



Happy December IHTA!

This year did not go exactly as planned – what year does?! As I wrote last year, we were able to mark off Phase 2 of the confidence course last year, and it quickly grew over. The park lost staff early in the year, so keeping it brush hogged didn't happen. It is cleared out again now, and we removed the stumps left after brushing it out. It comes off the trail to the campground from day staging, taking a right turn to follow the perimeter of the campground and tie into Phase 1.

PLEASE plan to ride this trail each time you come to the park. We need it packed in before we build obstacles – likely spring of 2025.

The 7th Annual Forbidden Trails Ride was June 10<sup>th</sup>, and was another successful event. Our annual meeting after the event re-elected Maggie, Mickey, Nancy, Chris, and Tara. All our officers agreed to continue. Earlier this year we gained two board members when Beth Stein and Arriane Crandell joined us. We sure appreciate them!

Our Chili Cookoff was held on October 7th. While we had fewer chilies entered than prior years, probably due to lots of rain in the forecast, they all were very good! Deb Roullier had the winning chili. Our 50/50 was won by Nancy Simmonds, and the Poker Ride was won by Micki Pitsch. Both Nancy and Micky donated back to IHTA!

On November 4th we installed 4 sets of corrals on sites 106, 107, 109, and 113. Each of these sites also still have 3 picket posts. The footing under the corrals was built the same way we improved the other corrals in 2022. They are raised up with drainage built under them to keep your horses dryer. We may do more corrals toward the end of 2024, or we may focus on improving footing in picket areas throughout camp.

We now have a new option for memberships. Those who prefer can donate \$200.00 and will be given a Life Time membership in IHTA.

Event dates for 2024:

Forbidden Trail Ride #8, We are seeking the date of Saturday June 8, but we have **\*not yet received the go ahead\*** from the Dog Trials group, so we will have to finalize a bit later. Reservations will open December are open now, but we will announce as soon as we get authorization!

Chili Cookoff will be Saturday, October 5, reservations will open April 5.

Please renew your membership now and keep the momentum going! Also consider attending board meetings to contribute your ideas for our events and Phase 2!

Happy Trails!

Kristie Walls, IHTA President