

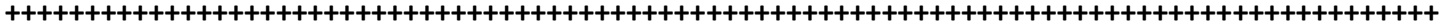


Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

November 2021

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

Dedicated to trail riding and the preservation of the many riding areas in Central Florida.

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- **Monday, November 22 through Sunday, November 28:** Club campout at Green Swamp West. Daily rides
- **Saturday, December 4, 9am:** Colt Creek Scavenger Hunt
- **Saturday, December 11, 9am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa
- **Sunday, December 12, 5pm:** Club Christmas party at Mary Futch’s home
- **Saturday, December 18, 9am:** Club ride at Lower Green Swamp
- **Monday, December 20 through Sunday, January 2 (tentative):** Club campout at Green Swamp West. Daily rides
- **Saturday, January 1, 9am:** Club ride at Colt Creek
- **Saturday, January 8, 9am:** Club ride at Catfish Creek
- **Saturday, January 15, 9am:** Club ride, potluck & meeting at Colt Creek
- **Saturday, January 22:** Obstacle day with Audra Tyson (Ft. McCoy, FL)
- **Saturday, January 22, 9am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton. Mike Charron, trail boss
- **Saturday, January 29, 9am:** Club ride at Gator Creek

Take time after each ride to relax—bring your lunch or snacks, and share some quality time with club members.

Those wanting to ride other days—please contact Karen Turbeville, or email club members directly. Many riders have been joining in on the various weekday rides.

Check the **“Upcoming Events”** section of our web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>, or the **“Events”** section of the Florida Sport Horse Club’s Facebook page.

News

It's time to renew your free permit through Polk Parks for Gator Creek, Marshall Hampton and Sumica. Call 863-534-7377 and ask for your annual equestrian special use permit. Have the date(s) of your current Coggins for each horse, and your driver's license number ready.



Colt Creek Scavenger Hunt Info—AGAIN!

We're repeating this information, since we had to postpone the event until December 4th. Pray for dry weather!

- Volunteers will get **free entry** to the park (tell the person at the office); those coming early to work Registration will be given the gate code to get in before 8am.
- **Please wear your club shirts**
- Bring a **chair** and **drink** for yourself
- Those **coming without horses must park** in the equestrian expansion, up against the woods separating the main campground from the expansion
- **Breakfast treats** will be provided for those who come early (no drinks, though)
- All volunteers are asked to **sign the volunteer sheet** at the Registration table
- Please **get your instructions from the club member responsible** for the job you're working, rather than others, to eliminate miscommunication and errors
- **Safety vests** will be available for parking people and trail ambassadors
- Those who are willing to **work but also want to ride**—come early, work the Registration table until 9:30-ish, and then hit the trail. Please be sure you also sign a release before taking the trail map and instructions
- **Registration & parking people: PLEASE be IN THE CAMPGROUND by 8am!**

Areas of Responsibility: (Please DO NOT recruit others to help you in your area; let the leaders do their jobs. Instead, refer those others to the appropriate leader)

- **Parking:** Del
- **Registration:** Susan and Barbara L.
- **Prizes:** Patty
- **Grilling:** Sammie
- **Food:** Karen
- **Photographer:** Molly
- **Trail Ambassadors:** Penny and Melody
- **Clean-up:** Janet



Mary Futch has very graciously offered to host the club for its **Sunday, December 12 Christmas party**. The club will provide the meats, and members are asked to bring a dish to share. It was decided at the November meeting that we will NOT have a gift exchange or door prizes; the club, as it has in the past, will have horsey Christmas ornaments for each person. Watch for the eVite coming soon.

The **Obstacle Day** is set for Saturday, January 22 in Ft. McCoy with Audra Tyson. Audra has a beautiful piece of land just above Ocala, with many obstacles. The cost is \$25 per horse, & another \$10 for those who wish to spend the night (it's about a 2-hour run up there). There's no shower, but there is access to a toilet & sink. Please let Susan know if you plan to come, as Audra is requesting reservations.

The 2022 2nd Graders' "Water, Wings & Wild Things" on Thursday, January 22, has been canceled by Polk Parks.



