

Conference Agenda SETC 2005

Thursday, July 14

- 8:30am – 5:30pm Pre-conference Workshop: Trail Planning, Design and Construction: by Mike Riter, Uwharrie National Forest, 4-B Farm
- 7:15am Pre-conference Registration
- 8:30am Bus departs hotel
- 9:30am Classroom Session, 4-B Farm
- 12:00noon Lunch, 4-B Farm
- 1:00pm Classroom Session, 4-B Farm
- 3:00pm Field review area trails and horse camps
- 4:30pm Bus departs field sites for hotel
- 1:00pm – 5:30pm Exhibitors set up in exhibit hall
- 6:00pm – 7:30pm Registration, Reception, Exhibit Hall opens

Friday, July 15

- 7:30am – 8:30am Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Hall opens
- 8:30am – 8:45am OPENING GENERAL SESSION:
Welcome and Introductions by Host State, Barb Oslund
- 8:45am – 9:00am CONFERENCE THEME: Working with Volunteers
Representative, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- 9:00am – 10:00am FLORIDA STATE FORESTS: The Role of Volunteers in Equestrian Trails. John C. Waldron, Deborah Parker, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.
- 10:00am – 10:20am BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
- 10:20am – 11:00am GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK: Resource Diversity Matched by Nationally Recognized Volunteer Program. Babette Callavo, Volunteer Coordinator, GSMNP; Sue Duncan

- 11:00am – 12:00pm MAJOR TRAIL RENOVATION PROJECTS: Panel Discussion of Horse Trails at Pilot Mountain and W.B. Umstead State Parks. Arthur Chard, ASLA, George Finch/Boney & Associates, P.A., Frederica Lashley, The Unturned Stone, Inc., Stanley Williams RLA, ASLA, Land Design Associates, Martha Woods, NC State Parks.
- 11:45am – 12:45pm LUNCH
- 1:00pm Buses DEPART HOTEL LOBBY for FIELD TRIP
- 1:00pm – 5:00pm Afternoon field trips will take conferees to three trail sites which demonstrate a variety of approaches to trail acquisition, design, construction and maintenance.
- The Sauratown Trail: A thirty year story of volunteer persuasion, pragmatism and persistence involving private landowners, leases and local government liability coverage to secure and maintain a 21 mile horse and hiking trail between two state parks.
- The Yadkin River Corridor Trail: Fee title acquisition of a narrow 5.5 mile corridor following set property boundaries resulted in steep, eroded trail. Redesign/relocation of the trail and upgrading the tread surface and water crossings were necessary after decades of heavy use and erosion.
- Jomeokee Trail Extreme Makeover: Even for hiking trails, extreme use can lead to remarkable deterioration over time. Pilot Mountain State Park's premier visitor trail around its namesake pinnacle required a major capital reconstruction project using stone masonry techniques reminiscent of those used by the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- 6:00pm – 8:30pm BBQ AND BLUEGRASS MUSIC, Jomeokee Campground
- The Sauratown Trails Association, North Carolina's oldest and most successful equestrian trail managing club and the North Carolina Horse Council host dinner, music and networking for all conferees, exhibitors and guests at a private camp in the shadow of majestic Pilot Mountain.
- 7:00pm – 9:30pm BUS SERVICE BACK TO HOTEL (vans or bus depart every 30 minutes.)

Saturday, July 16

- 7:30am – 8:30am Registration, Continental Breakfast, Exhibit Hall opens
- 8:30am – 12:00pm GENERAL SESSIONS:
- 8:30am – 9:15am Equestrian Tourism, Expanding Markets: Dr. Carol Cline, Parks, Recreation and Tourism, N.C. State University presents the big picture how-to plug into the tourism industry.
- 9:15am – 10:00am Mounted Maintenance: The Great Smoky Mountains National Park has some of the most spectacular, highest elevation horse trails on the east coast. A panel of park managers, equestrian volunteers and Appalachian Trail representatives describe the nuts and bolts of maintaining over 300 miles of horse trails.
- 10:00am – 10:30am BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
- 10:30am – 11:15am Minting Money: While fundraising can seem as impractical as opening your own mint, finding ways to increase monetary resources is becoming critical to volunteer success. Kandee Haertel, Executive Director of the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource and Christopher Douwes, FHWA Trails and Enhancements Program Manager team up to present new strategies and old sources for financing equine trails efforts.
- 11:15am – 12:00pm Generation NEXT: What will it take to involve the next generation of horse lovers and trail riders in the cause of preserving this American heritage? Dr. Candace Bourne presents compelling evidence that youth volunteers are not only essential to our success but eager when given real opportunities and inspired leadership.
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm LUNCH
- 1:00pm – 3:15pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS
- 1:00 – 2:00
- Youth Activity Seminar: Trail safety and know how are vital to enjoying a day on the trail. Skilled adult leaders will demonstrate trail safety and etiquette for young riders.

Mounting Evidence: Dr. Gene Wood, Extension Trails Specialist, Clemson University presents old and new data concerning the issue of invasive plant species introduction along equestrian trail corridors.

Legislative Action Forum: From national “right to ride” legislation to state feed assessment programs, participants will discuss effective means of keeping informed and mobilizing volunteers to be heard throughout the legislative and regulatory process.

2:00pm – 2:15pm

BREAK

2:15 – 3:15

First Steps Forum (Lessons Learned): Interested state representatives gather in an open forum to give 5-10 minute presentations of their progress in gaining and keeping equestrian trails, from beginning through middle to the end.

Trail Maintenance Forum: Backcountry Horsemen of America representatives will be available to answer your questions about taking care of your favorite trails.

Trail Event Organization and Management: The North American Trail Ride Conference representatives will present information and answer questions to help your volunteers ensure a well run, safe and enjoyable trail event.

3:15pm – 4:00pm

FEEDBACK and CLOSING GENERAL SESSION

Conference Evaluation Survey completed
2006 Conference Planners Comments and Contacts
Passing the Shoe Ceremonies Honoring Virginia as SETC 2006 Host State.

4:00pm

Conference Adjourns