

# Missoula Equestrian Park Times

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**LET'S GET READY TO EXPO!!**

Please invite your families, friends and neighbors to the Missoula Equestrian Park and Back Country Horsemen of Missoula Third Annual Horse Expo. This event will be held at the Missoula Equestrian Park on Saturday, May 21st from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P. M. **It's FREE!**

Speakers planned for the Big Tent on topics such as Leave No Trace Camping, Backcountry Feeding, Highlines, Packing Demo, Saddle Fitting, Trail Manners, Back Country Hoof Care, Horse Trailer Safety and Basic Horse Handling Safety. Bill Brown, DVM, will represent the veterinarian profession with a talk about horse care.

Events in the Main Arena include Stadium Jumps by Drue Kerns and her students, the 9 Mile Pack String, Dressage Demo by the Chapeski's, Eden Teamster Demo, Cowboy Mounted Shooting, Breed Parade, Riding Mule Demo, Therapeutic Riding, and Bitterroot Draft Horse Club and Miniature Carriage Demos.

There will be a variety of vendors again, both commercial and food vendors. This year Missoula County 4-H will have a food booth. The Coldstone Creamery booth will be a hit—especially on a warm day!

This year's Expo will showcase the Equestrian Park and it's value to the community. There will be local and state government representatives in attendance. The goal is to keep the Equestrian Park in it's presently use.

The Expo was born in 2009 out of concern for mistreated horses and mules. Both sponsors felt a need to educate local horse and mule owners about care of the animals in their charge. Toward that end, education is mission of the Expo. The first two Horse Expo's were tremendously educational and rewarding. Our third one will be as well.

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The Expo Committee is made up of a multitude of volunteers and BCH members, too many to mention here. The Chairman of the Committee is Mark Wright, 258-6795. The Committee meets at the Press Box every second Wednesday of the month, 6:30 P.M. Anyone interested is welcome to attend these committee meetings. Volunteers are needed for: stage managers, gate keepers, workers to set up and tear down, etc. If you can possibly volunteer some help, please contact Caroline Bauer at 273-6967. Respectfully Submitted, Michele Hutchins

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2010!!**

## From The Desk of the President...

### President—Barbie Howell

I want to thank everyone for the wonderful opportunity to keep working with such a great Board of Directors and Membership. We have a lot to accomplish.

Check out our new/wonderful website. We have 19 days for events scheduled at the park this summer. Twice as many events as last year. Great job everyone.

Some of the things that were completed in 2010:

The County Commissioners approved the Western Events Arena.

The Dressage Arena is being upgraded.

We have approved the expansion of the sprinkler system.

Another section of the perimeter fence was completed.

We are constantly working with the Park & Recreation Department to eradicate noxious weeds.

We are exploring upgrading the Cross-Country Course to include Pre-Lim

Jumps.

On the Agenda to complete in 2011:

Finish Repairing the Dressage Arena

Western Events Arena

With the new irrigation system, green-up the entire south/west area.

These are just a few of the things that we are trying to do, in an effort to make the Missoula Equestrian Park more useable for everyone.

If you haven't been to the Park lately, you need to. If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact any Board member. You can find a list of Board Member on the Website; [missoulaequestrianpark.org](http://missoulaequestrianpark.org).

Happy Trails. Hope to see you at the Park.



## Missoula Horsemen Council Board Members

President of the Board—Barbi Howell

Vice President & Membership Chair, Website, Western Events Arena Co-Chair —Ginny Schuler

Secretary—Lisa Barnes

Treasurer—Janice Mauer

### Board Members—At Large:

Mike Hartkorn—Big Sky Stewardship Committee

Autumn Kozimer— Advertising Co-Chair

Drue Kerns—Mini Event Committee

Jeanne Gaudrean—Dressage Arena

Christine Foster—Flying Colors Mini-Event Co-Chair

Jeanne Gaudreau—Dressage Arena Committee

### Please Remember to use the Alternative Entrance To The Park

The Missoula Horsemen's Council along with the Big Sky Stewardship Committee works diligently with Missoula County as well as the Park's neighbors to improve situations that arise from Park usage and safety coming and going from the Park. In order to be neighborhood friendly, the Park and Committee are suggesting the Park Membership utilize an alternative entrance to the Park. Please start entering and leave the Park from 31st Avenue, on the east side of Big Sky High School. The Council and the Committee feel entering the Park from 31st will eliminate excessive congestion on 35th Avenue as well as provide Park Members a safer exit onto South Avenue. The Council, Committee, County and neighbors appreciate your cooperation.

