

Region 6 Membership Update

November 12, 2021

1. 2022 Ride Schedule – Mary Fettes, our Region 6 Ride Coordinator, is working hard in putting together our ride schedule for 2022. Below is an early version of our schedule that is a work in progress. Please let Mary know what to add and/or change.

April 9-10	Tally Ho (A, B, & Sunday LeD)	Leavenworth, Kansas
Early May	Branched Oak (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Malcolm, Nebraska
May 21-22	Kanopolis Lake (A, B, & LeD TBD)	Marquette, Kansas
Early June	Mozingo Lake (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Maryville, Missouri
Late June	PonyXpress (A, B, & LeD TBD)	Fairbury, Nebraska
Early/Mid July	Pierce Creek (Clinic and LeD Ride)	Essex, IA
August 28-29, 2022	Jesse James Rideout (A, B, & LeD)	Smithville, Missouri
Late September	Indian Cave (LeD)	Shubert, Nebraska
October	Stephen's Forest (A, B, & LeD)	Chariton, Iowa
TBD	Big River (A, B, & LeD TBD)	Lexington, Missouri
TBD	Big Hill (A, B TBD)	Cherryvale, Kansas
TBD	Sand Hills (A, B, & LeD TBD)	Hutchison, Kansas

We are currently looking for a location to have a Clinic and LeD ride in Kansas. It would be wonderful if we can also add two or three more A rides. I appreciate Mary's hard work on this. She is doing a great job in trying to spread out our rides during the ride season.

2. Make sure you have submitted your 2021 Region 6 worker report form to Trish. The deadline is this Monday, November 15th. You received an email recently from Christina with the newly updated forms. If you cannot find that email with the forms, feel free to contact me and I will email them to you.
3. The deadline for Honorary and Appreciation nominations has been extended to 10 p.m. Sunday November 21st. This also includes nominations for our Region 6 Diamond of the Year.
4. Check out the Instagram page of our new NATRC sponsor Rogue Pet Science and see if you can find some pics of our Region 6 riders! When you open Instagram search for "roguepetscience" and follow them. While you are checking out Instagram be sure to check out our Region 6 Instagram @natrc6 account. This morning you will see picture number 594! Be sure to follow us on Instagram if you have not already.
5. The Region 6 Board of Directors recently voted to place a full-page ad in the upcoming 60th anniversary edition of the *Hoof Print*. This special edition will be out right after the first of the year. Included in this edition will be a story about the very first ride in our region that took place in the fall of 1974!
6. Congratulations to our Region 6 top 10 finishers in this year's NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge. Kristen Johansen, Margaret Reynolds, and John Zeliff placed 3rd, 5th and 9th respectively in the national horse and rider team rankings. Among the top 10 nationally by rider (any horse) Region 6 had four members in the top ten. Kristen Johansen placed 3rd, Margaret Reynolds placed 5th, Helen Smith placed 6th, and John Zeliff placed 8th. Way to represent Region 6!

7. Now that our ride season is complete, it is time to turn our attention to the upcoming National Convention that our region is hosting in Omaha, NE the weekend of February 25-27, 2022. We will need all hands-on deck. Be on the lookout for specific information from our convention planning committee soon.
8. EquiFest of Kansas recently announced that Chris Cox will be returning once again as one of the featured clinicians. This year's EquiFest will be the 25th anniversary of this popular horse expo and will take place in Salina, KS the weekend of March 18-20, 2022. Our region will once again be participating with a NATRC booth. Put this event on your calendar. We will be looking for members to help work our booth.
9. Stay up to date with Region 6 by following us on social media.
 - Follow us on Instagram @natrcr6!
 - Follow us on Facebook with our Region 6 NATRC Riders group and our Region 6, North American Trail Ride Conference page.
 - Follow us on Twitter @natrc_6!
 - Subscribe to our NATRC (North American Trail Ride Conference) YouTube channel.
10. Have you made our Region 6 webpage (natrcr6.org) your startup page for your internet browser yet? When you do, every time you open your browser, your opening tab will be our Region 6 webpage. It is an effortless way to stay current with Region 6!
11. Important Region 6 Dates:
 - Region 6 Worker Point Forms due by November 15th.
 - Honorary and Appreciation nominations due by November 21st.
 - NATRC National Convention will be February 25-27, 2022, in Omaha, NE
 - Region 6 award presentations will be Sunday morning February 27th, 2022, in Omaha, NE
 - The 25th EquiFest of Kansas will be March 18-20, 2022, in Salina, KS

What a fantastic second half of our ride season! It was so wonderful to have rides on a consistent basis these past few months. The improvement with our horses' performances was noticeable with each additional ride. The ride season went fast but it was filled with many great memories that will last for many years to come. Thank you to the many ride managers and volunteers that make it possible each year for our riders to be able to participate in our favorite sport. Next year's ride schedule is looking really good and cannot get here soon enough.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our National Convention in Omaha! As soon as convention is over it will be time once again to focus on those conditioning rides as the new ride season will be just around the corner. Between now and then we can all set new goals for the upcoming ride year as we continue to enhance that partnership with our horse.

Stay focused!
John Zeliff, R6 President

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