



Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference



July 21-23, 2011 Auburn, Alabama

DRAFT AGENDA

Pre-conference July 21, 2011

Choose from 3 exciting field trips ending the day with friends and a relaxing meal cooked on a campfire.

Transportation provided to all venues. Buses scheduled to depart the Conference Center by 1 pm.

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| <p>FIELD TRIP A 1pm to 4 pm</p> <p>Trail Maintenance Workshop Tuskegee National Forest</p> | <p>Visit the Tuskegee National Forest and the Bold Destiny/Bedford Cash Memorial Trail. The 14 mile trail winds through the rolling upland sand hills and traverses managed forest land where riders and hikers see planted pines ranging from 1 to 50 years old. At some stream crossings, hardwoods ranging from 80 to 90 years old can be seen. Instructor: Gene Wood</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p><i>Wear field clothes including comfortable walking shoes</i></p> </div> |
| <p>FIELD TRIP B 1 pm to 3 pm</p> <p>Auburn University – School of Veterinary Medicine</p> | <p>Tigers and eagles are usually considered Auburn University's animal icons, but it may not be long before horses give these critters a run for their money. Find out more during a guided tour of Auburn University's state of the art College of Veterinary Medicine.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> |
| <p>FIELD TRIP C 1 pm to 4 pm</p> <p>Leave-No-Trace Demonstration: Chewacla State Park</p> | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <p>Demonstrations of Leave No Trace low-impact horse camping and trail safety led by the Backcountry Horsemen of America.</p> </div> |
| <p>Campfire Dinner & Social – Chewacla State Park</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> | <p>Kick back with other conference attendees in one of Alabama's oldest state parks. Enjoy a campfire cooked dinner, cowboy poetry, and fireside music. Located in Lee County just four miles south of Auburn, Chewacla State Park's tranquil park facilities and plenty of recreational opportunities make it the perfect choice for a fun evening with your fellow trail enthusiasts.</p> |



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Conference - Day 1 Friday, July 22, 2011

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| 7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast | Breakfast buffet – meet your friends over breakfast |
| GENERAL SESSSION – Moderator Brian Bourne | |
| 8:00 – 8:30 AM Welcome and introductory remarks | WELCOME TO ALABAMA THE BEAUTIFUL  Meet key leaders from Alabama as they welcome the SETC conference to the state. |
| 8:30 –9:30 KEYNOTE Nature Deficit Disorder Dr. Susan Stormer, S&S Trail Services, L.L.C. |  Susan Stormer has been an avid equestrian for over 27 years, a doctor of clinical psychology and a professional trail builder since 2003. Hear her views on why we need to encourage ourselves and our youth to get outdoors and ride. |
| 9:30 – 10:15 AM Equestrian Trails as a Cultural Heritage Gene Wood, Ph.D.—Professor Emeritus, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Clemson University, SC |  The origins of SETC are attributed to Gene Wood. With a lifetime of research and advocacy for equestrian trails, Dr. Wood provides the science and economic base for understanding how trails fit into today’s rural communities. |
| BREAK | |
| 10:45 – 11:15 Are equine communities the new golf? – Speaker - with Paul Gates, JEDDLLC Realty development, Jamestown, TN | Case Study: Real Estate Development - Overview of the business and marketing model in use by developers building residential communities with a focus on equine facilities and trails. |
| 11:15 – 11:45 Building trails in partnership with state and local government - Danny Hubbard –Coosa River Annex. | Case Study: Creating new trails on public land – one county’s story. Coosa River Annex is one of Alabama’s most recent success stories of local governments and trail riders working together to achieve results. Danny Hubbard has been instrumental in the collaboration between the public, state and local government and outdoor recreation vendors in its development. The Coosa River Annex includes equestrian trails and camping facilities. |



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| <p>11:45 – 12:15</p> <p>Dr. Sara Baldwin, Alabama Registered Forester</p> | <p>Case Study: Managing private forests for trails</p>  <p>Sara is a consulting forester with 25 years experience working with private forest owners managing their lands. She is an avid trail rider, having managed trails rides and competed in 14 states, on public and private land. She has learned from experience how forest management and trail management complement and conflict with each other.</p> | |
| LUNCH BUFFET | | |
| BREAKOUT A | BREAKOUT B | BREAKOUT C |
| <p>1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Working on Privately Owned Lands</p> <p>1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Conservation Easements Equine Land Conservation Resource – Deb Balliet</p> <p>2:45 PM – 4:00 PM Private Landowner Liability – Kathryn Harrington</p> <p>Facilitator: Sara Baldwin</p> | <p>1:30 PM – 4:30 PM Capacity Building</p> <p>1:30 PM – 3:30 PM Grants Writing Session: Spend two hours with experienced grant writers. Learn how to make your proposal the one that gets the funding.</p> <p>3:45 PM – 4:30 PM Panel Discussion: Facilitated discussion with representatives from partnerships that have participated in grant writing and grant administration.</p> <p>Presenter: Mike Easterwood Facilitators: Jodie Waites, AL. Dept. of Community Affairs, Judy Martin, Judson College.</p> | <p>1:30 PM – 4:30 PM On the Trail with Generation Y</p> <p>Tomorrow's youth and the future of trails. Engage youth in discussion on trail riding and what they think their roles is for the future of trails.</p> <p>Helping leaders bring horses and trails into youth programs.</p> <p>Speakers and Facilitators: TBD</p> |
| <p>4:30 PM - 5:30 PM</p> <p>After Action Review – Day 1 Facilitated session to capture SETC 2011 achievements and short-comings.</p> | <p>An After action review is a structured review or de-brief process for analyzing <i>what</i> happened, <i>why</i> it happened, and <i>how</i> it can be done better, by the participants and those responsible for the project or event. Information will be recorded and presented to the participants on Day 2.</p> | |
| <p>5:30 PM – 6:30 PM Reception</p> | <p><i>Join friends for light appetizers and drinks</i></p> | |
| <p>6:30 PM – 9:00 PM Dinner Banquet</p> | <p>Dinner Speaker: Janice Raddatz Janice Raddatz photographed her of one woman's solo journey on a 2656-mile trail from Mexico to Canada Traversing some of the most spectacular mountain ranges in the United States on horseback. Her six-month epic journey captures a heart of determination and courage. This true story of beauty, inspiration, and survival is a journey of the human spirit.</p> | |



