

The EVENTER

June 2023



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San Martin Horsemen's Association



Serving Our Community & Promoting Horses & Horsemanship

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Happy June!

The General Meeting this month will be at 7pm on Wednesday 21st at Saddles and Treasures. A very interesting speaker, Darren Hawks will be presenting the sport of Working Equitation. Based on ranching skills, the sport has 3 or 4 phases: Dressage, obstacles, obstacles at speed and at some shows a cattle-working phase. A way to expand your skills whether you come from dressage or a western background.

This month on June 17th we will have our first Play Day of the year, and it will include a Desensitization Clinic for horses and riders planning to enter the July 4th parade.

MORGAN HILL 4TH OF JULY PARADE

SMHA has done very well in the past and we want to live up to our reputation. The theme for this year's parade is "A Star Spangled Celebration". We need riders and anyone who has ponies, minis, donkeys, etc. to lead- with or without kids aboard. We have plenty of decorations for all size equines. Participants need to wear dark blue jeans, dark boots, white long sleeve shirt and light color straw hat. We have sparkly hat bands, wrist bands, neck scarfs, saddle pads, and lots of goodies to decorate horse and rider.

If you are not sure how your horse will do in a parade, we strongly suggest that you come to the clinic coming up, June 17 to work on parade desensitizing.

- There will also be a walker in the parade for every 2 horses, so there will be someone to help out if a horse gets excited.
- We need the following people:
- riders (at least 10 would be great) Please tell us the size of your horse trailer.
- little equines & their handlers
- horse walkers
- help decorate the horses
- someone to make sure everyone signs a release form
- bring donuts, rolls or? , coffee, hot chocolate

Please respond even if you are not entirely sure at this point but are interested.

This is our chance to shine before our local community – let's WOW them!

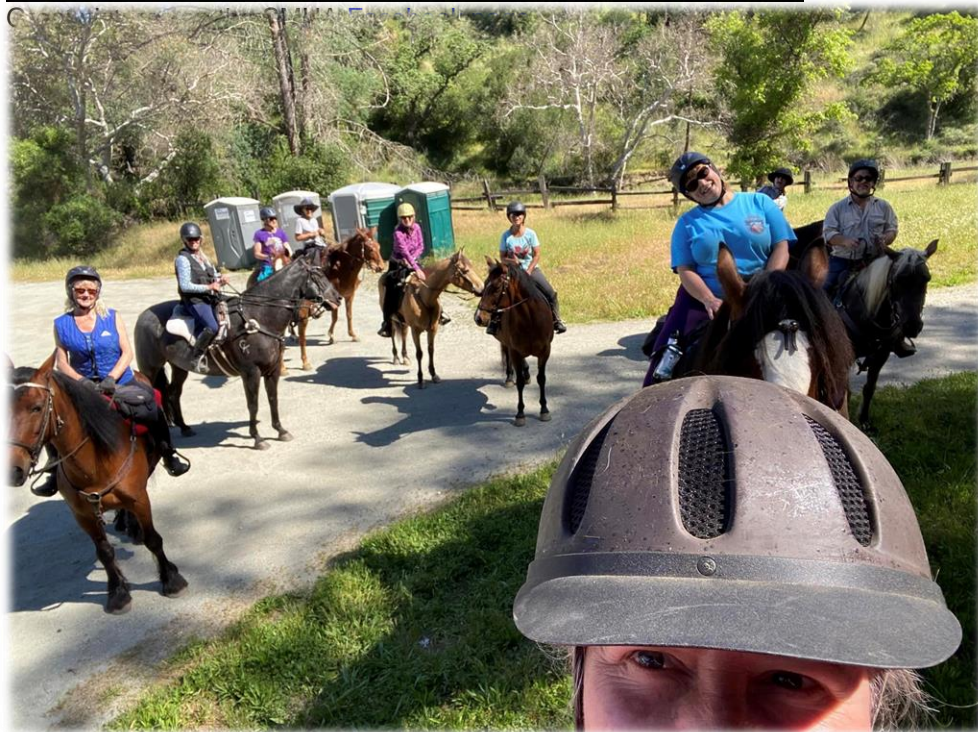
The 2023 Membership form is [here](#)

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Feel free to contact Board Members directly, or at news@smhorse.org – we look forward to hearing your ideas and having your input!

