Amount Requested

$2994

Proposal Summary

We propose using RISE funds to sponsor Alayne Bickle of Horses for Clean Water to visit Fairbanks to conduct a workshop for horse and livestock owners on sustainable property management. There are approximately 3000 horses in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, and, with the advent of the local food movement, there is a growing interest in backyard chickens, goats, and other livestock. Furthermore, the Fairbanks area is home to many professional and recreational dog mushers, who keep dogs in concentrated lots. With increasing development in the Fairbanks area in recent years, these uses of property can impact the land, water, and neighbors around them. Bickle’s organization has worked closely with the King County Water Conservation District in Washington State to develop land management plans for horse and small-farm livestock owners that include reducing water run-off, eliminating mud, preserving wetlands, sustaining wildlife populations, and manure management and composting. While her focus is primarily on horses, she is also interested in working with dog mushers on similar issues for dog lots. The campus club, University Equestrian Network, will host Bickle and will invite those from Interior horse, livestock, and dog mushing organizations to attend. Students interested in land use, soil science, agriculture, sustainability, animal husbandry and water resource management will benefit from this presentation. We hope to arrange a series of site visits in which Bickle can troubleshoot problems and suggest solutions. We also hope to develop plans for manure management in the Interior, link gardeners with manure composters, and network those with an interest in green livestock keeping in the Interior.

Technical Advisors and Collaborators

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Potential Collaborators:
Interior Horsemen’s Association
Interior Horse Council
Pony Club
4-H

Budget Detail

Presenter fees: $550/day for three days----$1500
Travel: Boise Idaho-Fairbanks-----------------$814
          Car rental(three days)------------------$225
Food/Per Diem: $65X3------------------------$195
Printing and supplies------------------------$120
Budget Justification

This budget will cover the fees, travel, ground transportation, and per diem for a three-day visit by Alayne Bickle, founder of Horses for Clean Water. During that time, she will give an all—day workshop, an evening presentation, and conduct site visits as part of her workshop. This budget includes funds for printing flyers and other materials and any supplies needed for workshop participants. We have included car rental for ground transportation and the planned site visits. We anticipate that club members or other interested community members will host her in a private home, so we have not included hotel fees.

Project Value

Alayne Bickle’s work is geared toward developing small horse and livestock properties in a sustainable manner. Consequently, this program will have wide community interest, especially for community members engaged in small-scale livestock keeping, horse keeping, and dog mushing. UEN will invite those from Interior horse, livestock, and dog mushing organizations to attend. Students interested in land use, soil science, agriculture, sustainability, animal husbandry and water resource management will benefit from this presentation. We hope to arrange a series of site visits in which Bickle can troubleshoot problems and suggest solutions. We also hope to develop plans for manure management in the Interior, link gardeners with manure composters, and network those with an interest in green livestock keeping in the Interior.

Implementation Plan

Immediately: Maintain contact with Alayne Bickle, contact Interior and Anchorage Conservation District offices to request their participation, contact Interior horse and dog mushing groups for interest in participation (Cindy Hardy, Casey Denny)

Dec. 3: UEN Fundraiser at Curling Club—Taco dinner (Casey Denny and Trish Gallagher)

January: Finalize plans for workshop, presentation, and site visits (Alayne Binkle, Cindy Hardy)

February: Publicity (Newspaper article, radio spots, flyers, mailers, etc), begin registration of participants, finalize travel and presentation plans (Cindy Hardy, UEN club members, participating organizations)

Mid-March: Alayne Bickle visit.
Qualifications & Experience

Cindy Hardy, Associate Professor, Department of Developmental Education, has been faculty advisor of UEN since its inception. She has event organizing experience through her prior work at the Fairbanks Arts Association, with Dance Omnium Fairbanks, and as Chair of the Faculty Senate Student Academic Development and Achievement Committee.

Casey Denny is president of UEN and is a past president of Habitat for Humanity in Fairbanks. She is a graduate student in Geology at UAF.

Trish Gallagher is vice president of UEN and is a UAF alumni currently employed at State of Alaska Geological Survey.


Group/Department

University Equestrian Network

Sustainability Area

Waste Management, Sustainable Design

Supporting Documentation (if provided) follows: