

Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference
July 15-17, 2010 - Atlanta, GA
The Art and Heart of Keeping Our Trails: Ride Smart, Do your Part

Agenda

Pre-Conference Workshops - Thursday, July 15th		
Time	Presentation Title	Leader
8:00 - 5:00	<p>Field Trip #1 - Experience New Garland Mountain Horse & Hike Trails and Tour the Magnificent Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, GA <i>Visit Georgia's newest horse trails at Cherokee County's Garland Mountain and learn about the partnership between Cherokee County and the volunteers that successfully built them. Additionally, a representative from the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forest will talk about their 20-year volunteer program, Team Conasauga, and the Dry Creek Horse Trails in the Conasauga Ranger District. Enjoy lunch and a tour of the fabulous Booth Western Museum before returning for Happy Trails Hour.</i></p>	<p>Larry Wheat Workshop Coordinator</p>
8:00 – 5:00	<p>Field Trip #2 - Trail Construction Workshop <i>Spend the day with professional trail builder Mike Riter of Trail Design Specialists, learning techniques for trail construction and maintenance. Mike's mission and yours – create trails that provide users with the best experience possible, require the least amount of maintenance, and preserve the environment for future generations.</i></p>	<p>Debbie Crowe Workshop Coordinator</p>
8:00 – 5:00	<p>Field Trip #3 - Leave No Trace (LNT) Workshop <i>Spend the day at Tribble Mill Park, one of four Gwinnett County parks featuring horse trails. Learn from Back Country Horsemen LNT Master Educators about Leave No Trace principles, practices and techniques that minimize impact so you and your horse can be better stewards of the land. Interactive and Fun!</i></p>	<p>Carlos Martel Workshop Coordinator</p>
6:00 – 8:00	<p>Happy Trails Hour – Marriott Atlanta Norcross SETC 2010 Conference Hotel</p>	

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Friday, July 16 th		
Time	Presentation Title	Speaker
8:00-8:15	Mounted and Ready to Ride! Welcome and Announcements	Brian Bourne Master of Ceremonies
8:15 – 08:30	Horses: A Part of Our Georgia History, Economy and Future	Tommy Irvin, Commissioner Georgia Department of Agriculture
8:30-9:00	We're Horse Friendly in Georgia	Becky Kelley, Director Georgia State Parks
9:00-10:00	Riding with Purpose	Rick Lamb, Author & Host of <i>The Horse Show with Rick Lamb</i> on radio & RFD-TV
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Morning Break</i>	
10:30-11:00	What's Happening in Our Forests Today	Mary Morris, Deputy Regional Forester Operations, Recreation, Engineering USDA Southern Region
11:00 – 12:00	Going Green Can Make a Difference American Quarter Horse Association	Stephanie McCommon AQHA
12:00-1:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00-2:00	Concurrent Sessions	
A	Your Horse's "Pathological Footprint" – Disease sharing between horses and humans along the trail	Kenneth L. Marcella, DVM Equine Practitioner
B	What's a Little Mud? Water Quality and Equestrian Trails	Brady Dodd, Hydrologist National Forests in North Carolina
C	Horses in Gwinnett County Parks	Grant Guess/Kim Shealy Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation
2:00-2:15	<i>Afternoon Break</i>	
2:15-3:15	Concurrent Sessions	
A	Trails and Facilities Grow from Close Volunteer & Agency Cooperation <i>Case Studies: Garland Mountain Horse and Hike Trails, New or Enhanced Equestrian Benefits on the Conasauga Ranger District</i>	Keith Hammond, Director, Cherokee County Recreation and Parks Agency Larry Thomas, US Forest Service, Conasauga Ranger District
B	Current Issues in Horse Farm and Trail Protection: Easements, Farmland Protection and Community Planning	Deb Balliet, CEO, Equine Land Conservation Resource, Laurel A Florio, J. D. Land Conservation Consultant, Attorney, and ELCR Board Member
C	Federal Laws Influencing Trails	TBA
3:15-3:45	Break	
3:45-4:30	"Don't ever knock the curiosity out of a young colt" <i>The importance of getting youth involved</i>	Rick Potts, Chief National Park Service Conservation and Recreation Division
4:30-5:00	Closeout	Brian Bourne

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Time	Presentation Title	Speaker
8:00-8:15	Saddle Up For Day Two	Brian Bourne, Master of Ceremonies
8:15-9:15	Basics of Responsible Trails Advocacy	Dennis Dailey, Senior Advisor Wilderness, Recreation, and Trails Back Country Horsemen of America
9:15- 9:45	Changing Landscapes – What Can We Expect?	Debbie Caffin USDA Forest Service Southern Region Trails Program Manager
9:45-10:15	<i>Morning Break</i>	
10:15-10:45	Word From Washington	Christopher Douwes Federal Highway Administration
10:45-11:45	In the Dirt Trail Solutions	Brian Bourne, Trails Specialist Shawnee NF, Illinois
11:45-12:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:45-1:45	Concurrent Sessions	
A	Pain Management on the Trail	Dr. Tom Van Dyke Merial Limited
B	Aliens on your National Forest – How we can work together to protect our trails from the invaders!	Don Duerr and John Taylor USDA Forest Service Southern Region
C	Chattahoochee National Forest – Equestrian Trail Partnerships on the Forest	Jimmy Gaudry Dispersed Recreation Program Manager Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests
1:45-2:15	<i>Afternoon Break</i>	
2:15-2:45	National Trails Training Center	Mike Riter Trail Design Specialists
2:45 – 3:15	Equestrian Trails and Conservation Awareness New ETACA Website	Gene Wood, Founder ETACA and the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference
3:15 – 3:45	American Horse Council Legislative Update	Ben Pendergrass, Legislative Director AHC
3:45-4:30	Mounted Self Defense for the Trail Rider Ride Smart and Be Safe	Bill Richey, Director National Mounted Police Services
4:30-5:00	Cool ‘em down, Brush ‘em off, and of course - Carrots Passing of the Horseshoe to Alabama	Brian Bourne