

EQUESTRIAN TRAIL RIDERS' ACTION COMMITTEE

How Equestrians Can Help Themselves

While '*Money does not Grow on Trees*', often times old adages hold true for equestrian concerns ... like "**Money Talks**". Many of you who have lived in San Mateo County (SMC) for decades have seen this area become less populated by horses, but you have also seen many foundations that have been created to help manage/serve the equestrian needs. The ability of any foundation/interest-group/person to amass a large donation, often gives that entity powerful leverage. As equestrians, we can use/need this leverage to our advantage. If many equestrians donate to these 'horse related' foundations, in the name of equestrian needs, then this amassed amount will give us leverage. This amassed amount will not only escape the eyes of the foundation, but may also bring strength to direction of the foundation's goals.

SMC has many equestrian-related foundations. Check out their mission statements and if you donate to any of these organizations, it is advised to '*specify specifically what you want your donation to be used for*', i.e. 'for equestrian trail maintenance/creation use only'. Listed are **some** of the equestrian-related foundations (this is, in no way complete): San Mateo County Parks Foundation, CA State Parks Foundation. Others are associated with equestrian services/events: Mounted Patrol, NCEFT, SMCHA, SFHA, WHOA!. Horse Park @ Woodside, BOK.

So as we come to the close of the year, many people are looking at giving back to the community. In doing so, please keep our equestrian interests in mind.

A COALITION OF EQUESTRIAN ORGANIZATIONS :

COAST SIDE HORSE COUNCIL - DISABLED EQUESTRIANS - JBH CAMP AD HOC COMMITTEE - LOS ALTOS HOUNDS - LOS ALTOS HORSEMEN'S ASSOC. - LOS VIAJEROS RIDING CLUB - MOUNTED PATROL OF SMC - PORTOLA VALLEY TRAILS ASSOC. - SAN FRANCISCO HORSEMEN'S ASSOC. - SAN MATEO COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOC. - THE SHACK RIDERS - WOODSIDE HORSE OWNERS ASSOC. - WOODSIDE TRAILS CLUB