

Region 6 November Membership Update November 9, 2023

1. **Region 6 Benefit Ride Was A Success** – Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Region 6 Benefit Ride a success. Special thank you to ride manager Cheryl Bohling for all that she did to ensure a successful ride. The Autumn Adventure at Big Hill did not disappoint. The same cannot be said for the weather, but regardless, the memories made will definitely last a long time. The trophies were classic! Thank you to all who generously supported this year's benefit ride with either your ride entry, donation, raffle ticket purchase, food donation, etc. As a result, we were able to generate \$2,159 to support Region 6 as we head into the 2024 ride season!
2. **NATRC Raffle Tickets** – Marla and I have a limited number of raffle tickets left if you have not purchased yours yet or if you would like to increase your chances of winning by buying more. Contact either one of us today before our supply of tickets are gone. All proceeds directly support our favorite sport.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. For your convenience you may Venmo me @johnzeliff or you may PayPal Marla @MarlaStucky to purchase your winning ticket(s) today.

1st Prize - \$300 Visa Gift Card

2nd Prize - \$200 Riding Warehouse Gift Card

3rd Prize - \$100 Tractor Supply Company Gift Card

4th Prize - \$50 Cabela's Gift Card

Drawing for the winners will take place at the 2024 National NATRC Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. You do not need to be present to win.

3. **2023 Region 6 Worker Report Forms** – The deadline for submitting 2023 Region 6 Worker Report Forms is November 30th. [Click here](#) to find the forms. One form is for Rides and Clinics and the other is for National and Regional Volunteers. These forms are used to determine the Dale Seymour Memorial High Point Worker of the Year Award. Individuals will also be recognized for their cumulative point totals with Bars and Milestone awards. The directions on how to submit these forms can be found at the bottom of each form. Everyone who volunteered for these various duties is encouraged to submit their forms.
4. **Region 6 Ride Page Editor Needed** – We are looking for someone willing to serve as our Region 6 ride page editor. This person will assist ride managers by providing them with previous ride pages so that they may update the ride information page for their upcoming ride. Please let me know if you would be willing to perform this duty.
5. **Plan to Attend the Region 6 Convention and Awards Banquet** – The 2024 Region 6 Convention will be held in Salina, Kansas during the 2024 EquiFest of Kansas Horse Expo the weekend of March 14-17. Convention participants will be able to enjoy the clinicians and educational workshops offered during this excellent horse expo. We will also be sure to provide opportunities each day where region 6 members will be able to be together as a group. One of the highlights of the convention will be our awards banquet where we will recognize our horse and riders from the current ride season. Our hotel is the Garden Hilton at 3320 South 9th Street at the south end of Salina. Our banquet brunch is currently planned for Sunday morning at Crestwood Design Center located at 601 East Water Well Road. Additional information and details to follow.

6. **More Volunteers are needed for our NATRC Demo at EquiFest** – The EquiFest of Kansas Horse Expo would like for us to do a competitive trail riding demo in one of their arenas during the 2024 EquiFest. This is an excellent opportunity for NATRC to really shine in front of this excellent horse expo. We are looking for volunteers to help put this together. Please let me know if you would be interested in helping plan and organize our demo. This is very exciting for us!
7. **Road Trip** – The 2024 NATRC National Convention will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico the weekend of February 23-24, 2024, in cooperation with AERC. Details regarding hotel, registration, and convention programming will be shared when they are finalized. Meanwhile, be sure to save the date and make plans now to attend this excellent event. You will come away inspired and motivated.
8. **Updated Tentative 2024 Ride Schedule** – Increasing the number of A rides (that offer all divisions) continues to be a priority. These additional rides will increase the opportunity for our riders to compete for regional and national recognition. We now have 7 rides that will offer Novice, Competitive Pleasure, and Open divisions. We have also enhanced our Leisure Division schedule as there are now 11 rides offering this division. Once again, we are leading the nation in the number of clinic opportunities we are providing. Four rider clinics are currently planned for the 2024 ride season. Stay tuned for some exciting information on an updated format for these clinics.

