

# Survey Results: Equestrian Center

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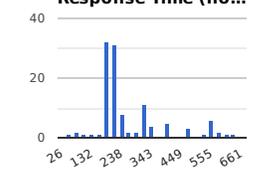
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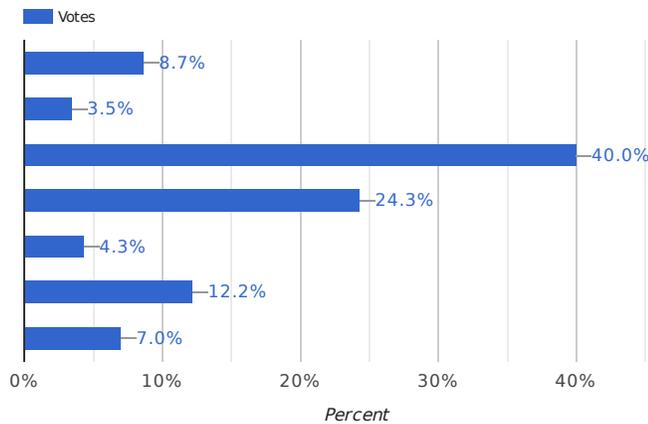
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Target Participants:  
**All OC Fair Equestrian**

**Q1** Which of the following best describes your current use of the OC Fair equestrian center?  
(115 responses)

Options	Votes (115)
Trainer with an office at the equestrian center	8.7% (10)
Trainer without an office at the equestrian center	3.5% (4)
Client of one of the equestrian center trainers and also a boarder	40.0% (46)
Client of one of the equestrian center trainers but not a boarder	24.3% (28)
Independent boarder	4.3% (5)
I don't currently use the equestrian center	12.2% (14)
Other:	7.0% (8)



# center<sup>OC</sup> equestrian emergency use support

I use the equestrian center for emergency evacuation of my livestock and horses during emergencies

Use the facility when performing at the OC Fair

Support the need for equestrian centers, especially in disasters

Supporter of the equestrian center

Once and future boarder

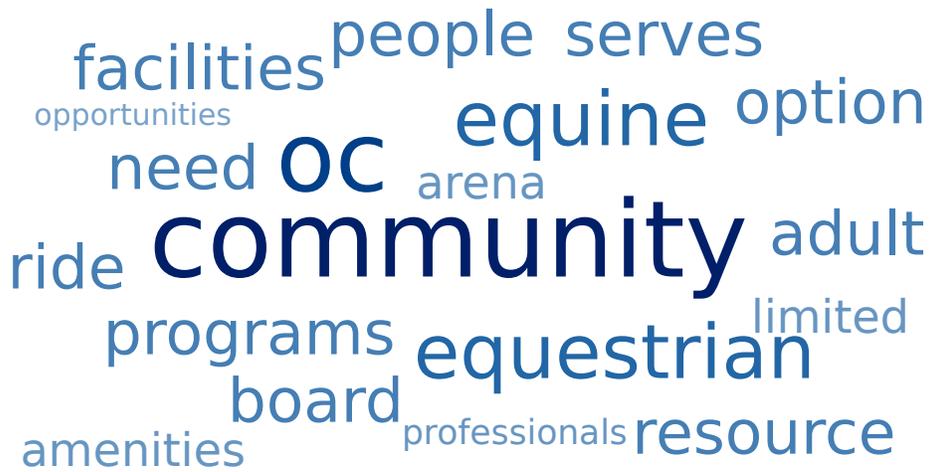
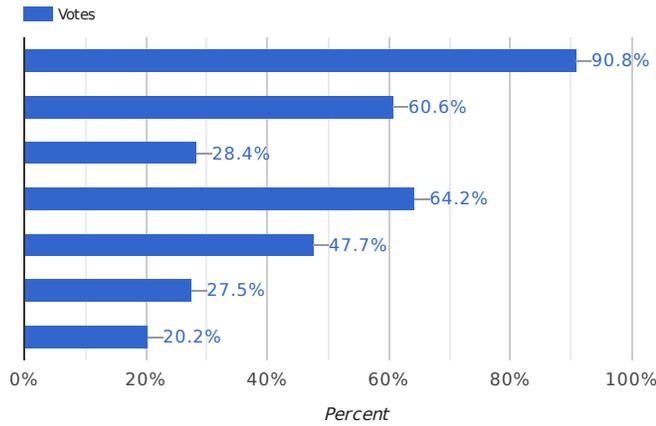
Past user of trainer w an office @ OC Fairgrnds Eq Ctr. Not been back since start of Covid pandemi

Concern equestrian

**Q2** Which of the following do you think are **STRENGTHS** of the equestrian center, if any?  
(Choose all that apply)

(109 responses)

<b>Options</b>	<b>Votes</b> (109)
The location	90.8% (99)
The boarding facilities	60.6% (66)
The trainer office spaces	28.4% (31)
The arenas	64.2% (70)
The staff	47.7% (52)
The cost	27.5% (30)
Other:	20.2% (22)



Community outreach programs and equine therapy

Need more arenas

Not as busy as other facilities

The O.C. Equestrian Center is one of the few top quality equestrian facilities in Northern O.C.

