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HALLOWEEN RIDE





UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE TRAIL RIDERS

Sun 1- Broward SFTR Tack Sale & Pancake Breakfast, Oak Hill Equest. Center.

Wed 4- SFTR General Meeting - Canceled for the holidays!

Thu 5-Sun 8- Camping at Green Swamp.

Wed 11- Veterans Day Parade, TB Michelle McDaniel. Homestead VFW.

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13125 Southfields Rd. Wellington, Fla.

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The SFTR donates to these charities once a year. These charities are badly in need of donations. Please try to send what you can to help them. Thanks from the SFTR.

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TRAIL MANNERS

Good manners is the grease that helps people get along with each other, avoiding friction.

- **18 & UNDER MUST WEAR A HELMET.**
- Be aware of the effect **your** actions have on others, their horses and their property.
- Do not upset your co-riders' horses.
- Ride at a quiet, controlled pace.
- **NEVER PASS OTHERS AT A GALLOP.**
- Keep a safe distance… don't crowd others.
- STAY WITH A DISMOUNTED RIDER
- Respect the property of others. (ie: lawns, farm fields, crops, groves, livestock, etc.)
- Leave gates as you found them: Open gates should remain open. Closed gates should remain closed.
- **DO NOT PASS THE TRAIL BOSS or drop behind the drag rider.**
- Stay with the trail boss on the same side of the road. Do not split the road.
- Clean up after your horse. Pick up manure or spread it depending on where you are. Do not clean your trailers out when you unload.
- **NO PROFANITY AT ANY SFTR EVENTS.**

REMEMBER! If you mind your manners others won't mind when you and your horse return to ride.



2026 **Dates and Places** 2026

Call the Hot-line for any cancellations



Guest Passes are available for local trail rides. Each pass is $5.00 One pass per person per trail ride is required for non-members. This pass is not available for any beach rides, Team Penning or Parades. **All area codes are (305) unless otherwise stated. TB=Trail Boss**

NOVEMBER 2026

Sun 1- Broward SFTR Tack Sale & Pancake Breakfast, Oak Hill Equest. Center. Tack 9am, pancakes 9:30am.

Wed 4- SFTR General Meeting - Canceled for the holidays!



Thu 5-Sun 8- Camping at Green Swamp.

Mon 9- SFTR Board Meeting- Zoom 7:30pm.

Wed 11- Veterans Day Parade, TB Michelle McDaniel. Homestead VFW.

DECEMBER 2026

Wed 2- SFTR General Meeting - Canceled for the holidays!

Fri 4- Books & Broncs School Visits, Dawn Cucchiara & Bonny George, Jr.

Sun 6- Jr. Orange Bowl Parade, Michelle McDaniel. Coral Gables ~ 5pm.

Mon 7- SFTR Board Meeting- Canceled for the holidays!

Sat 12- Jingle Bell Jaunt & Holiday Toy Drive, ride TB Michelle McDaniel, Toys TB Michele Wright.
Larry & Penny Park, Arr. 9am, costume contest 10am, ride 10:30, lunch 12noon.

2026 – 2027 SFTR CAMPING CALENDAR

Nov.4-? TB Ray Gonzalez will host a great camping adventure! Be at True West, in Tenn., Wed. Nov.4-Mon.8. Then continue on to Blue View in NC on Tues. Nov.10-Sat.14. On the way back there will be stops at King Mountain St. Park in SC for 3 days, and Hard Labor St. Park for 3 days. You can join for the whole adventure, or any part of the trip. Anyone with questions, call Ray 954-707-2917.

Other camping dates are coming soon! If you would like to Trail Boss a Camp-out, please contact Renee. Maybe River Ranch? Picayune? Green Swamp? Dates can be secured now for this season, so there is no conflict with local rides, parades, or special events. If you have any questions, let your Camping Chairwoman know. Contact Renee Soucy, coconut_ldy@hotmail.com .

We have155 family and single members that have joined or renewed for the year.

Welcome New Members

WE WILL E-MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD IN 3 TO 4 WEEKS.

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Kimberly Bloomfield
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Mollie Zell
Nathalie Lopez
Phil Stamatyades
Rachel Shearing
Robert Cava
Vicmarie
Hernandez
Vincent Ocuto
Yanko Gonzalez



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Fellow Trail Riders,



Michelle McDaniel

The month of November reminds us to be Thankful. As we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, stores sell us signs, kitchen towels, and other items that read Give Thanks. The truth is that we have reasons to be thankful all year long.

For those of us who love horses and trail riding, there is much to be thankful for. The sound of hooves on a grassy trail and the beauty of nature seen from horseback. We are thankful for our trusty horses. We are thankful for our family and friends who support our horse passion. We are thankful when the warm Florida weather sends a breeze our way.

We are privileged to spend time with these amazing animals and that is something to be grateful for.

No matter what month it is, let's remember to appreciate the horses, the friendships, the trails, and the memories we make along the way.

Happy Trails,

Michelle McDaniel
President
South Florda Trail Riders

Get Your SFTR Merchandise for This Season



Our club hosts rides like St. Jude, Breast Cancer Awareness & Valentines when we wear red or pink T-shirts. Spring, holidays & St. Patrick's is likely green (light, dark, neon, etc). We wear our traditional gold T's a lot, in parades, in parks, at Books & Broncs and trail rides – it's a light color & eye catching to promote our club. And for variety we have blues, purple, orange, gray, charcoal, yellows, pinks & more – so many colors in so many sizes! Youth sizes too! There are also colorful tank tops & visors.

