

Chattahoochee Trail Horse Association, Inc.
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CTHA Work Horse Program

Welcome to the CTHA Work Horse Program. Enclosed is your Official Time Log to record hours worked on public trail construction, trail maintenance, etc.

In order for equestrian trail riders to continue to have suitable trails to ride both now and in the future, it is essential that we help construct and maintain equestrian and multi-use trails on public land in our forests. This is a mission and a major goal of the CTHA. The CTHA Work Horse Program will reward and recognize those members who help us to achieve these trail project goals.

Incentives will be awarded for *25 hours, *50 hours, *75 hours, *100 hours, and then in multiples of every 50 hours, i.e. 150, 200 hours. Incentives will consist of patches for each of the work hour levels achieved. The patches will compliment each other and will be suitable for sewing on a favorite riding jacket, denim jacket or perhaps onto a corner of your saddle pad or your CTHA orange volunteer safety vest.

Qualifying hours for award levels will come from work days on designated equestrian or multi-use trails on public lands. The key to the definition is that the trail construction or maintenance work must be on public land, i.e. administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Georgia Forestry (other states also okay), Dept. of Natural Resources (state parks and Wildlife Management Areas), or county or city managed public lands. Building trails on your own land or other private land will not count. Only hours worked on the trail project (not travel time) will be counted. Anyone attending USFS or DNR sponsored trail related meetings, approved certification programs, trail maintenance education programs, etc. may count 1/2 the actual hours at the meetings or training programs toward your hours.

If you are not sure about your work counting in the program, please e-mail CTHA @ info@ride-ctha.org and we will reply asap.

Once you have logged your first 25 hours of trail work, mail your log sheet back to CTHA, PO Box 211, Dahlonega, GA 30533. CTHA automatically keeps a record of all member hours worked on CTHA sponsored trail projects, so you should only include hours spent on other projects on your own log sheet. We will record your accomplishments and send you the first of many available patches in the program. Just repeat the process as you reach each additional level. Send in your work log at any time, not just when you've reached a milestone.

The CTHA Work Horse Program is designed to recognize those members who help us reach our important objective of keeping existing public equestrian trails open and ensuring that we will have additional trails for us and future generations to ride. Public land managers will exclude equestrian use on many public lands if the equestrian community does not show support and commitment. Your participation in trail work will help ensure that this will not happen.

If you have any questions please call e-mail CTHA at info@ride-ctha.org and we'll reply ASAP.

*Hours are cumulative year to year.