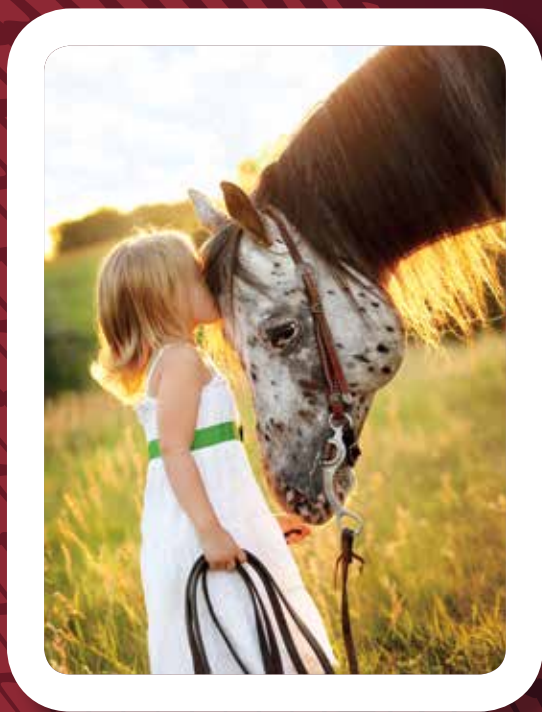


# APPALOOSA

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## MEMBERSHIP

Whether you are a first-time owner or a confirmed enthusiast, Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) welcomes you. ApHC offers an array of programs to suit a variety of people. From the show ring to the race track to riding trails, the ApHC provides members with activities as diverse as the Appaloosa horse.

ApHC members receive discounted rates on ApHC services, voting rights in Board of Directors Elections, access to ApHC activities and programs, a subscription to *Appaloosa Journal*—the official publication of the ApHC, and access to Appaloosa Member Perks a discount program exclusive to current ApHC members.

To purchase your ApHC membership visit [www.appaloosa.com](http://www.appaloosa.com) or contact (208) 882-5578.



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**Appaloosa Horse Club**

The International Breed Registry for Appaloosa Horses

# APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB

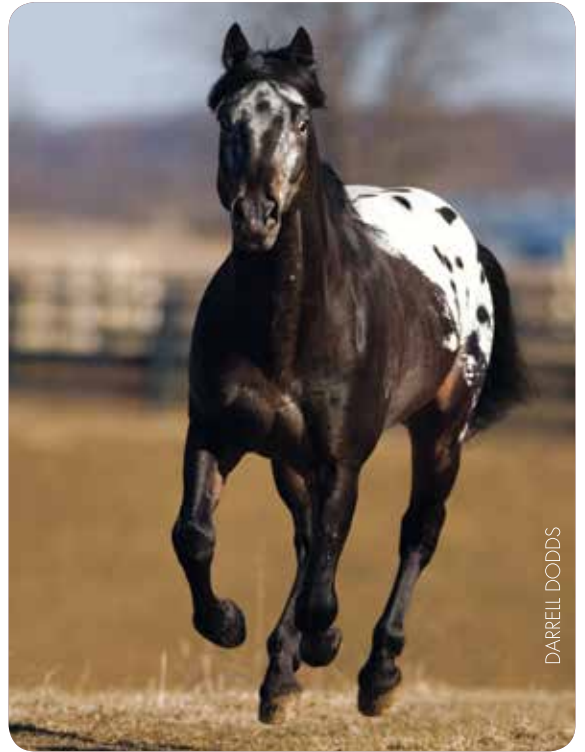
The Appaloosa's colorful ancestry can be traced back to earliest recorded time, but it is in the American melting pot that the spotted horse established itself as a true breed.

The Nez Perce Indians of the Inland Northwest deserve much of the credit for the Appaloosa horses we have today. However, the influx of white settlers to the Northwest changed the Nez Perce's destiny and nearly destroyed the legacy of their horse-breeding efforts. In 1877 when the Nez Perce rebelled against the treaties being imposed upon them, war ensued. Finally surrendering in Montana, the Nez Perce were forced to relinquish their horses.

As a result of the war and subsequent raiding of the ranges, the Appaloosa became a "lost" breed, its glorious history neglected until 1937.



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Realizing the importance of preserving and improving the spotted breed, Claude Thompson, a long-time Appaloosa breeder, along with the help of a small group of dedicated horsemen, established the Appaloosa Horse Club (ApHC) in 1938.

Today Appaloosas are used in nearly every equine discipline from racing to Dressage and roping to jumping. Outside the competitive arena, Appaloosas are used as working ranch horses, trail horses, lesson horses, and safe reliable family horses.