## 2011 Calendar of Events at The Park

<b>April 5</b>	<b>Missoula Horseman's Council Monthly Meeting-Hilton Garden Board Room 7:00 pm</b>
<b>April 30</b>	<b>Missoula Equestrian Park Benefit Jumper Show</b> Arwyn Anthony, 493-99146 <a href="mailto:arwyna@msn.com">arwyna@msn.com</a>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Missoula Horseman's Council Monthly Meeting-Hilton Garden Board Room 7:00 pm</b>
<b>May 7</b>	<b>MDCTA Show</b> Susan Mayer <a href="mailto:smayer@litigationabstract.com">smayer@litigationabstract.com</a>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>3rd Annual Packing &amp; Equestrian Skills Expo</b> Sponsored by Back Country Horsemen of Missoula & Missoula Equestrian Park Connie Long, 543-0528 <a href="mailto:long@g.com">long@g.com</a> Marj Harper, 258-6467 <a href="mailto:mharper300@earthlink.net">mharper300@earthlink.net</a>
<b>June 5</b>	<b>Flying Colors Mini-Event ~ Park Benefit&amp;</b> Kathryn Maslanka 207-7629 <a href="mailto:k.maslanka@yahoo.com">k.maslanka@yahoo.com</a>
<b>June 11</b>	<b>Bear Creek Buckaroos 4-H Open Horse Show</b> Kim Marr
<b>June 18-19</b>	<b>O'Moksee-Tentative</b> Peggy Goodsell
<b>July 9</b>	<b>Treasure State Horse Show</b> Barb Rolf, 240-7662 <a href="mailto:krolf@onewest.net">krolf@onewest.net</a>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Big Sky Classic Horse Show</b> Barb Rolf, 240-7662 <a href="mailto:krolf@onewest.net">krolf@onewest.net</a>
<b>July 16</b>	<b>Flying Colors Mini-Event ~ Park Benefit</b> Kathryn Maslanka 207-7629 <a href="mailto:k.maslanka@yahoo.com">k.maslanka@yahoo.com</a>
<b>July 17</b>	<b>Buckle Series - 4H Club</b> Danielle Richardson
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Open Horse Show</b> Mary Baughn, 777-4196/cell 207-0334 <a href="mailto:mary@wildblue.net">mary@wildblue.net</a> or <a href="mailto:skyvalle96@wmconnect.com">skyvalle96@wmconnect.com</a>
<b>July 31</b>	<b>American Paint Horse Assn Horse Show</b> Mary Baughn, 777-4196/cell 207-0334 <a href="mailto:mary@wildblue.net">mary@wildblue.net</a> or <a href="mailto:skyvalle96@wmconnect.com">skyvalle96@wmconnect.com</a>
<b>August 6-7</b>	<b>Dressage Show USDF/USEF approved</b> Jeanne Guadreau, 406-825-7774 <a href="mailto:jmgstablesmt@yahoo.com">jmgstablesmt@yahoo.com</a>
<b>August 27-28</b>	<b>MDCTA - USEF/USDF</b> Susan Mayer <a href="mailto:smayer@litigationabstract.com">smayer@litigationabstract.com</a>
<b>September 24</b>	<b>Flying Colors Mini-Event ~ Park Benefit</b> Kathryn Maslanka 207-7629 <a href="mailto:k.maslanka@yahoo.com">k.maslanka@yahoo.com</a>

**Check Out Our Improved Website**



A huge **THANK YOU** to Ginny Schuler for taking on and attacking the website. Visit us at [www.missoulaequestrianpokr.org](http://www.missoulaequestrianpokr.org) to find membership forms, classified ads, the cross country course from the horses viewpoint, Mini-Event forms and dressage tests, the newsletters, Board Meeting highlights. Coming soon.....The Park's History, from start to finish.

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#### **MISSOULA HORSEMEN'S COUNCIL—MISSION STATEMENT**

The Missoula Horsemen's Council, Inc, was founded in 1984 in response to the need of area horsemen for a park developed for equestrian use. The Council is a charitable organization as described in Chapter 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

The purpose of the Missoula Horsemen's Council is to perpetuate a high standard of accomplishment, safety, and enjoyment of horsemanship throughout the region; to develop maintain and upgrade equestrian facilities at the Missoula Equestrian Park, and to assist the various government and private agencies in the maintenance and management of the habitat areas within the park boundaries.

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

**Be Part of Something Special  
Become a Member of the Park or  
Re-new your membership  
To ride at the Park!**

Mail your membership in today:  
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