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|  | **August 2023 Newsletter** |

 **CLUB NEWS**

The Christmas in July ride was hosted by Donna Howland and Donna Meyer. We enjoyed a great Mexican meal and fun White Elephant “Horsey” gift exchange on Saturday and Group breakfast Sunday morning. Lots of trail rides went out throughout the weekend and a fabulous group campfire on Saturday night. Thanks to the Donna’s!!! Our next club ride and meeting will be at the Shedd farm August 5 & 6--Details on the website.

Just a reminder to track your hours riding on your horse and also check out all the categories to earn points for our year-end awards!!

Any questions or concerns can be directed to an officer at any time.

**Officers:**

President – Lorrie Conry (815-973-2192)

Vice President – Terry Busby

Secretary – Caron Paschke

Treasurer – Carolyn Moehring

**Club Board of Directors:** Linda Thomas, Susan Krug, and Rose Shedd

**Liaisons to our local parks:**

***Rock Cut State Park:*** Terry Herbig – To report any problems at the park call 815-885-3311

***Franklin Creek State Park:*** Rosemarie Farmer

***Winnebago Forest Preserves:*** Debbi Hamilton

**Ride Committee:** Chair Donna Meyer and Co-Chair Donna Howland

**Club Website Manager –** Terry Busby --To contact Terry, please go to the website and click on support or email **support@ valleytrailriders.club.**

The website address is: [**www.Valleytrailriders.club**](http://www.Valleytrailriders.club)

To access the members-only side of the website, Click on the join button--Fill out the form --Click the Submit button. This area includes: Area to submit Blog articles, club newsletter and meeting minutes, Member contacts and Club Bylaws. If you have not done so yet, please go on our website and create your member log in. Terry will approve your access to the “Members Only” section once he verifies your paid membership. When you are approved, you will be set up with your own club email address that links to your personal email address.

**Facebook Page Administrator** – Kurtis Longenecker -- Please forward anything you want posted, such as pictures or events on our page to Kurtis at k\_longenecker@valleytrailriders.club

**Valley Trail Riders Apparel:** You can purchase hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts, etc…by contacting Rose Shedd at 815-979-5998 - Rose also brings items for sale, to our club meetings😊

**DUES - Single -$15.00 & Family-$20.00** Make checks payable to **Valley Trail Riders** and mail to: Carolyn Moehring, 3881 Page Rd, Rockford, 61101

**Calendar**

* **August 5-6 Members only Camping and poker run at Rose & Mark Shedds’s Farm**

RSVP by July 30th

Check in Saturday Morning 8:30am

Ride 1:00pm

Meeting 5:30pm

Dinner 6:00pm (Provided by the Club and the Shedd’s)

CampFire after dinner with Chip Mesnar playing campfire songs on his guitar

Sunday Breakfast 8:00am ish

Ride 9:30am – 10:00am ish

Horse Riders need to sign waiver

* **September 16 Ride and Steak Dinner at Rock Cut- Hosted by: Terry Herbig**

**Club Mtg on Saturday night**

* **October 6-8 Chili Dump at Rock Cut**

**Hosted by: Donna H Donna M and Cindy E**