CLUB RIDE at Henry Coe SP Hunting Hollow Entrance May 13th



Very impressive selfie game from Toni, got the whole group and all the porta-potties in one shot.

A fine view down Hunting Hollow from the Jim Donnelly trail.



Mane Stays & Events

2023 CALENDAR

June

- 14 Board Meeting
- 17 **Trail Obstacle & Parade**
Desensitization Clinic
- 21 **General Meeting**

July

- 4 **JULY 4th PARADE, MORGAN HILL**
- 14-16 **How To Horse Camp, SMHA**
Campout & Chilli Cook Off at
Henry Cowell
- 19 Board Meeting
- 26 **General Meeting**

August

- 6 **Club Ride - Calero**
- 16 Board Meeting
- 23 **General Meeting**
- 27 **DESENSITIZATION CLINIC with**
BIKES etc.

September

- 9 **Club Ride – Top of Mt Madonna**
County Park
- 20 Board Meeting
- 23 **TRAIL OBSTACLE PLAY DAY**
- 27 **General Meeting**

October

- 7 **TRAILER BACKING - CLINIC**
- 15 **Club Ride – Ed Levin County**
Park
- 18 Board Meeting
- 25 **General Meeting**

November

- 4 **HALLOWEEN POKER RIDE**
- 15 Board Meeting
- 18 **Club Ride – Bottom of Mt.**
Madonna County Park, Sprig Lake

December

- 13 **HOLIDAY PARTY, General**
Meeting
- 16 **Horse Ride & Caroling – Harvey**
Bear County Park

Join SMHA for fun events held thru-out the year!

Have new ideas of things to do or places to ride? Let SMHA know! We LOVE your ideas!!

Hot topic: May General Meeting–

Upcoming Play Day, July 4th Parade, July Camping Trip.

The Play Day is a great chance to work with your horse in the morning practice then see how they do in the competition. We can always use volunteers, news@smhorse.org

The July 4th parade we always need riders, walkers and decorators, see the first page.

July Camping trip has two parts:

A free How to Horse Camp clinic on the Saturday.

Members campout trip on Friday 7/14 through
Sunday 16th

San Martin Horsemen's Association Trailer Tech Clinic 5/7/23

Great turnout for our trailer tech session. People changed to LED lights, learned how to change a tire, learned how to grease the wheel bearings, fixed doors, latches, checked floor boards, added load lights, added fans, added backup cameras and fixed faulty wiring. Huge THANK YOU to our Instructors Scott Cochran, Bill Rimassa, Pat Olsen and Gary Luke. Also their helpers Robbie Cochran, Brady Luke and Ryan Luke.



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San Martin Horsemen's Play Day Ranch Trail Competition

Saturday June 17th 2023

Registration starts at 8:00am

Practice the course from 9:00 – 11:00

The practice session is important for you and your horse, whether riding or in-hand. It's almost the best part of the day. Don't miss it!

Competition starts at 11:30am

\$40 – member, \$50 – non-member

\$25 age 15 & under

\$5 Discount for early registration

online: use coupon code SMHA5off

Divisions:

Division 1: age 15 & under, Novice & Open

Division 2: age 16 & over, Novice & Open

Judging

Points for Horsemanship, Safety and a calm horse

Ribbons in each division

Come join us for a day of fun on horseback.
The event will be held at the Blomquist Arena:
8885 Guibal Ave. Gilroy.

Directions: Take New Ave. to Roop Road and go west on Roop. Then go straight, do not turn on Guibal, and you will pull all the way to the back of the property, where there is plenty of parking.