Thanks go out to all those who helped to clean up the **Green Swamp West Ashley campground.**

Karen & Sammie Turbeville, Doris & Aubrey, Cheryl & Jeff Kreitman,

Penny & Frank Pak, Cathy Botts, Rae Gayer, Laura Branch and Linda Allison all came out for a great day.



Karen Turbeville is working to get the proper permits to camp at Green Swamp West from December 20 through January 3. She has the first week locked in, but won't know for another week whether the second week is available. As always, let her or Barbara Lassiter know if you plan to camp.

New SWFWMD camping rules: When you access locked SWFWMD areas, look for the locks with blue markings. They MAY be labelled "REC," but don't count on it. If camping, you must arrive after 3pm and leave by 11am.

- The gate must be kept locked at all times.
- Campers may arrive no earlier than 3 p.m. the first day on this reservation.
- Campfires are permitted only in fire rings, please use caution.

- Do not relocate the fire rings or picnic tables.
- To protect the natural experience for all campers, be mindful of the noise, no loud music.
- Generators are permitted in the campgrounds but may only be operated from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and should not be left running unattended.
- Dogs are permitted in the campground and must be on a leash at all times. Owners are responsible for picking up after their dogs.
- The campsite must be vacated by 11 a.m. the final day on the reservation.
- Please remember to pack out everything used during your visit. Help us keep the areas unspoiled. Leave No Trace
- Water at camp grounds (if available) is non-potable.

Additional information may be found at the [District Camping Guidelines](#).

Do you follow our Facebook page or web page? All our events, news, and tips are listed there. You can even review our club!

Want a club shirt? Email AnnMarie Connor at nascaramc@yahoo.com.

If you see unfamiliar faces at our rides and events, please introduce yourself and invite them to club activities. People are welcome to join us a few times before they decide whether to become a member. Of course, anyone showing up regularly should be encouraged to officially join the club. **And remember—guests must sign a hold harmless that the trail bosses will provide. Please escort the guests to the trail boss of the day!**



Tips & Activities by Members:



Congratulations to **Myra Bell** on getting her very own LQ trailer! Myra is also looking for a used 18" Bob Marshall saddle. If you hear one on the market, please let Myra know.

Lori Shank is our "Superstar of the Month." She was exceedingly generous in helping Myra get her new trailer from Naples back to Bartow. **Cathy Botts** deserves thanks as well, as she went with Myra on the trip.

Welcome back to **Valerie Stowell**, who has returned after many months away.

Karen Turbeville is back in the saddle!

We've heard that the **Neely family** is in need of prayers.

Cindy Jones, Louise Short, Karen Sidell and Kathy Grinstead took a long trip all the way up to Kentucky and back.



Classifieds:



Hand-crafted soaps from advanced certified soap maker Jane Gavin: essential oil soaps, and others. She now makes a Farriers' soap, inspired by Wayne Elkins and Dani Horton. She also has an all-natural citronella soap that is excellent for horses. Check out her web site at <https://www.soapforthesoul.com/>.

Join the club! Meet some great people who love their horses. What are YOU doing? Let us know, and send us pictures--we'd love some action shots of you and your horse! Send to jm_schneider@msn.com. Follow us on Facebook and visit us online at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>. Happy Trails, where we hope to see you soon!



Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc
Membership New/Renewal Form
August through July, 20__ to 20__



Please complete the form and return it with your check, **payable to the Florida Sport Horse Club**,
 Welcome to our club!

Name(s) _____ Single \$15.00
 _____ Family \$25.00

Joining before September 30? Add a 1-year subscription to Horse & Pony for an extra \$10. Yes _____

Total paid: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Birthday: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact name & phone: _____

For and in consideration of the activities, services and fees paid, Participant hereby does forever and finally release, remise, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge the Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc. (FSHC) of and from all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suit, debts, dues, sums of money, bonds, billings, contracts executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise for or against the FSHC for the activities of the Association. This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise from participating in the activities of the FSHC. The Participant gives this release freely and voluntarily.

 Signed (include legal guardian if under 19 years of age) Date

 Other Family Member(s) Date

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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