of the Civil War period. From privates to officers, these men and women recreate American Horse Soldier at community events, parades, and official ceremonies. At the AHC's recent Coalition of State Horse Council's Fall meeting in October, the CMCG did a demonstration for meeting attendees at Kansas State University and then a short meet/greet with Q&A about their program.

The AHC looks forward to seeing all of the equestrian organizations with the distinct honor of participating in the parade.

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World you like to get reliable updates on equine disease outbreaks before you travel? Every week there are reports of equine disease Alerts. You can get these alerts sent right to your email. Go to Equine Disease Communication Center web page and sign up today to get the information you need to plan your movements. Also there is a wealth of other information relating to Equine Disease and Vaccination, Biosecurity, State Veterinary Offices and much more. (<http://www.equinediseasecc.org> )

**WHAT IS EDCC**

The Equine Disease Communication Center (EDCC) works to protect horses and the horse industry from the threat of infectious diseases in North America. The communication system is designed to seek and report real time information about disease outbreaks similar to how the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) alerts the human population about diseases in people.

The goal of the EDCC is to alert the horse industry about disease outbreak information to help mitigate and prevent the spread of disease. Ultimately frequent and accurate information about diseases outbreaks improves horse welfare and helps to prevent negative economic impact that can result from decreased horse use due to a fear of spreading infection. As part of the National Equine Health Plan, the EDCC will serve as part of the communication to help educate and promote research about endemic and foreign disease.





knowledge and skills necessary to adopt environmentally sound farm management practices.

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