Please register online at

<https://form.jotform.com/231427420853149>

Obstacles to include:

Bridge
Rope Gate
Belly Tickler
Trash Can
Reverse Z Turn
Push the Barrel
Bottle Pit
Picnic Table
Cowboy Car Wash
Spider
Around the World
PLUS SOME SURPRISES



Rider # _____ Office
use only

San Martin Horsemen's Association

Play Day: Ranch Trail Competition June 17th, 2023

Registration Form

Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/231427420853149>

Name		Phone	
Address			e-mail
City	State	Zip	
Check One:		CURRENT SMHA Member (take your discount below)	
		Not a SMHA member	

** Sign Release of Liability on back
***Parent must sign for minors (under 18)

CLASS	
Novice	
Open	

Adult (16 & older)	\$50	
Or Junior (15 & under)	\$25	
CA Drug Fee	\$8	
SMHA Member	-\$10	
Pre-registration (postmarked by June 12 th)	-\$5	
Total amount Enclosed		

Registration: begins @ 8:00 am
Practice Obstacles 9:00 am – 11:00 pm
Competition starts 11:30 pm
Ribbons following Competition!!

Directions to Blomquist Arena
 Take New Ave. to Roop Road and go west on Roop. Then go straight, do not turn on Guibal, and you will pull all the way to the back of the property, where there is plenty of parking

Minors must be with a responsible adult at the event
 Minors may not ride stallions
 Novice cannot have placed in open competition

Mail registration & signed release forms to: SMHA
 P.O. Box 275
 San Martin, CA 95046

Pre-registration not required, but to receive the discount forms must be postmarked by June 12th or if using jotform use coupon code SMHA5off when registering online to receive the discount No Rain Date please ensure your contact information is correct, email preferred. For more information call Tim Alton 408 623 1845 or go to our website smhorse.org

You can also register online at <https://form.jotform.com/231427420853149>

EVENT RELEASE OF LIABILITY HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Participant (print name): _____

Event: SMHA PLAYDAY Date June 17th 2023

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport that carries inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding.

I hereby release **SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION** hereinafter referred to as "SMHA" and the **TRUST OF JAMES BLOMQUIST AND PATRICIA VAN GUILDER** hereinafter referred to as "BLOMQUIST RANCH" from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of SMHA, BLOMQUIST RANCH, or any of its agents.

In consideration of my participation in events or activities organized or sponsored by SMHA, I waive, release and discharge SMHA, BLOMQUIST RANCH and their directors, officers, agents and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and all other persons and organization in any way connected with the SMHA or BLOMQUIST RANCH events from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals or my property arising out of my participation.

This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs and assigns.

I expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 1542, which states "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless SMHA, BLOMQUIST RANCH and their officers, directors, members and agents against all claims, demand, and cause of action, including court costs and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld.

SMHA and BLOMQUIST RANCH, its agents or employees shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, mining away, state of health, injury to person, horse or property.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. (each participant MUST SIGN this part)

Signature / Date _____

Signature / Date _____

*****Parent or Legal Guardian must complete the following section*** *Minors do not sign on below line***

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of the above minors in consideration of my minor's participation in San Martin Horsemen's Association activities, agree that the terms and conditions of this Release of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, his/her animals, and property arising out of his/her participation in events. We further warrant that we have health and accident insurance on said minor(s).

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS.

Parent/Guardian / Date _____



Learn How to Horse Camp

Hosted by the San Martin Horsemen's Association

LEARN ABOUT:

- Horse containment
- Horse feeding
- Camp safety
- Camp cooking
- Safe traveling
- See different sleeping arrangements and demo camp set-ups
- Other tips and tricks

- July 15, 2023
- 10:00 AM until all questions are answered
- SANTA CRUZ COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOC.
- 1145/1251 GRAHAM HILL ROAD
- SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

Are you ready to jump in and try camping overnight or for a weekend?
Then join SMHA the weekend of July 14-16 at Santa Cruz County
Horsemen's Assoc. and fully immerse yourself in the horse camping
experience!