The people that board there

Community value

The access to community members

Proximity to fair and other events

Service of the boarding areasafely, cleanliness

OC Fairgrnds is one of the last equestrian options in this part of OC. It is bordered by THE 55 Fw

Good amount of areas

It serves the OC community as a resource of equine professionals, amenities, and opporunities.

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Maintained

Provides an option where they are limited today and getting even more limited

5 minutes from home



That they do not water and drag the arenas during prime equestrian center arena use. It is absurd that students and trainers have to move every 15 minutes due to this being done on a weekend mid day.

Horses need turnout in spaces they can run around in for more than a few minutes a day.

I wish that the cost of boarding wasn't so high. I also wish there were more accessible public restrooms.

More horse shows to involve the equestrian community, as well as interested members of the surrounding communities provide them with more support

Expand the facility to it's original size.

More equestrian events

Newly redone jumps

That it would be reverted to its original size...

More turnout corrals and 1 covered arena

Better facilities including stables and arenas

The lack of a covered riding arena.

Make it larger. Offer a variety of stall options outside of the box stalls.

More available turnouts / less hot walkers since they aren't used often

I'd make it bigger. Large enough to host equestrian events during the fair!

More covered arenas

Less trainers and boarders

Less concrete. Larger pasture area for long or overnight turnout

Deem 'equestrian' as a permanent use @ the OC Fairgrnds. No close residential makes this location ideal.

Would like access to trails, such as to the Back Bay

Covered arena, more private turnout area where a bucking horse wont disrupt a lesson

Additional boarding facilities

I would like there to be more space to allow the riders to have more relaxing spaces for the horses so they horse aren't rushed out with short time limits during busy times. I think it would be amazing if one of the hotwalkers was made into a lunge line/beginner riding lesson area and 1 other large area so that we could bring shows back to show case horseback riding to the public to bring more interest back to agricultural activities for everyone not only the wealthy. Our goal would be to have more seating for spectators to have a safe and comfortable way to watch the riders to grow in the love for horses and get away from the status horses are normally associated with.

Improve the footing in the arenas, full size dressage arena, EuroXcisor

EuroXcisor, Improve arena footings, full size dressage arena in a better location (not next to highway)

Nothing. We love it there!

They should improve the footing in all of the arenas

Try to lower the cost of Board

Footings in the areas. Full size dressage arena.

I would Improve the footing in the arenas, full size dressage arena. That is a very important part. EuroXcisor

Bring back horse shows

more space to ride and turn out horses, getting a EuroXcisor

More track lockers

Clean the stalls and water more thoroughly.

Improving footing in the arenas, full size dressage arena, EuroXcisor

Covered arena DEFINITELY better footing a full dressage area and grass turnout

Offer larger stalls! Ideal: 24x24 and 24x48

Footings in the arenas. That would be one thing. A covered arena, dressage arena, would also be great

Create more space for arenas and training facilities.

Covered arena

expand the property and add a euroxcisor

Offer larger stalls! Ideal: 24x24 and 24x48

better separation from the Fair goers. More space to ride.

Expand it to its original 12 acres and host horse events and competitions.

Encourage more community equestrian events for all riding disciplines

Restore it back to its original size with barns, arenas and turnouts

The arena footing needs to be replaced and the RV storage is taking up too much room. Instead of storage, a full size dressage arena would be a better use of space. the facility could use some sprucing up as well.

Improve the footing in the arenas and add a dressage arena.

I would expand and bring in Western riding and training, add a covered arena and add a private round pen for equine therapy privacy so I can offer my work at the fairgrounds.

Make a larger dressage arena, preferably covered with some spectator seating.

The amount of space available. An extension with more turnout available for the horses would be absolutely amazing.

See it expanded back to the original foot print of 15 acres, put in a regulation size dressage court, one ring covered, a new updated hotwalker called an EuroWalker. If the size is refurbished back to the 15 acres then a Equine Therapy center similar to the San Juan Capistrano Shea Center, more public outreach programs and specialized space for that, as well as having the room for the horse shows to return which would also be great for the public to come watch as a day out

Access to trails. A larger facility.