The ApHC is the official international breed registry of Appaloosas Horses with a mission dedicated to honoring the heritage and promoting the future of the Appaloosa Horse. The ApHC offers a wide variety of programs and services to support the breed and members through both competitive and non-competitive events.

# NON-PRO PROGRAM



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If you're an Appaloosa owner who hasn't joined the ranks of professional trainers, you may enjoy a full range of competition in the non-pro division. At Appaloosa shows you'll find classes custom tailored to your ability and you will compete with other Non-Pro's who share common interests and partnerships with their Appaloosa horses. If you're an amateur and want to earn recognition and be awarded for your dedication, hard work and accomplishments, the ApHC non-pro program is the place for you.

A non-pro must be 19 years of age or older (or married and ineligible for the Appaloosa Youth Association program) as of January 1 of that year. Non-pros cannot have shown or trained a horse for payment or engaged in activities during the last three years that would make them a professional.

A non-pro must be a member of the Appaloosa Horse Club and must have a current non-pro membership with the ApHC.

## FUN & FRIENDSHIP

People of all ages and backgrounds come together on the Appaloosa show circuit to share their common interests and partnership with Appaloosa horses. Appaloosa non-pros aren't content to sit in the stands and watch others; they're people who go out and make things happen while building lasting memories.

## DIVISIONS OF THE NON-PRO PROGRAM

The ApHC offers four non-pro divisions allowing you to compete with your peers, based on your ability and experience. Non-pros may compete in any or all of the non-pro divisions if eligible according to age and/or number of points earned.

Visit [www.appaloosa.com](http://www.appaloosa.com) or call (208) 882-5578 to find out more about the ApHC Non-Pro Program and how to enroll. See the *Appaloosa Horse Club Official Handbook* for ownership requirements, specific award details and program fees.

# TRAIL & DISTANCE PROGRAM

ApHC distance programs are available for those who enjoy spending time with their Appaloosa out on the trail. These programs reward all levels of participation and interest.

## SADDLE LOG

The Saddle Log and Driver and Disabled Rider/ Driver Programs are a great way for you to earn awards when you spend time on your Appaloosa. Created for both adults and youth members, these programs recognize the personal achievements and benefits of riding or driving on a routine basis. Whether you participate in trail rides, train and compete in shows, ride in parades, perform ranch work, or enjoy pleasure riding/ driving, each hour will count toward your lifetime achievement record and enable to you receive recognition.

To participate in these programs you must be a current ApHC member and horses used must be registered with the ApHC.

## DISTANCE PROGRAM

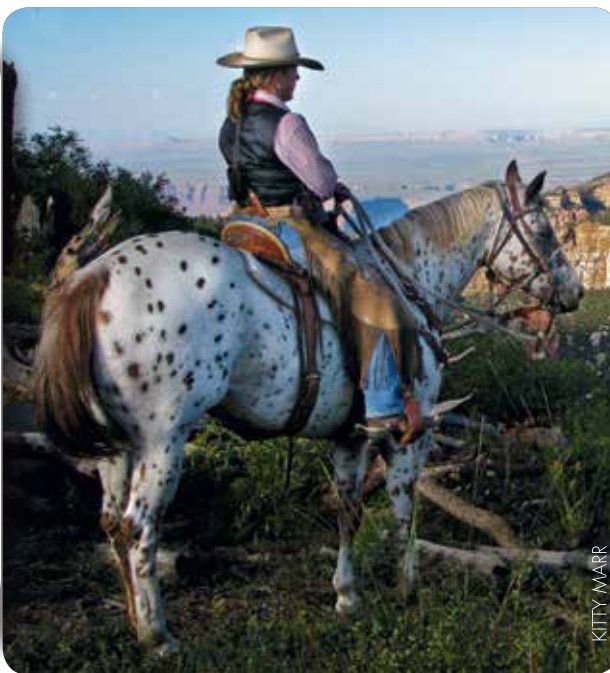
If you enjoy the sport of endurance and competitive trail riding, the ApHC distance program provides recogni-



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tion for your hard work and training. Annual and lifetime awards await those Appaloosas completing the mileage requirements in these disciplines. See the *Appaloosa Horse Club Official Handbook* for specific details.

The ApHC hosts an annual National Championship Endurance Ride, created in 2006 to recognize the Appaloosa with the fastest completion time in the 50-mile ride.



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## ApHC TRAIL RIDES

ApHC-sponsored trail rides are a wonderful way for members to enjoy the great outdoors and build life-long memories with other trail-riding enthusiasts. Each year the ApHC hosts the Chief Joseph Trail Ride. Held in midsummer, it is the ApHC's longest running and most popular ride. This ride covers the historic route of the Nez Perce as they fled the U.S. Cavalry in 1877 through Oregon, Idaho and Montana.