This is an SMHA members-only campout
Cost is \$30 per horse per night

For more information and to RSVP, contact Karen at kluke@garlic.com or
(408) 203-5730

Online Registration Coming Soon www.smhorse.org

SAN MARTIN HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION CAMPOUT AT HENRY COWELL STATE PARK

Join San Martin Horsemen's Association at Graham Hill Showgrounds in Santa Cruz for a two night campout. Spend the days riding miles of beautiful trails in the redwoods at Henry Cowell State Park, and your evenings sitting at camp with other like-minded equestrians!

- This is an SMHA member-only campout - if you not a member, now is the perfect time to join! Only \$30/individual or \$40/family
- Cost is \$30 per horse per night of camping (Friday night and/or Saturday night)
- Never camped with your horse before? This is the perfect campground to give it a try!



**JULY 14-16, 2023
GRAHAM HILL
SHOWGROUNDS**

1145 Graham Hill Road
Santa Cruz

Contact Toni with any
questions and to register:
(408) 656-8975 call/text
Toni.Whedon@CBNorCal.com

Online Registration Coming Soon www.smhorse.org

Mane Stays

THINGS OF INTEREST/SUPPORT:

A Call for Newsletter Articles

Please think about contributing to some of the regular columns I started last year.

Horses of SMHA: a few paragraphs on your favorite steed or even your second favorite. You can tell us your best riding or training tale. Along with some photos this makes for an interesting read for your fellow members. I am using the word steed to be inclusive of all you folks with mules and ponies

Trail Reviews: write up a review of a recent trail ride,

include length, elevation, degree of difficulty, shade, mud, water crossings and especially whether you enjoyed it or not. Add some description of the trail, the trailhead location and a photo or two. Other members may have never been before and we all like to go to new places that are recommended by our friends. But it doesn't have to be a positive review a warning to others is very useful too, although some may take it as a challenge!

Email your article, in simple text with pictures attached, to news@smhorse.org, or just let me know if I can put you on the list for future editions of the newsletter

Countywide Trails Map Update

Explore and Provide Input



County Parks is working to update the Countywide Trails Master

Plan Map to better reflect current planning and changes to the countywide trails network since the map was adopted in 1995. Explore the [Draft Map](#) in an interactive web app format and provide feedback on conceptual changes to the map and countywide trail prioritization through the project survey or by attending an upcoming public meeting.

[LEARN MORE](#)

WATER TROUGH/Club Classifieds

Animal and Plant Sitting: Reliable Care for your plants and animals while you are away. 30 years' experience you can rely on! Call Chere at 408-683-2247

FOR SALE: Brand new in the box riding helmet for sale. Its a white Classico brand. Sells new for \$70 asking \$45 obo. Call Bev VanderWeide 510 304 5884

Classified ads for members are always FREE! Ad space for business services (member or not) as follows: 1/4 Page: \$15, 1/2 Page: \$25, Full Page: \$50, Business Card Ad: \$20/4 Months. Classified ads run on a space available basis. Non-members call 408-623-1845 for more information. **Newsletter Deadlines:** Five days after Board Meeting or the 20th of the month. Please send articles, classified ads, pictures and stories to: news@smhorse.org

CHITTY BLOG

Some Calendar items from the Santa Clara County Parks :

Trail Watch Academy Training

Sat, June 3 / 9am to 12pm



If you are passionate about exploring our stunning parks on foot, bike or horseback, and wish to serve as a welcoming and secure guide for fellow park visitors, this Zoom training session is ideal for you. As an independent Trail Watch volunteer, you will act as the park staff's vigilant eyes and ears, providing valuable information to visitors and playing a critical role in emergency medical response situations.