Add covered arenas.

More trees and landscaping Move the trailer parking to front and leverage interior parking area for more equestrian activities and space for horses

Expand and create a bigger center

Covered arena - protection from sun.

I wish it was bigger! Had more room to actually enjoy the space.

Rework facility footprint to put trailer parking in front, remove old equipment (horse walkers) that don't work and install more usable EuroXcisor. Improve the footing in the arenas and put in full size dressage arena.

We need a full size dressage arena and some sort of noise reduction on the freeway side.

the parking and the roads inside the equestrian center

Improving the footing in the arenas, offering trailer parking in the front of the center, having a bigger dressage arena and would like to put in a EuroXcisor

I like it very much. Pls don't change anything

Improve the footing in the arenas, move trailer parking to front and put in full size dressage arena, take out old walkers and put in EuroXcisor

Access from the roads.

Have more arena space and or turnout, as well as a covered arena.

More affordable

Keep it. I used it when I was younger, and my friends and family still use it.

Better footing for the arenas

Trainers monopolize the round pens and turnouts for lessons .These spaces are already limited and for those who work full time, and must come to the barn in the evening, it is extremely difficult to find turnouts. Turnouts should be used for non riding purposes as there is already limited access for horses to be turned out in the city.

IMPROVE THE FOOTING IN THE ARENA'S, TAKE OUT OLD WALKERS AND PUT IN EUROXCISOR, PUT IN FULL SIZE DRESSAGE ARENA.



Public guided tours Invite stable to do exhibitions of horse breeds, care and disciplines

Improve awareness of equestrian center by including equine demonstrations and horsemanship clinics.

Let us host small horse shows to bring in the community

Add a horse show or two to the fair season. Sell tickets to spectators, not associated with a competitor.

Education people about horses and equestrian sports such as hunter, jumpers, Eventing and equitation.

We could schedule demonstrations of jumping, riding, and vaulting so that the public could watch. We would need to have signage and volunteers to help direct people to the appropriate area.

I am leery about allowing the public around my privately owned horses, but I do think an information table headed by trainers about how to sign up for lessons would be good.

Greater exposure would create additional interest in equestrian activities.

Trainer discussions on keeping horses, demonstrations of modalities to encourage youth participation in the sport.

None. People want to touch horses and spread germs

Do a "Hug and Groom" event. Get the community involved in understanding the equestrian center!

It would be great see a horse show! Jumping, dressage, rail classes. I'm sure a lot of boarders would participate.

I'd rather it not be integrated.

Showcasing the variety of equestrian disciplines through demonstrations Hosting tours of the facilities to introduce community members to the programs available

demonstrate the human animal bond, event with horses

The Equestrian Center used to include a Horse Show (with MUCH Fair interest). Many Fairgoers were interested in visiting the Horse Facility.

I personally would not want to integrate it into the OC Fair as with running our lesson program it helps keep the riders safe with less distractions and people not used to horses around for lessons. Also as a boarder combining it with the OC fair would increase chances for privately owned horses to be pet or fed possibly causing health issues. Also allowing the community into events would potentially limit space for arena use with over crowding.

It seems to be well integrated during annual fair with animal events.

I don't want the OC Fair public coming around my horses stall, but I think Equestrian education would be great!

-Some history on how the fairgrounds were created for and by agriculture with a horserace as well as the Parade of Products back in 1890's with a queen and princess that rode in the parade. In the 1930's it was the "Orange County Fair and Horse Show"... -A booth for education about horses. (horsemanship).

Offer riding/jumping/dressage competitions at the OC Fair.

People love coming to look at the horses and the stables. I think investing in the appearance and use of the facility would make the area more inviting to guests and boarders. With the increased visibility, interest in horses and horse sports will grow which is beneficial for the trainers, oc fairgrounds and the community as a whole.

It would need to be larger; privately owned horses need to be kept separate from the public. I'm all about the public interacting however it needs to be done safety- the LA equestrian center does a phenomenal job of hosting events while keeping privately owned horses safe.

Horse shows, trainer clinics, horsemanship demonstrations, breed displays

Don't do it! It's crowded enough already

"grandstand" style teaching sessions to help people learn about horses, work to ride programs, interactive exhibits with horse tack and equipment

• small group tours for event patrons • a display of Eqst Ctr at the event w contact info

horse shows and demonstrations

More Equestrian demonstrations and events

Definitely a small schooling horse show with discriminations of what is being judged or show cased.

Invite equestrians to do demonstrations and guided tours.

guided tours, equestrian demonstrations / shows

Have horse performance events at the fair.

