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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to April

Spring is officially here, and as the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers! While we wait for those warmer days to arrive, here's something else to brighten your day:

THE SPRING APPALOOSA JOURNAL HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS ON ITS WAY TO YOU!

This issue is packed with exciting content, including special profiles, a celebration of the 2024 year-end high point winners, and coverage of the European Appaloosa Championships. And that's just the start, there's a lot more inside that you won't want to miss!

Keep an eye on your mailbox because your copy will be arriving soon. We hope you enjoy this issue as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

Best,

Thora

Top News

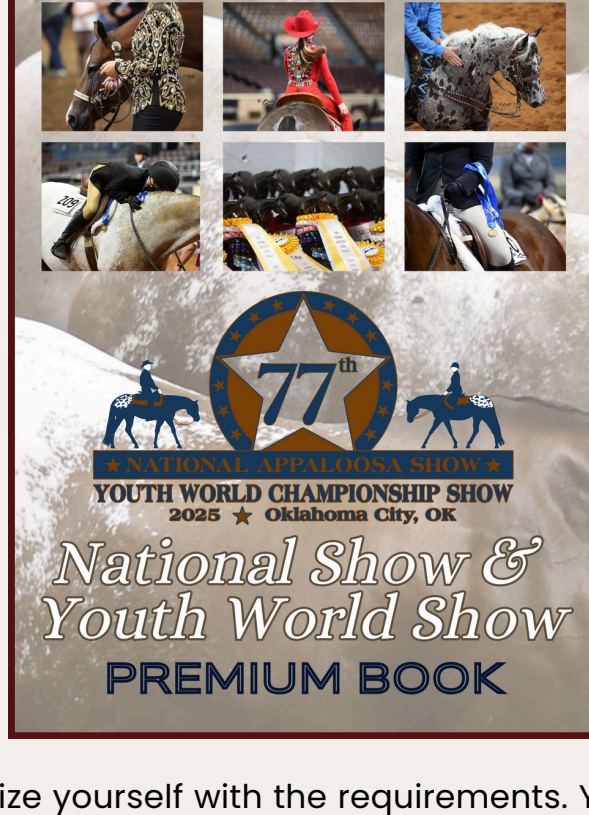
NATIONAL SHOW PREMIUM BOOK

Show season is creeping up, and it's time to start planning for the 77th National Appaloosa Show & 2025 Youth World Championship Show! **The Premium Book is now available online**, providing all the essential details you need to prepare for the show.

Inside, you'll find important information on deadlines, rules, guidelines, facility regulations, check-in procedures, and much more. The Premium Book is a must read to ensure a smooth and successful show experience.

The show runs from June 26 – July 3, so be

sure to review the Premium Book and familiarize yourself with the requirements. You can access it online at the link below. See you in the arena!



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Registration

LAB UPDATE

In 2025 our official laboratory changed their name from Bureau Veritas to Merieux NutriSciences. If you have a DNA kit that was issued prior to this change and you have not yet mailed your kit, please change the name of the lab to Merieux NutriSciences before mailing to avoid delays in delivery. The address has not changed.

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SHOWING CRASH COURSE

"The Appaloosa youth association presents.....**crash course to showing.**

If you're interested in expanding your knowledge or just learning some new horse show tips this crash course is for you! Some of the top Appaloosa showmen in the industry will be presenting their pro tips on Ranch Classes, Western Classes, English Classes, and pattern Classes!

This event will take place via google meets on **April 27th 4-5pm PDT!**

Join here:
<https://meet.google.com/bmx-buht-oij>

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Spotlight

THE SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON REGIONAL APPALOOSA CLUB

Founded in 1967, the Southwest Washington Regional Appaloosa Club has long been a gathering place for Washington Appaloosa lovers. In 1991, the club purchased 2.9 acres next to Capitol Forest's Equine Loop, now known as Camp Windy. Over the years, members have transformed the space into a welcoming retreat, complete with campsites with high lines for horses, a clubhouse with three oversized barn doors offering stunning forest views, and a livestock well for horse water. Electricity was later added, making the clubhouse a central hub for meetings, events, and potlucks.



The Southwest Washington Regional Appaloosa Club is more than just a riding group, it's a tight-knit community dedicated to preserving and celebrating the Appaloosa breed. Many members also contribute to trail maintenance through Back Country Horsemen chapters. We invite Appaloosa Horse Club members to join us for camping, riding, and camaraderie.

With stunning scenery, rich history, and a welcoming atmosphere, Camp Windy shines in spring and fall. Whether you're a seasoned rider or just starting, the Southwest Washington Regional Appaloosa Club welcomes you to be part of the tradition.



While the club no longer hosts horse shows, the club's biggest event is the Spotted Horse Prize Ride, which welcomes all breeds for a day of scenic riding in Capitol Forest, Little Rock, Washington. The club's passion for trail riding remains strong, especially through this trail ride, where some riders decorate their horses with spots for fun.

The 7th annual ride will take place on June 28, 2025. As part of the club's commitment to giving back, 10% of the event's proceeds are donated to Nez Perce children, providing tack, clothes, and travel funds for their participation in the Chief Joseph Ride. The remaining funds help maintain Camp Windy, supporting property upkeep, clubhouse improvements, and other essential needs.

While membership traditionally requires owning an Appaloosa, the club has adapted to allow longtime members to transition to other breeds as their horses age.

7th Annual Spotted Horse Prize Ride

Capitol Forest, Littlerock Washington

June 28, 2025

Presented by the Southwest Washington Regional Appaloosa Club

\$30 ride fee includes 2 raffle tickets into the general raffle and lunch. extra tickets are \$5 for 2 tickets. \$5 of the \$30 goes directly to the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club for parking. Camping is available: call contact numbers below for information. Great prizes are accumulating! Many many nice gift certificates to be won

Three trails to choose from: 10 mile, 7 mile or 3.5 mile ride
First riders out at 9:00
Long Riders must be out by 10:00
Other riders must be out by 11:00

Ride is Open to all Breeds

Our Appy Club is proud to be a Charter Member of the National Appaloosa Club, located in Moscow, Idaho. We contribute ten percent of the proceeds to the youth program of Chief Joseph Foundation. The youth program provides free riding lessons and horse care education to children of all ages. The program serves hundreds of children every year. They also provide the opportunity for some of the older children to participate in the Chief Joseph Trail Ride. This is a 5 day, 100 mile trail ride on the historic trail. It's the ride of a lifetime for the children. Our Appy Club also promotes and educates about the Appaloosa horse. Our club house is located on the edge of the Equine Loop, a trail open year round in Capitol Forest. We help keep this trail clear of debris for hikers, and horse riders.

You might like to decorate your horse with spots, hearts or whatever just for fun. Decorating is optional. Great prizes, and so far, we've had a saddle and two in the raffle each year.

GPS the Location. Event held at the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club, 12736 Marksman St SW Olympia WA. Take I-5 Exit 95 to Littlerock, signs to event begin in Littlerock. 6.5 miles from I-5 exit. Easy paved drive.

All dogs must be on a leash. No alcohol.

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