[SIGN UP](#)

Trail Work Volunteer Days

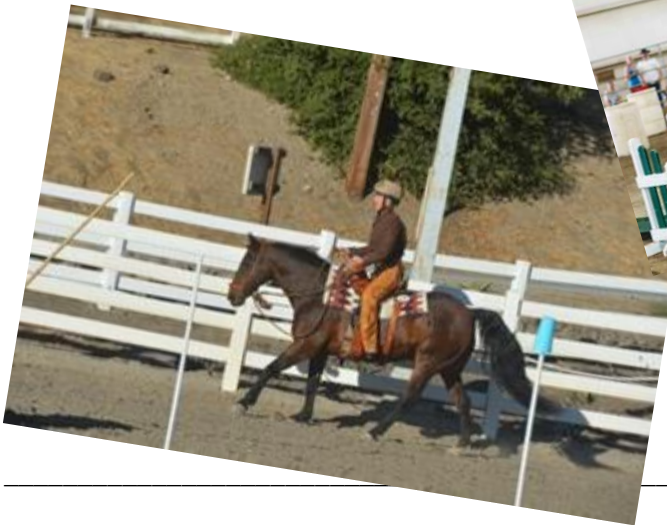
Select Weekends Throughout Summer



Maintaining 342 miles of trails in a beautiful and safe condition requires a committed team of crew and staff. Our crew greatly appreciates willing volunteers to join us, get active, and collaborate with us in ensuring the efficient upkeep of our trails. Sign up for [Monthly Trail Days](#) in May, June, and July or a special [Trail Work Weekend](#) in partnership with Volunteers for Outdoor California (V-O-Cal) at Sanborn County Park May 19-21.

Darren Hawks:

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On the web: get the [BROCHURE](#)

Joseph D. Grant County Park
Brush Trail Water Tank



Coyote Lake Harvey Bear Ranch County Park
Lake View



Mt. Madonna County Park
Miller House Ruins (between Upper & Lower Miller Trails)



Bonus!

Park & Location of Your Choice
Pick your favorite park, and share on the San Martin Horsemen's Assoc. Facebook page! Maybe it will get added to next year's #hoofpicsinpark challenge!



Prizes to be awarded at San Martin Horsemen's Assoc. December meeting. Club membership is not needed to participate, but membership is required to be eligible for participation awards.

Prizes sponsored by:
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Hoof Pics in Parks Challenge

#hoofpicsinpark

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A Trail Riding Challenge

Seven parks to explore on horseback. Ride out, take a picture, and share it on the San Martin Horsemen's Association Facebook page.

Instructions

1. Pick a Park.
2. Take a picture that looks like the sample shown for that particular park.
3. Post your picture to the SMHA Facebook page.
 - o tag your photo with #HoofPicsInParks and #park name
4. If you do not use Facebook, then email your photo with your name and the location where the picture was taken to Toni.Whedon@CBNorCal.com and we will post it for you!
5. Complete all of the parks in the challenge by December 1, 2022 and we will celebrate your success with a prize at our SMHA Holiday Party!

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Park Maps

- Almaden Quicksilver - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/almaden-quicksilver-county-park
- Calero - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/calero-county-park
- Canada del Oro - openspaceauthority.org/preserves/rancho.html
- Coyote Lake Harvey Bear - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/coyote-lake-harvey-bear-ranch-park
- Henry Coe - coepark.net/planning-your-visit/park-maps
- Joseph D. Grant - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/joseph-d-grant-county-park
- Mt. Madonna - parks.sccgov.org/santa-clara-county-parks/Mt.Madonna-county-park

Almaden Quicksilver County Park
English Camp Chimney & Vault



Henry W. Coe State Park - Hunting Hollow
Willson Camp (Wagon Road & Vasquez Road)



Rancho Canada del Oro Open Space
Silicon Valley view from Bald Peak Trail Rest Stop



Calero County Park
Bat Inn



Complete by
December 1st 2023



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