Riders who participate in ApHC-sponsored and/ or ApHC-approved recreational rides may enroll horses in the Distance Program and record miles ridden toward annual and lifetime awards.

## REGIONAL TRAIL RIDES

Join the ranks of trail riders everywhere and host your own ride. Regional clubs, approved organizations, members and individuals may organize trail rides associated with the ApHC and earn mileage and hours toward the Distance and Saddle Log Programs. Start a trail ride in your area!

Visit [www.appaloosa.com](http://www.appaloosa.com) or call (208) 882-5578 to find out more about ApHC Trail Rides and how to enroll in ApHC Trail & Distance programs. See the *Appaloosa Horse Club Official Handbook* for specific award details and program fees.



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# RACING



Appaloosas are middle-distance runners, competing in races from 220 yards to 870 yards on the dirt. The ApHC Racing Department oversees Appaloosa racing activities, collecting results and maintaining permanent records of all recognized Appaloosa races. For information on the ApHC Race Program, see the *Appaloosa Horse Club Official Handbook* or contact (208) 882-5578.



# APPALOOSA COMPETITIVE ALL-BREED ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

**Appaloosa Competitive All-Breed Activities Program** (ACAAP) rewards Appaloosas who excel in all-breed competitions outside of ApHC-approved shows and trail rides. Through ACAAP, you can earn merits by competing in all-breed events and submitting results to the ApHC. Merits are then recorded on your registered Appaloosa's performance record.



## ACAAP CATEGORIES

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| BARREL RACING       | OVER FENCES          |
| CHALLENGED RIDES    | REINING              |
| COMBINED TRAINING   | ROPING               |
| CUTTING             | SHOWMANSHIP          |
| DRESSAGE            | TEAM PENNING         |
| DRIVING             | TRAIL/RANCH TRAIL    |
| ENGLISH EQUITATION  | WESTERN EQUITATION   |
| ENGLISH PLEASURE    | WESTERN PLEASURE     |
| GAMES               | WESTERN/RANCH RIDING |
| HALTER CLASSES      | WORKING COW HORSE    |
| JUDGED TRAIL RIDING | 4-H                  |

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# APPALOOSA YOUTH ASSOCIATION



The Appaloosa Youth Association (AYA) offers many unique and fun contests to youth members! Whether you own an Appaloosa or not, the AYA has a program for you. Through AYA you can compete in programs, apply for scholarships, and earn awards!

**Art Contest:** Show off your artistic talents by submitting artwork featuring an Appaloosa for your chance to win.

**Essay Contest:** Express yourself through an essay written on Appaloosa related topics.

**Photography Contest:** Grab your camera and snap photos of your favorite Appaloosa! In addition to winning, your picture could be featured on Facebook, in *Appaloosa Journal* or on ApHC promotional materials!

**Youth Regional Club of the Year:** Create a scrapbook outlining the previous year's club activities for your chance to win the honor of Youth Regional Club of the Year.

## Educational Scholarships:

You can apply for scholarships offered by the Appaloosa Youth Foundation that total up to \$10,000 each year!

## Achievement Awards:

If you demonstrate outstanding leadership, sportsmanship and breed promotion, you could earn the Certificate of Recognition or Honor of Merit Award!



**Youth Exchange Program:** Submit your application for your chance to represent the Appaloosa Youth Association abroad! Through the Youth Exchange Program selected youth are provided with the opportunity to attend and compete in an Appaloosa Show in another country. The Appaloosa Horse Club provides a daily per diem, accommodations and entry in three classes. A host family from the selected country will provide transportation and an Appaloosa to show! For program information visit [www.appaloosayouth.com](http://www.appaloosayouth.com) or contact (208) 882-5578 and ask for the Youth Coordinator!

## World Championship Appaloosa Youth Show:

The best riders from across the country attend this prestigious event. A variety of contests are held each year, including the team tournament and Speech Contest! While there attend many of the fun activities as well as the youth membership meeting and AYA social!

## Appaloosa Youth Association Officers and Directors:

Join an elected group of youth officers representing the youth membership! Serve in an advisory capacity to the ApHC Board of Directors by running for election in your territory.

Visit [www.appaloosayouth.com](http://www.appaloosayouth.com) or call (208) 882-5578 for more information about the Appaloosa Youth Association including contests, awards, rules and regulations. See the *Appaloosa Horse Club Official Handbook* for ownership requirements, specific award details and program fees.





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