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Have the equestrians set up demonstrations and guided tours

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Have more equestrian events

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More open to public, including tours to outsiders

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Have the equestrians show or demo what horses do. Have the trainers show people around the facility.

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Virtual experience about the horses and the riding sports at the OC Equestrian Center. The trainers cover a diverse set of horse sports & riders of all backgrounds.

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You've done a great job in years past.

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Maybe having equestrians do tours or informational talks

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Horse shows to show off each barn would be good

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The difficulty in the integration lies in the large and widening divide between people who understand how to behave around horses and those who do not. Safety is an issue. Therefore, I suggest spectator events. Perhaps a new mounted games team, or mounted archery, who train specifically for exhibition at the fair. Mounted games does require a high degree of horsemanship but its fast-paced nature makes it a great spectator sport. For Imaginology, perhaps a STEM-oriented event involving the biomechanics of movement from an anatomical perspective using horses with muscle and skeletal details painted on them. Such an event could feature a Q&A panel of vets, farriers and/or trainers. Another event could be something like "be the horse" where kids "ground train" each other and thereby learn the nuances of contact and feel through reins and lead ropes, and also though non-contact liberty work where they can begin to understand how horses communicate via spatial awareness.

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Equestrians could provide seminars, and incorporate the horses to bring more awareness and focus on how vital horses and the responsibilities and respect that come.

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Do more community outreach and doing demonstrations and riding clinics during the fair.

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Why does there need to be integration, what was the original purpose of the spaces. A massive theater was built in the 90's. what a massive waste of space that turned out to be.

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Have horse events at the fair, showcasing the diversity of equestrian sports, the role of the horse in the history of California and Orange County agriculture, exhibit today's use of the horse in sport, agriculture, and in equine assisted mental health therapy.

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Hold horseshows in congruency with fair. Not sure about the imaginology

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There are many highly skilled equestrian riders at the center. Perhaps some demonstrations of vaulting or jumping can be made available for viewing. I would not recommend at all that the equestrian center be open to visitors for "petting or feeding". Several horses are on special diets and there aren't any hand washing stations available for people to wash their hands after petting horses.

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Invite guests on guided tours of the facilities. I have never met anyone in my city of Irvine who knows the equestrian center exists. People are always surprised when I share that my daughter rides there. They all know about the skate park across the street and the dog park though.

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Equitation, shows, clinics on top of rodeos and current content. Bring big names in, ie Parelli, Clinton Anderson, etc. offerings. Anything to expose kids to the equine world

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Let the Equestrian Center riders put on jumping or dressage demonstrations at the OC Fair or other events.

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Live demos and exhibitions. Pre-registered guided public tours of equestrian center. Hands on pre-registered mini horsemanship ground care classes. Educational mini seminars on various equine subjects. IE. Different discipline riding and use, use of horses through history, basic care of horses; exercise, nutrition, health care needs. I could go on and on there is so much to share and we want to share with anyone whos interested :)

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Tours and open house / historical education event.

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Include equestrian demonstrations in Fair events

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N/A

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Invite equestrians to do demos of Show Jumping and other activities, guided tours of the facilities,

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Have education shows there.

People love to see horse activities. Demonstrations, Educational Clinics and Guided tours would be popular

Horses are a part of the rich history of Orange County. There use to be equestrian shows going on during the fair, I'd like to see that return.

I do not have an opinion about this

Allowing equestrians to do tours on the grounds

Demonstration and tours

Yes the integration would help gain support to continue the stables.

Have a horse show during the fair so spectators can see horse and rider in action, have children's activities to introduce them to horses.

Add spectator stands to one or more of the arenas (or add a larger arena) and include a horse show/jumping competition and exhibition with contests for children too (whether jumping competition, dressage, and horse costumes for fun and learning).

Small shows and exhibits would give the public more access to enjoy the property and expose more individuals to horses and the possibilities of interacting with horses. This is a public property and I believe we can do more to incorporate the community.

WE CURRENTLY OFFER GREAT PROGRAMS, PONY CLUB AND CHANGING STRIDES.

A local horse show! Gives riders an opportunity for inexpensive show experience, and the community a simple introduction to equestrian sports.

In years past, OC Fair better partnered with Equestrian Center for horse display events

Horse Parade; Equine Education; Horse Show during Fair

Have horse shows

Mock horse show for fair goers to observe.

Host a small horse jumping show. Let the public see what actually see what goes on here and how valuable it is to our youth and community

Maybe we could have something like an „open house“ with Horse shows and Vaulting demos on a specific day during Imaginology or the OC Fair?

Have guided, small tours where people in the community can see the horses and equestrian activities going on. Or offer an exposition 1 or 2 times a year where public comes and the riders give a demonstration.

