



H O P P R I N T S

MACKINAC HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Mackinac Island, Michigan

May 2016

Mackinac Horsemen's 2016 Season – Camps, Cowboys, Clinics and more...

Mark your calendars for the many events happening at the Mackinac Community Equestrian Center (MCEC). Programs, camps, lessons and clinics are open to any and all members of the Mackinac Island community, whether you are a year round resident or a short-term visitor. We hope to see you there! The MCEC is open to the public every day from 10 am to 5 pm. Visitors are always welcome!

May 20	MCEC officially opens
June 23	Mackinac Trailblazers 4H Club Trail CleanUp
June 30	Cowboy Cookout, MHA's Annual Members Party and Fundraiser
July 1	Cowboy Camp Day Clinic
July 11-15	Youth Horse Day Camp (pre-register, limited space)
August 6	Horse Show Prep Clinic
August 7	46 th Annual Mackinac Island Horse Show
August 8-12	Youth Horse Day Camp (pre-register, please)



Mackinac Island Public School Free Family Nights (7-8 pm)

June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 18, 25; August 1, 15, 22

Mackinac Trailblazers 4H Club Meetings (7 pm)

June 9, 23; July 14*, 28; August 11*, 25 (* meeting at 4 pm)

Cowboy Cookout June 30 at MCEC

Yeehaw! Put on that cowboy hat and come on out to the MCEC Thursday, June 30 from 5:30-7:30 for a Cowboy Cookout. You are invited to join us to celebrate MHA's 19th year of operation with music, food, magic and a special performance by real cowboys

Brian Bannerman and Will Eckert!

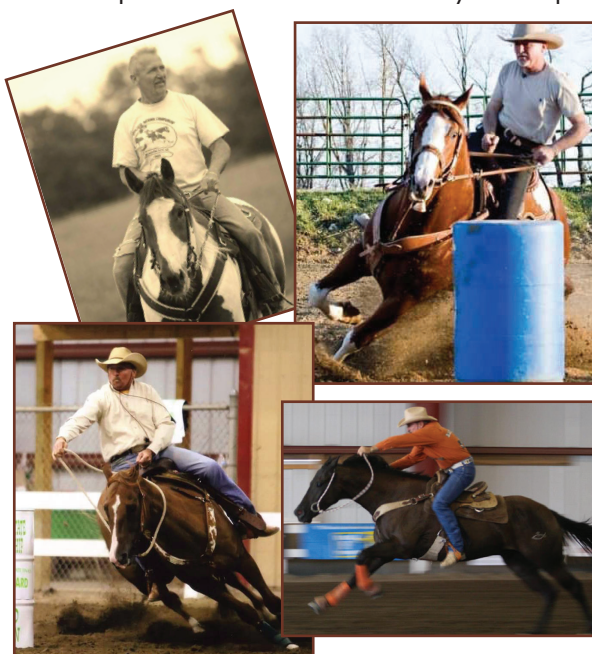
Brian Bannerman is a 7-time World Champion in Barrels & Poles, winner of countless Regional and State titles, 3-time Trainer of the Year for MAPHC, articles published in Western Horseman, Appaloosa News, The Chronicle, and more.

Will Eckert is the current MI NBHA State Champion in the Open 1D which had over 400 entries. He has been the Reserve Champion the past two years. Will also has shown in the AQHA, MQHA, and MI Quarter Horse Futurities. Together, both men have 40+ years invested in the Oakland County 4H Horse Camp as instructors.

Free for Mackinac Horsemen's Association members. Memberships available at the door starting at \$25. Open to all current and new members. MHA relies heavily on the revenue generated by memberships to provide a safe and educational horse experience for the Mackinac Island community, residents and visitors alike.

Please RSVP by June 20 to: info@mackinachorses.org or 906-847-8034.

If you have youth riding wear in good condition, please bring it to the event. Especially needed are small sized riding boots. Mackinac Horsemen's Association and The Children's Riding Academy will share your donations among our young riders.



The Mackinac Horsemen's Association, in recognition of the unique ordinance of 1898 banning the "horseless" carriage on Mackinac Island, is dedicated to the promotion, education and future of horses and horsemanship on Mackinac Island and throughout the State of Michigan.



Welcome Back to our Five-Star Staff

We're thrilled to welcome back Samantha Simmons and Michelle Modafferi as Barn Manager and Assistant Barn Manager. Ms. Simmons will also lead the Trailblazers 4-H Club. Our wonderful riding instructor Anna Perkins will again join us in teaching lessons. Anna brings extensive knowledge and experience.



Our Horses

Our wonderful horses will be returning soon! Most famous returnee is little Blaze, our Haflinger pony that hundreds of children have learned to ride on over the years. Another old faithful is lovely Fiona, a Welsh Cob. Other horses returning or joining the herd this summer are:

Gypsy – Quarter Horse
 Magic – Quarter Horse
 Marco – Morgan
 Nacho – Belgian cross
 Noble - Hackney Horse
 Ripley – Quarter Horse
 Robyn – Quarter Horse/Paint
 Strauss – Haflinger
 Teja – Appendix
 Trouper – Arab
 Whisper – Paint/Quarter Pony



What Can MCEC Offer You?

- Education for Youth and Adult in horseback riding, carriage driving, and other equine activities.
- Mackinac Trailblazers 4H Club – open to all youth.
- The Mackinac Horse in History Museum – a Mackinac Island equine photo history - free.
- Self Guided Tours of the MCEC – 10 am to 5 pm – free.
- Youth Day Camps – offered twice per summer.
- Youth/Adult Clinics – featuring visiting clinicians, open to all.
- Free Family Nights for Mackinac Island Public School Students and their families - Mondays in June, July, August.
- Scholarships – awarded yearly to MIPS graduates pursuing education in an equine related field.
- Meeting Space - rental for equine related events.
- Horse Boarding – daily or monthly rates.

All offerings are possible due to the generous donations from our members and supporters. **THANK YOU!**

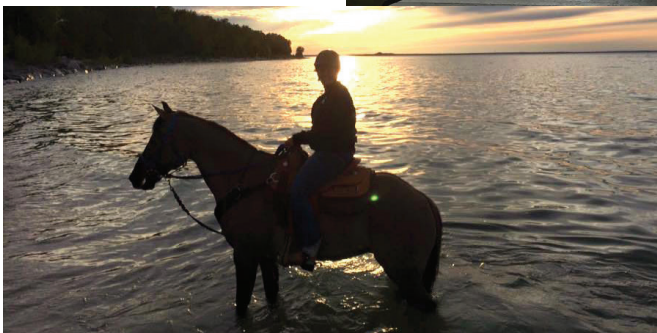
2016 Summer Horse Camp Sessions

Once again, MHA will offer summer day camps for youth ages 5 through 16 years. They will be directed by MHA's Education Director Lisa Eckhardt, with assistance from the MCEC staff. The camps provide an active and healthy place for children to develop horsemanship skills and build personal confidence. Campers learn in a safe, relaxed and fun atmosphere through demonstrations, hands-on barn activities, chores, riding lessons, and nature hikes. Campers learn essentials about horse behavior and important lessons in horse care through grooming, tacking, and specially designed games. The best part? They have loads of fun!

Session dates: **July 11-15** and **August 8-12**

Please register early as space is limited.

To sign up, please visit www.mackinachorses.org and click on What We Do.



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