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## **RIDE WISCONSIN**

### **2017 TRAIL RIDING / DRIVING AWARD PROGRAM**

The Wisconsin Horse Council (WHC) Trails Committee sponsors a trail riding / driving program to reward equestrians for enjoying trail riding throughout the year. The intention of the program is to ride and enjoy the many trails in Wisconsin and throughout the country.

#### **Program Guidelines**

1) Ride Wisconsin is open to anyone, including non-Wisconsin residents, who are members of Wisconsin Horse Council.

If not currently a member, sign up when applying for the Ride Wisconsin program. Application forms and log sheets are available at [www.wisconsinstatehorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinstatehorsecouncil.org), can be emailed in a Word or Adobe Acrobat format, or mailed to participants.

2) Participation in the program is easy and based on hours spent trail riding or driving. The program provides equal opportunity for all participants regardless of riding/driving speed.

3) Logging of hours begins the date the application and paid fees have been received at the Wisconsin Horse Council office and current membership is confirmed. Hours cannot be logged retrospectively.

4) Hours ridden/driven must be logged on a Wisconsin Horse Council official program form.

Log sheets are available at [www.wisconsinstatehorsecouncil.org](http://www.wisconsinstatehorsecouncil.org), can be emailed in a Word or Adobe Acrobat format, or mailed to participants. Additional copies may be printed by participants as needed.

5) Hours logged are for the rider, not the horse or mule. Multiple horses or mules can be ridden/driven, and participants do not need to own the animal

6) The purpose of the Ride Wisconsin program is to encourage and reward riders for experiencing trail riding. Hours may be accumulated any time participants trail ride or drive anywhere, including out-of-state. Activity needs to be classified as "trail-type" riding/driving.

\*Clarification: Hours can include riding/driving on public trails, along roads or in fields. Hours **may not** include riding in an arena or round pen either indoors or outdoors, schooling or training for any type of show or participation in trail challenge competitions. Competitive distance and endurance riders are eligible, and may include hours logged while competing as long as you are on trails.

If in doubt contact the Program Manager.

7) Ride Wisconsin is based on the honor system. No proof of hours is required. Any person knowingly falsifying information will automatically be disqualified. No refund of program fees will be issued and future enrollment requests will be denied.

8) Completed log sheets should be submitted to the Wisconsin Horse Council office January 1 of the following year. All log sheets need to be received by January 31 of the following year to qualify.

9) Hours are cumulative from year to year. Awards or recognition will be given at the following milestones: 75, 100, 150, 250, 500, 750, 1000, 1250, 1500, 1750, 2000, 2250, 2500, 3000, 4000 and 5000 hours.

**NEW FOR 2017 – Hours you spend working on trails may be counted on your log sheet! Contact an officer from the organization that maintains the trail system for a signature on your trail work sheet. There is no limit to the number of hours you may work on trails.**

\*Suggestions for trail work will be posted on the website

### **Awards**

1) Hour milestone awards will be awarded during Midwest Horse Fair the following April, or per the recipient's request, awards maybe mailed.

- All Level 1500-hour participants need to receive their award in person.

2) Names of milestone achievers may be used in various WHC promotional materials. Pictures may also be featured when available.

### **Cost**

1) Ride Wisconsin fees are \$10 per year, per participant.

2) Ride Wisconsin fees are intended to cover the cost of the program only. This is not a fundraiser for the WHC.

**Join today and begin accumulating hours to earn recognition.**

Questions or comments:

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