I think we should have demonstrations from horses and cool activities with participating barns for the kids

Show the many ways everyone can benefit from Equine therapy

Hosting small horse shows / in barn schooling shows

Well I used to board at the fairgrounds two different times with two different horses. I started boarding in the mid 1990's and again in the early 2000's. ( by the way, there used to be a standard dressage court!). Anyway, there were horse shows during the fair and fair attendees would watch them (( I showed during the fair). However, the facility was significantly reduced in size since then, so in more recent years the equestrian center would have a parade of horse breeds that the equestrian center provided for fair goers. I think now, demonstrations of maybe riding, or education regarding horses on various topics related to horses including explanations of the different types of riding lessons and programs available at the fairgrounds. People like horses but they don't know how to access learning about horses and where to go to learn to ride or how to take care of horses etc. I know that because for years I wanted to learn to ride and learn about horses but I had no idea

if the facility was larger, we could integrate horse shows at the action sports arena or on our facility. we used to do this when the facility was it's intended size of 15 acres. shows are money makers and bring more people into the facility to learn, be enriched and entertained.

**Q5** What additional programs do you think the equestrian center could offer that would benefit the community?

(86 responses)



By integrating therapeutic riding activities.

We already have horsemanship, equine therapy, western riding, english riding, show jumping, hunters, eventing and vaulting, as well as pony club.

Horse therapy for veterans, and those suffering from PTSD.

As mentioned, making the facility more user friendly and upgrading equipment and facilities would greatly improve interest in the horse community. In turn this could drive an increase in riding lessons as well as potential equine assisted therapy options.

A second therapeutic riding program would be excellent. Huntington Beach's program is phenomenal.

Public riding lessons, youth programs, therapeutic riding programs, 4H

Riding lessons/school horses

Therapy programs, youth programs (after school type)

• Open House couple of times a year • Options for kids/adults to take 20-30 minute beginner lessons

outreach to underserved communities

Therapeutic programs

More welcoming to the local community.

If the space was available, I would love to see our outreach programs grow

We currently offer great programs, Pony Club and Changing Strides, we should expand on the great programs we currently have.

Pony Club and Changing Strides are already offered and could be improved upon

The programs offered by the equestrian center, Pony Club and Changing Strides are great and should be expanded.

Have more equestrian events

Daughter is a part of pony club and loves it. Wish that more people knew about it

There is currently a great program that my daughter is in called Pony Club. She is 11 and helps with the Changing Strides program that helps under privileged kids get to know about horses.

Summer camps, Horse shows

Bring back shows!

Expanding the great programs we already have like Changing Strides, and Pony Club

Pony club and changing strides are great but I think we should expand on those programs and make them a bigger focal point

Guided tours would be better than folks coming in at random. This could bring a more up and close introduction to residents and visitors. Some may have an interest to bring their child into equestrian programs by having guided tours and provide informational hand-outs.

\*\*Partnering with a local college or university to offer extension classes either for credit or self-enrichment. Possible classes include equine confirmation, equine nutrition, basic equine husbandry, rider posture and its effects on the horse, feeding an older horse, etc. \*\*Hosting clinics throughout the year that may be attended by the SoCal equine community at large. \*\*Hosting lower-level schooling shows open to the SoCal equine community at large!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Clinics and riding outreach

Horse shows

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summer camps, horsemanship classes oh wait those all happen there.

There are already wonderful programs serving the community existing at the Equestrian center. Expanding the Equestrian center would allow for more programs such as more day camps, lessons, and lease opportunities for kids, adults, mommy and me, at risk youth and people with emotional and mental health.

Low cost youth riding programs

all disciplines of horsemanship should be represented. Both English and Western with appropriate arenas and space for all.

Currently, there are outreach programs already available at the equestrian center. Before additional programs are added, perhaps improve on the programs already in place.

Weekend rides for people interested in trying the sport out. Bday parties with pony/horse rides. More equine therapy options like Changing Strides.

Equine Therapy. I am currently an Equine Specialist. I'd love to offer our work at the fairgrounds. We work with at-risk youth, first responders, veterans and trauma patients. We can also do team building and corporate team building. It's endless and the mental health help at the fairgrounds would enhance your program and heal and save lives.

The Equestrian Center offers Pony Club (which my daughter joined this year and it is amazing!!) as well as a community outreach for underprivileged kids (Changing Strides). If they could add a 4H chapter at Centennial Farm, with some overflow to the Equestrian Center, that would be great as well.

Summer camps programs

Public outreach and Equine Therapy. Horseshows also bring in revenue for the surrounding businesses in the area: hotels/motels, RV parking on site at OCF during events, gas stations, restaurants, convenience stores, super markets, malls, and more.

