



Website:

www.rainbowequitationsociety.org

Our new website is up. Please check it out.

Email:

info@rainbowequitationsociety.ca

We also have a Facebook page. Please "LIKE" us there. You can find fun things there as well as Riding or hiking information. Want to contribute to the newsletter, drop us an email; subject "newsletter" and we will try to include it.



AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2015

ANNOUNCING!!!!

Rainbow Equitation Society has recently launched its new website.

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Our old website ending with .ca is outdated and no longer relevant. Please share our new website address with your friends. Our newsletters are now available on our website, as well as memberships can be purchased directly online through paypal. It may take a while for search engines to index the new site.

Message from your President

Two Saturdays ago the Rainbow Equitation Society (RES) had the privilege of having SAPAA visit us on site.

SAPAA for those of you that do not know it stands for Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association. We did approx 12 k's of walking, up the back side of the Natural Area to the outlook, and then through the RES staging area and over the Rim Trail that runs along Half Moon Lake. The pictures above are a few things we saw on our walk. I normally do this trek on my horse. I learned a ton of stuff that day. I had always known what a privilege it was to belong to the RES, but I learned that day just how very special this place really is. These people could not get over the different types of flower and fauna that grows in our neck of the woods, just how healthy everything is. They pointed out things I never knew the names of or what the age of things were, like the presence of wild hazelnuts, the old growth, that they figure is well over 100 years . They were most impressed how little evidence there was of our equine. Friends, (meaning that we are respecting what nature has endowed to us). These people were so impressed with what they saw they made a second trip back since that day. So the next time you are out walking or riding have a look around and see how truly blessed we are. Thanks to all that respect the trails and help us maintain what we have. To those that come out on Maintenance Days and to those that just simply come out and take care of what they see needs to be done and just do it, thanks.



Wild Paintbrush



Hazelnuts



Fireweed



Birch Trees

Linda Arsenault
President RES

Info related to your Membership

This message is to target specific issues related to the Rainbow Equitation Society (RES). It is come to our attention that some of our membership may not understand the rules that govern the RES, this is an explanation of membership, private property, respecting the rules, and bringing guests.

Many of you may not realize that the Rainbow Equitation Society owns 80 acres of land, housing our Gazebo, warming shed, round pens, arena, as well as horse trailer parking and many trails. What does this mean? It means that in order to use the 80 acres that the RES owns you must have a current membership and if you bring your equine friend you MUST have AEF insurance as well. We can at any time ask you for proof of membership. Your membership is essentially your parking pass. (A good idea is to display it on the dash of your vehicle. (Specifically once you drive under our RES sign, as shown above, you must be a member or a onetime guest). Our membership fees are very reasonable and current waiver must be signed along with your membership application. This waiver is requested by our insurance company and is NOT negotiable. It is required for our members as well as a guest. A current AEF membership helps lower our insurance rates. These policies are not only to protect us, the RES, but you the member as well.

If you are planning on bringing a guest, please plan for it because before the guest comes to the RES a liability waiver MUST be on file.

Currently, we have an ongoing problem with individuals who feel that they have a right to stage from our RES site without having a membership. Some reasons I have heard is "they have always parked there", or "I know so and so".

We also have a miscommunication as to what a "guest" is. A guest is a person who a member invites to the RES, for a ONE TIME, visit. They are required to have signed a waiver previous to their visit. (Some may not have been aware of this requirement). This is usually one person, who wants to check out the area, and may be considering purchasing a membership. (And we encourage this) This does not mean, one member can bring 12 riders for a day ride on the "guest" card, and bring some guests back numerous times.

Please be considerate of others. Purchase a membership which is only \$20.00 for a single, or \$30.00 for a family membership, which is very reasonable. (Your liability waiver is included in the

membership application) Your membership allows you to stage from our RES area, anytime, as well as participate in special events and a bonus, we feed you at these events.

If you do not wish to purchase a membership, you are welcome to access the Half Moon Natural Area by the East Parking Lot. You may stage from there, but be aware that the area is small, and narrow.



The RES is not the only organization to own land in the area. Right beside our arena, the land is owned by a private organization. They have asked us to discontinue the use of the trail that used to go out from the parking area, south east past the far east end of the Arena. We have made a new trail, Cadet Way Trail, and we ask that you use this trail both leaving and returning to the parking area. This trail can be found straight east of the parking lot. Do not come back on the old trail, this is closed.

