

HOOFPRINTS



DECEMBER 2025



DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS

816 N. 1750 ROAD, LAWRENCE, KS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec

13th DCTR Annual Christmas Party

*Note there will be **no club meeting** in December. It is replaced by the Christmas Party!

Jan

9th DCTR Club Meeting (moved to 2nd Friday due to the holiday)

See facebook events for all details
<https://www.facebook.com/douglascountytrailriders/events>

DINNER IS SERVED!

Dinner at the Christmas party will be lasagna!

We are looking for a few volunteers to bring a dessert to share



EVENT INFORMATION

COMING IN 2026

POLL



Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2026 Events Poll on Facebook!

Your input is helping shape an exciting year ahead! Based on member votes, Fun Shows topped the list, followed closely by Obstacle Clinics and the always-popular Obstacle Series.

Members also showed strong interest in continuation of Parades, Trail Rides, Roping and Vaccine/Coggins Clinics, and the fan favorite Cowgirl Challenge.

We'll also be incorporating more social events and community favorites like a Garage Sale/Tack Swap, Bunco, Bingo, and a Painting Party. Our full 2026 Event Calendar will be released in February, and we can't wait to bring these member-driven ideas to life!

Lawrence old fashioned Christmas parade - CANCELLED



The Lawrence Old Fashioned Christmas Parade has been cancelled. Sorry to everyone who was planning to participate. Next year we will have an even better showing!

CHRISTMAS PARTY



🎄 What to Bring to the DCTR Christmas Party! 🎁

To help make our Christmas Party on December 13th extra merry and memorable, here's what members are encouraged to bring:

★ A Wrapped White Elephant Gift valued at around \$20

★ Auction Items
Have something cool, horsey, handmade, or unique collecting dust at home? Consider donating it to our live auction! All proceeds support the club.

★ Festive Attire
Ugly sweaters, Santa hats, sparkles, plaid—whatever says holiday cheer to you! Dressing up is encouraged but not required.

We can't wait to celebrate with you! 🎅



SEE FLYER FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY INFO!



DCTR



DOUGLAS COUNTY TRAIL RIDERS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 13,
5-8PM

PLEASE JOIN US
FOR DCTR'S ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARTY!
THERE WILL BE GAMES,
GIFTS, FOOD AND FUN.



816 N 1750 RD, LAWRENCE,
BRING A GIFT WORTH ~\$20
AND GET A FREE DINNER TICKET!

COMING SOON!



📣 COMING SOON IN 2026! MEMBER ADS & BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS

WE'RE EXCITED TO ROLL OUT TWO NEW WAYS FOR DCTR MEMBERS TO SHARE, SELL, AND SHINE IN THE NEW YEAR!



MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS (FACEBOOK PAGE)
STARTING IN 2026, MEMBERS CAN ADVERTISE HORSE RELATED ITEMS FOR SALE DIRECTLY ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

TO SUBMIT AN ITEM, EMAIL ADMIN@DCTR.ORG WITH:

- PHOTOS OF THE ITEM
- A BRIEF DESCRIPTION
- CONTACT NAME & PHONE NUMBER
- PRICE (AND WHETHER IT'S FIRM OR NEGOTIABLE)

💼 BUSINESS ADVERTISING IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
WANT TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS OR SERVICE?
WE'LL BE OFFERING AFFORDABLE ADVERTISING SPACE ON
OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BEGINNING IN JANUARY.

PRICING WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON – IF YOU'RE
INTERESTED, EMAIL ADMIN@DCTR.ORG FOR EARLY
DETAILS.

MORE INFO COMING SOON... 2026 IS SHAPING UP TO BE
AN EXCITING YEAR AT DCTR! 🎉🐴

Western Poetry Corner

🎄 A Cowgirl's Christmas Wish 🎄

Out on the prairie where the frosty winds blow,
A cowgirl rides steady through the shimmer of snow.
With jingle bell spurs and a warm-hearted grin,
She carries the magic of Christmas within.
The stars over Kansas shine bright as can be,
Guiding her horse like a light on the tree.
She hums cowboy carols, soft, sweet, and low.
A lullaby drifting where winter winds go.
She's thankful for friendships, for trails near and far,
For good-hearted riders who know who they are.
For bonfires, for laughter, for horses held dear,
For memories made through another fine year.
So she tips her felt hat as the night settles in,
Sending blessings of peace to her DCTR kin.
May your stirrups hang steady, your holiday bright.
Merry Christmas, trail riders, and to all a good night.



Editor's Note:

As Christmas draws near, we're reminded that the cowgirl and cowboy spirit shines brightest this time of year — in the warmth of shared laughter, the comfort of familiar barns, and the joy of gathering with the riders who feel like family.

It's a season to celebrate the horses that carry us, the friendships that steady us, and the community that keeps our hearts riding strong through every mile.

May your holidays be filled with peace, good company, and a little sparkle in the arena dust.

Merry Christmas from all of us at Douglas County Trail Riders.