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| 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Breakfast | Breakfast buffet – meet your friends over breakfast |
| GENERAL SESSSION – Moderator Brian Bourne | |
| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Waking up! | General Announcements, Review of previous day |
| 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM Keynote Address Garth Rumsmoke, | Garth Rumsmoke, is a renowned free lance writer with articles often appearing in <i>Trail Rider</i> magazine. He is also a life-long trail rider and leader of many trail improvement projects engaging other riders to become organized. |
| 9:30 AM -10:00 AM The Future of the Recreational Trail Program. <u>Christopher B Douwes</u> Trails and Enhancements Program Manager Federal Highway Administration | FHWA The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds to the States to develop and maintain recreational trails and trail-related facilities for both non-motorized and motorized recreational trail uses. The RTP is an assistance program of the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The RTP funds come from the Federal Highway Trust Fund, and represent a portion of the motor fuel excise tax collected from non-highway recreational fuel use: fuel used for off-highway recreation by snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, and off-highway light trucks. |
| 10:30 AM -11:15 AM Building and maintaining sustainable trails Jan Hancock | Jan is the author of “ <i>Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads, and Campgrounds</i> ” published by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highways Administration and the USDA Forest Service. She specializes in the designing equestrian trails, trailheads, and campgrounds. Jan serves on numerous national, regional, State, and local boards for open space, parks, and trails organizations. She is a founding board member of the Arizona Trail Association, an organization developing the 800-mile Arizona Trail. |



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| <p>11:15 AM - 12:00 Noon</p> <p>Leave no Trace and Certified Rider's Programs</p> <p>Melinda Towe, Resident Back Country Horsemen of North Georgia</p> |  <p>Back Country Horsemen of America, organized in 1973, exists to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness; to work to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use; to assist the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource; and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.</p> | |
| LUNCH BUFFET | | |
| BREAKOUT A | BREAKOUT B | BREAKOUT C |
| <p>1:30 PM – 3:30 PM</p> <p>Forest Service's Framework for Sustainable Recreation</p>  <p>Panel Discussion on four key aspects to building successful partnerships with the southern national forests.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design criteria for sustainable trails. • Long-term trail operations & maintenance • Special events management/outfitter permits • Forest Service expectations from partners <p>Presenters: Cynthia Ragland, Joel Gardner, USDA Forest Service</p> | <p>1:30 PM – 3:30 PM</p> <p>Successful Partnerships and Coalitions</p> <p>Three panel discussions with representation from diverse groups that have worked through a series of issues to build coalitions and have successful trail programs</p> <p>1:30PM – 2:05 PM – Florida Five Flags Arabian Horse Association, Florida Department of Forestry</p> <p>2:15 PM – 2:45 - Georgia Chattahoochee Trail Riders, USDA Forest Service, Georgia Appalachian Trails Conservancy</p> <p>2:55 – 3:30 Illinois Horsemen's Council of Illinois, International Mountain Biking Association, Illinois Department of Natural Resources</p> <p>Facilitator: Sandra West-Pegram</p> | <p>1:30 PM – 3:30 PM</p> <p>On the Trail</p> <p>How to have a safe and enjoyable trail riding experience.</p> <p>1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Map and Compass vs. GPS – why you need to know both. Speaker: Dr. Douglass McConnell, Alabama Registered Forester.</p> <p>2:45 PM – 3:30PM Safety on the horse – First aid for you and your horse. Speaker – Brent Morgan President Certified Horsemanship Association</p> |
| <p>3:30-4:30</p> <p>After Action Review Day 2</p> | <p>Bringing it all together - Dialog with participants on goal attainment for SETC 2011. Setting the stage for 2012. What does the SETC organization need to do to position the equestrian trail community for greater success?</p> | |
| PASSING OF THE HORSESHOE AND SAFE JOURNEYS HOME | | |