



MACKINAC  
HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

April 9, 2009

Dear MHA Lease-A-Horse Participant,

As we get closer to spring our thoughts turn to Mackinac, and, for many of us, to the great opportunity of enjoying a summer of horseback riding on our beautiful Island.

The Lease-A-Horse and the Share-A-Horse Lease Programs were conceived to help fill the need on Mackinac Island of pleasure riding horses for families and for horseback riding lessons. In doing so, we have developed this program with the cooperation of several Island horsemen. The MHA will act as liaison between the interested individuals and the horse owners.

Part of our lease agreement is that MHA have the use of your leased horse for no more than ten hours per week on a regularly scheduled basis for riding lessons. The MHA has leased the Mission Hill Stable from Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, Inc. to provide a place to board the leased horses. Your leased horse will be provided a stall, turnout time, feed, stall cleaning and feedings twice daily. The MHA and the owner of your leased horse will not be responsible for unexpected veterinary service during the lease and board period.

If you are planning on a participating in the Lease-A-Horse or the Share-A-Horse program in the summer of 2009, the following information is provided to help you in the process.

- 2009 Leasing fees are attached for your convenience. This fee covers the earliest start date of June 1 ending no later than August 31.
- To best allow MHA to plan for your leased horse, we are requiring a deposit of \$200.00 per lease. This will help defray the costs and time associated with finding the right horses for the program, for transportation to and from the Island and for deposits on our leased horses. This fee will be deducted from your lease fees upon completion of your leasing agreement, **June 1, 2009**.

- When leasing a horse, you must fill out the following documents:
  - } Mackinac Horsemen's Association Equine Lease Deposit form. This form and a check made out to Mackinac Horsemen's Association in the amount of \$200.00 must be returned no later than **April 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009**. (Addressed/stamped envelope included)
  - } Equine Lease Form
  - } City of Mackinac Island Release, Assumption of Risk and Indemnification Agreement
  - } Mackinac Horsemen's Association Agreement and Liability Waiver and Release Form
  - } 2009 MHA Membership Form (a new Membership form is in development – we will send that as soon as possible.)
  - } If under 18 years of age:
    - 4-H Membership Form, Mackinac County, 2009
    - MHA & 4H Horse Club Handbook. Please read and sign with your child.

⌘ **Please note - Stable Orientation & 4-H Lesson Sign up is June 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3pm at the Mission Barn.**

Our goal is to ensure we have a firm idea of the number of horses we will need for the leasing program as early as possible. This will allow us adequate time to find horses suitable to our needs. Therefore, completing the pre-lease agreement and returning it along with your deposit check in the envelope provided would be greatly appreciated.

All the forms necessary to complete the Lease-a-Horse process are provided for you. They are also available at [www.mackinachorses.com](http://www.mackinachorses.com). Additionally, please feel free to contact me or Lisa Brock (who is helping coordinate the paperwork end of the program) if you have other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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*Frequently Asked Questions:\**

Q: Why are there so many forms?

A: We have decreased the forms by 1 for 2009 but unfortunately many of those pesky forms remain. Remaining are the membership paperwork (4-H and MHA), both MHA and the Mackinac Island also require separate liability agreements, the equine lease agreement itself, the pre-leasing agreement and the "Stable Rules" booklet.

Q: When is the paperwork due?

A: The Pre-lease agreement is due by April 31st. The rest of the paperwork should be in to MHA by June 1, 2009.

Q: Why is there a Pre-lease this year?

A: There is time and expense involved in finding horses right for the MHA program. These include: costs and time associated with finding the right horses for the program, transportation to and from the Island and deposits on our leased horses. Our goal is to have 8 horses committed to the program and to have leases in place to support those expenses.

Q: We will not be on the Island for the entire summer. Is it possible to have a more flexible program?

A: When MHA brings a horse to the Island for the summer we are financially committing to the expenses of that horse for a 3-month period. We are working on some flexibility in the program to accommodate these interests. If you know the specific 2-week period you would like to lease please contact Lisa Brock at [lisabrock@mac.com](mailto:lisabrock@mac.com).

Q. The Equine Lease Form, Section 2 asks for a description of the horse. How can we complete the paperwork without that information?

A. Please leave this section blank for now. We will complete this section when we identify a horse for your Lease-A-Horse or Share-A-Lease agreement.

\*If there are other questions, please email your question to Lisa Brock at [lisabrock@mac.com](mailto:lisabrock@mac.com). We will continue to update our FAQs as new questions arise.

## *MHA Leasing Fees, 2009*

### Lease-A-Horse: \$1750 includes:

- The exclusive use of one horse, other than scheduled lessons times and Mackinac Island Horse Show (Leasee has first option on all class choices).
- 8 weeks of lessons for one person (\$200.00 value).
- Board for 3 months (\$750.00 value) (additional board will be charged, if horse stays longer).
- One full shoeing and one reset (\$180.00 value).
- Includes hoof dressing and fly spray (\$30.00).
- Does not include vet bills incurred by leasee's cause or additional shoeing.
- Does not include treats, shampoo or grooming products.

### Share-A-Lease: \$950 includes:

- The sharing of one horse, other than scheduled lessons and the M.I. Horse Show. (Lease members have first option on class choices).
- 8 weeks of lessons for one person (\$200.00 value).
- Board for 3 months (\$375.00 value) (additional board will be charged, if horse stays longer).
- Portion of one full shoeing and 1 reset (\$90.00 value).
- Includes hoof dressing and fly spray (\$15.00).
- Does not include vet bills incurred by leasee's cause or additional shoeing.
- Does not include treats, shampoo or grooming products.