Therapeutic riding clinics

Equestrian resources are few and far between remaining in OC, maintaining this facility is essential. Programs to help educate on the agricultural history of the area and role of livestock and horses in settling CA would perhaps be one way.

More community events

Expand on Pony Club program, as well as Changing Strides, 4H activities - it is a Fair Grounds.

4H

Expand the programs already in action. Changing Strides community service to at risk children and Veterans. The United States Pony Club program available now to kids under 21.

They should partner with the City of Costa Mesa's Recreation Department to offer riding lesson at a discount during certain times of the year as I'm guessing that a big part of the fairgrounds is paid for using taxpayer dollars.

I do not have an opinion about this

With the programs we currently offer, would like to expand them

Expand on the current programs

More equestrian events.

Equine- Assisted- Therapy for adults and children.

Programs to introduce minority children to horses.

Horse shows/competition/exhibitions so people can come and watch or participate

Affordable lesson programs. Most children cannot afford to learn to ride with lessons costing \$80-90 per 30 min session. Perhaps community days where the community day could come learn about horses. Smaller horse shows would also be a neat opportunity for spectators as well as boarders/clients of the EC.

Commit to keeping equestrian center open as public facility community members can visit

Horse Education and Therapy for low income community members; Quarterly Horse Shows

For special needs kids

Happy with the programs offered.

Western Riding!

I think it is important to allow horse lovers and riders to have the OC space and continue to use it for outdoor exercise, mental stimulation, being closer to nature, and experiencing an excellent sport.

We could grow our pony clubs and the changing strides program run at the facility

Horse shows,

Well I think that the fairgrounds actually has a lot of programs compared to other equestrian centers., which maybe the fairgrounds could support and help develop? I'm thinking of pony club, and programs for kids that have been struggling in various ways. Lisa Sabo is doing I think about three programs with outreach to the communities in the area. It seems like she is trying to do it on her own, but I don't know. Horses are very therapeutic and people just don't know how to access horses or where to go. I wanted to learn to ride for many years but I didn't know how to start until I read about a program in the Newport Navigator, parks and recreation classes including riding lessons at the fairgrounds. That was how I got started riding many years ago and I still do!



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I wish they would keep a fence/barrier between our parking lot area & the Fairgrounds lot year-round for the safety of our horses & boarders, especially the kids.

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Such a great part of the community and I along with my family and friends enjoy the facility daily.

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It is a fantastic resource and one that should be treasured.

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It's central location in the county make it a critical juncture for displaced animals in an emergency. It should be larger to accommodate this.

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It need to have more arenas

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The staff maintaining the center is aggressive (those watering the arenas), rude, and no rules are posted. No clear contact for when problems arise. Staff responsible for feeding horses are negligent and aren't feeding.

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I wish that one of the arenas was covered.

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It's important to provide a multitude of outdoor sports opportunities for kids and adults. Equestrian sports are a wonderful way for people, especially kids, to connect with animals, learn responsibility, develop self confidence and stay active. Pushing equestrian facilities further and further into the countryside means fewer and fewer people will have the opportunity to learn about, live around and love horses and horse related sports and activities.

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It's such an asset to the surrounding communities

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The Equestrian Center & horse activities are an important part of the O.C. Fair Mission Statement..."to preserve the agricultural heritage of Orange County". The O.C. Fairgrounds Equestrian Center has produced many World Class (Olympian) athletes.

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I used to ride there with a trainer many years ago. The only thing that was a negative for me was parking during Fair events and the occasional horse shying due to the activities.

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I don't like how certain trainers think that they have their "own" arenas. We are all equal boarders, and I think it's ridiculous that certain trainers and riders make you feel not welcome.

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It is an amazing group of people, who touch many people's lives (regardless of age, race and sex).

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This is a treasure in Costa Mesa. Nothing else like it around us. It is such a blessing for our family.

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It's a tremendous resource for Orange County. Affordable riding, horse boarding, excellent location, excellent collection of trainers, and wonderful resource when horses/animals need a safe place to evacuate to during fires, etc.

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There is a high demand for equestrian facilities in the area. I would know, I currently work at the Huntington Central Park Equestrian Center. We are FULL. We have a wait list over 50 people long looking for a good, safe place to board that offers quality trainers and facilities. Despite covid-19, an interest in horses has skyrocketed. Investing in the facilities is not only beneficial for the community, it could be greatly beneficial for the city financially. Right now centers are closing left and right and eventually there will be fewer and fewer options outside of commuting to Norco. This is not just a hobby for the elite. It is a passion for people like me who spend almost every cent I have taking care of these wonderful animals, yet find myself rich in the experiences and memories this community offers. Please keep this in mind when coming up with your master plan. Do we really need more parking lots and lots that go unused most of the year, or do we invest in more?