We hope that you will understand and respect these guidelines and changes.



Its Berry Picking time again, and for horseback riders, it means people popping out of seemingly nowhere. This can be a challenge for even the quietest of trail horses. Please share the trail. If you encounter berry pickers, please give way to them on the trail. If you are out berry picking, please acknowledge any riders you encounter to ensure their horses recognize you as a person. This may seem of little consequence to some, however, it could become a serious accident. Ranging from a simple spook, to an all-out bucking session, possibly injuring horse and/or rider.

Be aware. Be safe

Blueberries



Raspberries



Saskatoon's



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A curiously informative piece to provide RES members some insight as to what/how/why/when bylaws affect them.” Readers note that quoted sections from the Rainbow Equitation Society bylaws will appear as **“bold and italicized”**.

Generally (I think), the following items have a common theme.

So now that we are continuing as RES members for another year or are starting our first RES membership year, what is our role? Is it as follows?

Section 3 – Member Privileges

Voting:

Adult members are eligible to vote at Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings.

Youth members do not have voting privileges Annual General Meetings and Special Meetings.

Voting must be in person only.

Members are eligible to participate in meetings, events, committees and projects.

Adult members are eligible to participate in the election process at the Annual General Meeting.

Each member shall have the right to inspect the books and records of the Society upon suitable arrangements.

Members are responsible for conducting themselves in accordance with the Bylaws, Policies and Objectives of the Society.

Next month?? Any suggestions members??

CCB

(I welcome any comments, questions, concerns, interest in this the “Bylaw Bybill” contribution to the RES Newsletter.)

RAINBOW EQUITATION SOCIETY PROPERTY RULES.

1. Club members or member-approved community groups only are to use the facilities and trails on Society Property.
2. Alcohol and illegal drugs are prohibited on Property.
3. No trespassing.
4. No Hunting.
5. Please stay on trails while riding and hiking
6. Firearms are prohibited
7. Motorized vehicles are not allowed beyond designated parking areas.
8. Off-road vehicles are not allowed on Society Property
9. Please use receptacles provided for litter.
10. Tree cutting is not allowed
11. No grazing of animals.
12. Fires are allowed only in properly constructed and designated fire pits that comply with fire regulations.
13. Dogs must be on a leash.

RAINBOW EQUITATION SOCIETY TRAIL RIDE RULES

1. Designated Trail Master
2. Ride single file as a group.
3. Horses that are kickers must be identified with a tail marker.
4. No stallions.
5. No smoking while riding.
6. If you meet up with hikers – Riders must stop until hikers pass.
7. If any problem arises, entire group must stop until problem is rectified.
8. Horses must be properly tied or penned – no hobbles.
9. No profanity
10. When crossing bridges – one horse must be across before next horse crosses.

NOTICE: While constructive criticism is encouraged and appreciated, through cyber communication to the board members and/or members at large, please be respectful in your comments. Intimidation /harassment and/or cyber bullying will not be tolerated throughout our Society. Harassment in any form, cyber or otherwise, could result in the individual being denied membership or membership being revoked. This includes our email system, web page, Facebook page, on our trails at our physical location in the Half Moon Lake natural area, and any functions or meetings held under the Rainbow Equitation Society banner. This will ensure that the RES board members and members at large create an enjoyable environment for all - thank you for supporting a harassment/bullying free group.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

AUGUST 22nd Family Day **PLEASE RSVP ASAP!**

SEPT. **Date to be announced** Fall Work Day

Dec 11 and 12th Casino Work Days.

Watch this page and your email for further information and details.

For all events, waivers must be signed by all attending. Also if you are horseback riding your AEF needs to be current.

Rainbow Equitation Society

Family Day

Date: Saturday, August 22nd, 2015

Place: RES Site Ghost Horse Hills

Time: Gates Open at 1:00 PM

Come out and enjoy a few hours with your family and friends at the RES.

There will be numerous games and activities to participate in.

Bring your spare change; there will be a game of chance that the take away prize will be 50% of the pot.

There will be drinks and food provided at no charge.

Please RSVP by August 19th to
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This will ensure we have enough food for all.