Please consider managing or co-managing a ride in 2024. If we can pick up just one or two more ride managers, we can make next year's schedule even better. Our Region 6 board of directors is committed to the elimination of any barriers and/or concerns anyone may have regarding managing a ride. The support is there!

Have an idea for a new ride location? Please contact [Mary Fettes](#), our Region 6 ride coordinator.

Tentative 2024 Region 6 Ride Schedule (as of 11/7/23)

Date	Name	Divisions Offered	Location
April 13	Tally Ho	LeD	Leavenworth, KS
April 13-14	Tally Ho	O/N/CP	Leavenworth, KS
April 27	Branching Out Clinic	Clinic	Raymond, NE
April 27	Branching Out Ride	LeD	Raymond, NE
April 28	Branching Out Ride	LeD	Raymond, NE
May 18	Pierce Creek Ride	LeD	Essex, IA
May 18	Pierce Creek Clinic	Clinic	Essex, IA
May 19	Pierce Creek Ride	O/N/CP	Essex, IA
June 1-2	Kanopolis Canyons	O/N/CP/LeD	Marquette, KS
June 22	Mozingo Lake Ride	LeD	Maryville, MO
June 22	Mozingo Lake Clinic	Clinic	Maryville, MO
June 23	Mozingo Lake Ride	LeD	Maryville, MO
August 17-18	Brushy Creek	O/N/CP/LeD	Lehigh, IA
Sept 14-15	Indian Cave	LeD	Shubert, NE
Sept 28	White Rock Ride	LeD	Coon Rapids, IA
Sept 28	White Rock Clinic	Clinic	Coon Rapids, IA
Sept 29	White Rock Ride	LeD	Coon Rapids, IA
Oct 12-13	Jesse James Rideout	O/N/CP/LeD	Smithville, MO
Oct 26-27	Big Hill	O/N/CP/LeD	Cherryvale, KS
TBD	Hillsdale Lake	O/N/CP/LeD	Paola, KS

9. **Reminder: NATRC Sponsor Discount** – [Riding Warehouse](#) offers NATRC members a 10% discount with 5% of your purchase benefiting NATRC. Contact either myself or our national office for the discount code to include in your shopping cart. (Not applicable to non-discountable items. Please do not share this discount code publicly.)
10. **Reminder: NATRC Branded Products** – NATRC Sponsor [Distance Depot](#) offers NATRC branded products for our members. They have a wide selection of jackets, sweatshirts, polo shirts, gear bags, hats, headbands, and other items for you to shop from. A percentage of your purchase benefits NATRC making this a win-win for everyone.
11. **Keep Current** – Stay up to date with Region 6 by following us on social media!
Follow us on Instagram @natrcr6! **There are currently 969 Region 6 pictures!**
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 the NATRC (North American Trail Ride Conference) YouTube channel.
12. **Follow Region 6 on the Web** - Make our Region 6 webpage (natrcr6.org) your startup page for your internet browser. 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!
13. **Important Region 6 dates and upcoming events:**
 - National NATRC Convention, Albuquerque, NM February 23-24
 - EquiFest of Kansas, Salina, KS March 14-17
 - Region 6 Convention and Awards Banquet, Salina KS March 14-17
 - Iowa Horse Fair, Des Moines, IA, March 22-24
 - Ozark Spring Roundup, Springfield, MO March 22-24 (tentative)

What an amazing ending to the 2023 ride season. The memories from the Autumn Adventure at Big Hill are priceless. What a fun way to end another successful ride season.

We have a very exciting 2024 ride season planned. I encourage each of you to become more involved with our awesome region. The more members that we have involved the better it is for all of us and the stronger our region becomes. There are many great opportunities for you to become involved. Contact me today to find out how you can help build upon the positive momentum we have going in Region 6.

We have an amazing opportunity to share what NATRC is all about at one of the nation's top horse expos. We are going to need all hands on deck for this one. From planning what we are going to do, to setting up the arena for the demo, and then for the actual demo itself, we need volunteers.

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