



Indiana Saddle Horse Association

Indiana's Only All-Breed Equine Club

Hoosier Equestrian

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Who is ready for Spring? The horses certainly are with the wads of hair flying around. They seem to know that show season is just around the corner and they want to look their best! You can help them by attending the Hoosier Horse Fair at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, April 4th through 6th. There will be lots of goodies for you and your horses. The ISHA booth will be located in the West Pavilion. Please stop by and say hello. We are raffling off a Toro Ultra Electric Vac. What a great tool to spruce up your barn. We will also have a supply of ISHA Spring and Fall show bills and the 4-H Club and 4-H Individual High Point Competition forms. If you didn't know, ISHA has **added 50 classes** to our show schedule to provide youth exhibitors a chance to win high point recognition awards. Most classes are paybacks. In addition, there will be trophies awarded to the winners of each of the four youth showmanship classes and a trophy for the All Breed Supreme Champion. Don't forget we also have a \$100 Open Halter class and a \$50 Open Saddle Seat Pleasure, \$50 Open Gaited English Pleasure, \$50 Open Hunt Seat Pleasure, \$50 Open Western Pleasure and a \$50 Open Gaited Western Pleasure class. There will also be fun classes such as Anything Goes Costume, Egg & Spoon and classes for the "old timers" (not just horses).

The Mary Wissman Weeks award, sponsored by the Hoosier Ladies Aside, Inc. is another way to achieve recognition. You can win this award, a plaque and \$25 cash, by exhibiting the best partnership between a horse/rider team, co-operation and connection at the show. The Mary Wissman Weeks award is presented at both the Spring and Fall ISHA shows.

During the lunch break, Jennifer Suzanne Sulkowski will present "Working With Kids on Horses". Volunteers from the audience can participate. Jennifer will introduce Napoleon, the star of her book, *A Pony Named Napoleon*. Jennifer's book is a real-life fairytale children's book which broaches the subject of diversity, bullying and acceptance. Napoleon will be glad to have his picture taken with you! Later in the day she will present "How to Make Your Passion for Horses into a Career".

Jennifer is currently working on a PhD in global health and writing a children's novel. She also loves teaching at the Joy Beginners School in Kangemi, Nairobi, Kenya. All sales proceeds from her book go directly to the building of a new secondary school for the older children.

This year the food at the show will be provided by the Indiana FFA Leadership Center of Trafalgar. All proceeds will go toward their programs. The Center provides subsidies for kids whose families are not able to pay for camp. Camp is held during Spring break and Fall break. Activities include canoeing, swimming, rope courses, archery, hiking and other unique activities to teach children skills as well as enjoy the camping experience. The Center has six cabins that house 30 people each, a Fellowship Center and a large dormitory that holds 68 people. This year the cabins will be renovated and a zip line installed. Please support this worthwhile effort.

The members of ISHA welcome you to become a part of the oldest All Breed Equine Club in Indiana. Help us support the youth and amateurs of Indiana by becoming a member and joining us at the Spring and Fall shows.

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