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Orange County used to be surrounded by horses; now we as horse owners have to fight for every little inch of space for our majestic friends. This facility provides a safe haven for not only the horses but their owners. Please don't take this refuge away.

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I boarded my horse there in the late 1980s (I live in Los Angeles now). It was wonderful to have an excellent facility close to home and work. I brought my horse to a clinic there several years ago, it is still a great facility and I really hope it continues to operate and be available to locals and the broader equestrian community.

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Also more horse trailer parking needed, there's space just need agreements

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It's a great facility

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Great place to board a horse near one's home.

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Please keep this equestrian use land use in place. It allows kids and adults access to horses, as a rider or spectator right here in 'the city'

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It is a very important asset to the community, because venues to interact with horses are rapidly disappearing in Orange County and the OCFEC is centrally located and easily accessible

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Don't eliminate our access. We so depend on it.

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I believe that the site is a perfect place to have horses. It is hidden, but in a place that is easy to get to and give directions to. Kids can come right after school or adults right from work

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It's great for kids and adults to be around horses. It teaches us how to be loving, caring, respectful, brave, diligent, and responsible being in the barn.

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I am a busy professional. This is super convenient to be able to have easy access to my horse and trainer. Being able to ride on a daily basis has allowed me to grow quickly as an equestrian. The equestrian center & it's members and horses have become like a family to me. I love it there.

Our daughter has enjoyed the benefits of the equestrian center for the past 5 years and she continues her progress through the Pony Club which has given her confidence to accomplish tasks as an individual and work in a group setting caring an enjoying the horses.

We love this gem in our community. Offers those who love horses and the equestrian world a great place to enjoy all they get out of riding. It has changed my families life.

The location is great for my family. I wish there was more trail rides the horses could go on. My son has Down syndrome and it's been a great place for him to go interact with the horses. There is so much extra space that is not being utilized-like the extra parking lots. It would be nice if we could expand the equestrian areas.

As a boarder it would be great to maximize the space with another and covered arena that could be used for Horse Shows.

I so miss shows at the fairgrounds!

Horses are so important to me and I just want to see them happy with grass turn outs and normal things horses like. I wish I could ride in the rain more so I could have more ride days

Yes - the connectedness, the confidence and the courage the equestrian center provides many children and adults is so vital and spiritual, and very necessary for these trying times. The comfort it brings is mostly unspeakable. Owning and maintaining horses can be costly; yet, with guided tours many can come enjoy, learn and grow a wonderful sense of connect with amazing animals.

It's been a great place for my sister and my family.

Amazing facility — appreciate it so much!

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this facility is used year round by people who care about both the animals and the community. it is an emergency landing zone for the ever increasing fires in the are and should be maintained as such. Please do not look at it like a circus exhibit for the fair goers for a few weeks of the year

The OC Equestrian center of an essential resource of community engagement, a haven in a cement filled world where horses connect us to nature and animals. It needs to be expanded back to its original size and become an attraction for horse show events and competitions, which would bring income to the fairgrounds and surrounding community.

I believe the Equestrian Center is a very unique place in an expanding urban landscape. It is very important to be able keep the legacy of Orange County's and California's rural roots. Be able to show and educate our population about our past and that we can still achieve cohabitation with nature and animals.

We have been boarders at the equestrian center for 5 years. Horses are amazing animals that have awarded my daughter with increased confidence, responsibility and compassion. With all the over development and decreased land available for horses and training, the equestrian center is a gem.

We feel very grateful for the proximity of our riding center, as my daughter used to ride in San Juan Capistrano and it was too difficult to get her there and back. It would have meant giving up the sport for her if we didn't have the OC Fair option. It also lead us to an amazing barn with Sabo. My daughter has thrived both developmentally and socially. Her confidence and sense of self-worth is high. riding and training with horses has been a life changing experience for her!

It's a wonderful center that could be amazing! You haven't even scratched the surface of potential offerings

Our daughter took her first horse ride at the Equestrian Center 10 years ago, when she was 4, through a Groupon deal. Over the next 9 years, she trained at many other barns in OC, before coming back to the Equestrian Center in December 2019. She now trains at Sabo Eventing, where she is in Pony Club, and it has really changed her life! She can't wait to get to her lessons and classes, she has her first English riding competition in a week, and is planning to lease or buy a horse and board it at the Equestrian Center. Super committed trainers. We live in Newport Beach and are so happy to have an equestrian center like this within a short drive.