Special Order to be made!!! Because we have an interest in **long sleeved T-shirts**, we will make a Special Order to accommodate our members! You pick your color, size, quantity, & pay when you order. Contact Deda Maldonado at (t-shirts@watv.net)

In stock - Short sleeved T-shirts are $10, youth size T's and adult tank tops are $8; visors $5. You can make your order with Deda Maldonado (see separate T-shirt ad for info), give your size & color desired. Your merchandise will be at the General Meeting, or at a ride, and you pay cash or check (made out to So.Fla. Trail Riders). Get your T-shirts now for the new season while we have your size!

Go to https://sftrmiamidade.org/t-shirts

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Sept. 2026

THE HOMESTEAD
VETERAN'S DAY PARADE IS COMING SOON!
This parade is OPEN to all SFTR Members.

Date: Wednesday, 11/11/26
Arrival Time: 9:30-10:00 am
Horse Prep and Photos: 10:00-11:00 am

We ride to staging starting at 11:00am and the parade starts at 12:00pm. Address: Meet at the field across from the VFW in Homestead. (601 NE 2nd Road)

Attire: SFTR Parade Uniform shirt, black pants, yellow Parade Team bandana, Parade Team hat, and dark boots/sneakers. Black or dark tack is preferred for the horses. Juniors 18 and under must wear a helmet (black cover please).

We appreciate everyone coming to ride or walk with the club. We need volunteers to carry the banner, carry flags on horseback, safety walkers, pooper scooper, safety truck driver, and ground people to help set up.

Please RSVP to Michelle McDaniel @ 305-562-0961.

Thank you and I hope to see you there!

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

For sale: Six mats from Robbie's purchased less than one year ago. $50 each. Please call 305-775-1820

Classified ads are free for SFTR members, Rules: 2—3 lines, no photos,
will be published in 2 consecutives newsletters, must have members phone number to contact.



Future Events

GENERAL MEETING

We have had a decent showing for our general meetings since June. If you have not come to a general meeting lately, I encourage you to attend.

If you have a topic you would like to hear at a general meeting, let us know. If you know someone who would like to present at a meeting, let us know. If you have knowledge about specific and helpful topics, let us know.

Email us at socmedia@sftrdade.org with your ideas for future meetings and we will be happy to discuss it with you.

Thank you to all those who went to our 2026 general meetings. There will be no general meetings for November or December, but there are parades, trail rides, and camping. See you soon!

General Meeting Stats:

June: We met at the VFW and we had close to 15 attendees.

July: We met at Fuddruckers and we had 32 attendees.

August: We met at the VFW. Frank Roy was our speaker. We had 12 attendees.

September: We met at Sport Grill Kendall and had 9 total attendees.

October: We met at Fuddruckers. Helve Longoria was the speaker. We had 26 attendees.

SAVE THESE DATES:

BOOKS AND BRONCS SCHOOL

Visit: Friday, 12/04/26. Join the South Florida Trail Riders as we visit a elementary school to help encourage first grade children to read while experiencing being in the presence of a horse. This is a club tradition. No riding is involved, just halter and lead. Students will be allowed to touch the horses. They receive a copy of "Let's Rodeo!" to begin their reading journey. In January, the students will be invited to the Rodeo where they will read to our horses and do other activities. If you are interested, contact Bonny George at 305-431-1431 for more information.

JUNIOR ORANGE BOWL PARADE

Sunday, 12/06/26. This will be the final parade of 2026 in Downtown Coral Gables. It is an evening parade. It is one of the beautiful, best attended, and televised parades we participate in. Come and share in the holiday cheer. More information will be made available in the parade column.

JINGLE BELL JAUNT AND TOY DRIVE

Saturday, 12/12/26. The Jingle Bell Jaunt is a ride that is over 20 years strong! We will have a ride to collect toys from campers and a Holiday Costume Contest. The location is Larry and Penny park. We encourage you to dress up and decorate your horses, ponies, cart, etc. SFTR Members can come and just walk the route with us to help collect toys. The toys and money will be distributed to local children through foundations like Agape and Intentional Provisions Outreach. If you are able, please bring an unwrapped toy to the ride. It can be soccer balls, dolls, trucks, puzzles, and board games.

SFTR ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR BANQUET

Many thanks to Board member Phil Stamatyades for securing Sat. May 15, 2027 for our club's end of the season Banquet! We will be returning to the Redland Golf & Country Club, on Krome Ave & approx. 244 St. for an evening of honors, good food, dancing, socializing & super raffles!

HALLOWEEN RIDE AND COSTUME

Rain or shine, the trail riders push on. The Halloween ride at Larry and Penny park was no exception. We had a great showing of riders and non riders. There were mermaids, superheroes, witches, skeletons, and a musketeer. We provided prizes in the forms of brushes and hoof picks to participants who were scary, creative, and best duo. Of course we had candy. As we rode the trails, it was breezy and nice. But then, the wind kicked up and the sky opened up. What a downpour! We all scattered and rushed back to our trailers. At the end of the day, we rode, we laughed, we ate, and we wore our Halloween best.















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  (Applicant Must Be 18 Years Of Age)
- □ **DUAL MEMBERSHIP ($25.00 PER YEAR)**
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Membership runs from Sept. 1st through Aug. 31st of each year.

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3)_____**4)**_____**5)**_____

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Applicant must be 18 years of age or older.
All listed names above must reside at the same address.

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