

WSCSC'S Ride Clinic - March 23, 2024

As we begin the 3rd year of WSCSC's SAFE & ENJOYABLE TRAIL RIDES, the ride committee realized we had to make some adjustments. In 2022 we started out with Safety as our focus and have maintained that focus. We have been very fortunate all of our club rides to date, have been SAFE. No members, guests or equines have been injured. A few mishaps/mistakes could have turned out differently, we have been lucky. The Ride Committee decided EDUCATION was the KEY to keep members and guests safe. We need Members to HELP keep each other SAFE and make the rides ENJOYABLE for everyone.

SAFE & ENJOYABLE RIDES REQUIRE ALL RIDERS TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Take responsibility for YOURSELF and the way YOU ride. (don't blame your equine or someone else!!!)
- Be cognizant of how YOUR behavior and that of YOUR equine impacts others.
- Leave a minimum of 2 horse lengths between each equine. If you can't see the shoes on the back feet of the equine in front of you, you are too close.
- Be considerate. Be aware other riders may be less experienced than you are.
- Stay at a walk. If you take off, all the horses behind you brace themselves for LIONS you are fleeing. If you whiz past horses in front of you, they figure LIONS must be nearby, so they'd better RUN for their lives.
Don't let your equine take you back to the trailhead at his speed.
- HAVE FUN and ENJOY, stay positive and calm. WSCSC is a sisterhood to support each other on our equine journey.