It's needed for the surrounding horse community and boarding facilities

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I love being able to train and board my horses here. Its such a close and convenient center. I was here when I was younger and it was a safe place for me to keep myself entertained as a teen-ager and so many life skills I didn't even know would be so helpful as i grow up. I encourage parents to have their children come a help with the barn. They learn responsibility, problem solving, focus on learning, kindness, empathy, hard work pays off, perseverance, resilience, patience, face a fear and keep going, compassion for each other as well as an animal, and more.

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I am so grateful the equestrian center is so nearby. It has been a godsend for my daughter who struggles with other group sports activities. She has a learning disability and riding and caring for the horses their has really helped with her self-esteem. Thank you for re-landscaping the entry area. Looking forward to additional improvements.

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The equestrian center is a treasure and should be expanded. Add stalls and cut out some of the parking lots to add a full size dressage area. Nearby parking lots almost never fully used, but horse space is rare. A covered arena would allow use 356 days a year (add a horse tax for a few years to pay for it).

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It's an amazing place. Please don't take it away from the horse lovers of the area. There are so few places these days which is criminal. Horses have a major positive impact on the surrounding communities and the people who enjoy them.

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The Equestrian Center is a fantastic resource to our local community. There is a huge benefit physically and psychologically to be near horses. This resource needs to be protected and nurtured.

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As so many of the riding trails have been driven out of Orange County as a whole and the horse neighborhoods are now empty it is even more important to have an equestrian center to teach riding. Riding teaches you how to care for and be responsible another creature. It teaches listening, patience, discipline, self control, focus, competition, pride, health and exercise, and communication and there aren't many sports that do all of those things anymore.

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Increase the parking for OC equestrian center and remove the roads within the equestrian center, make them dirt roads, to deter people from driving their cars down the isles and by the arenas

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I thoroughly enjoy my time at the equestrian center teaching. I love to have the ability to bring positivity to student's lives while giving the horses a healthy life

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It has become my daughter's second home and keeps her busy and focused on something positive

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Bring in more horse shows and gymkhanas.

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There should be a covered arena.

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It's a great asset for the county to retain a bit of it's agricultural past.

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This facility is a precious gem that must be preserved. Trainers should not have priority over paying boarders, for example, one pony owned by a trainer may be used for five lessons essentially taking the space of five horses, while only actually contributing board for one horse. This negatively impacts others. Everyone should have equal say and an equal voice in decision making. The "trainers meetings" benefit the trainers only and many competent adults own horses there whose voices should be heard. I would love to see more diversity in riding styles as well to help the community access and benefit from this precious resource. I want to see it survive, thrive, and benefit Costa Mesa.

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I HAVE BEEN RIDING AT THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER SINCE THE 1980'S. MY FAMILY AND I LOVE THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER. WE HAVE FAMILY DAY EVERY SATURDAY. EVERY SATURDAY, MY FAMILY AND I ENJOY THE HORSE'S AND THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER.

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It is the gem of the fair grounds. A lot of people and animals are served on a daily basis.

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The equestrian center os a place were children grow up They learn chores They learn friendships with a horse and people

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It is a valuable asset to our community.

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The equestrian center is a real community and allows good people of all ages the opportunity to bond with animals, be outside with nature, get regular exercise, and enjoy a historic sport in America. I am honored to live in orange county and have respect for the officials and individuals who are keeping the equestrian facility at the OC Fairgrounds location and in good condition.

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We need a sign for our gate number so you can tell where it is from the street

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Well I I am 68 years old and I'm taking dressage lessons at the fairgrounds. Please know that it's not just kids that want to learn to ride and be around horses. I started riding in my late 30s at the fairgrounds and later boarded a horse there two different times and now I'm back learning dressage and it is a very important part of my life. It's not just kids and rich adults that ride. I'm old and not rich and riding at the fairgrounds is extremely important to me. There are so few stalls in OC now and it is close so I don't have to drive far. There are actually a lot of older adults that take lessons and/or board at the fairgrounds, people in their 50's through 70's, which you might not realize. Riding is something you can do at all ages. That is one reason I want so badly for there to be a standard size dressage court at the fairgrounds. I would then be able to show in dressage. It's important to have activities and goals at throughout life and I'm grateful for the chance.

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our CA heritage is built on the backs of horses. They have more of a right to have the space than anything else. The CA fair system only exists because of horses and the monies they generated from racing. As we urbanize we need to hold on to the unique aspects of our communities, and the equestrian center is one such place. It needs more attention and more space. If

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we lost the equestrian due to a lack vision, the community would never be able to replace a space like this and all the wonderful things that exist there, right in our own back yard would be gone forever.

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