

Want To Ride Trails?

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lina and east of Indiana to be masters of the program.

"Leave No Trace" started as a hiking criteria, but has evolved into other types of recreation. It teaches guidelines to be easier on the land.

"There are two things you can leave — and they are poop and tracks," Bud said. "But even that you should leave as little as possible."

Leave No Trace: Outdoor Ethics

Plan Ahead and Prepare:

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.
 - Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
 - Schedule your trip to avoid high times of use.
 - Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of four to six.
 - Repackage food to minimize waste.
 - Use a map and a compass to eliminate the use of rock cairns, flagging, or marking paint.
- Travel And Camp On Durable Surfaces:
- Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses, or snow.
 - Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet away from lakes and streams.
 - Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.

In popular areas:

- Concentrate on existing trails and campsites.
- Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.
- Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.

In pristine areas:

- Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.
- Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

Dispose Of Waste Properly:

- Pack it in, pack it out. Insect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Deposit human waste into catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise cathole when finished.
- Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.
- To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

Leave What You Find:

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

Minimize Campfire Impacts:

- Campfires can cause lasting



Bud Wills, horsemaster, educates recreation enthusiasts on the importance of leaving nothing behind when trail riding.

impacts on the back country. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.

- Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires.
- Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.
- Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.

Respect Wildlife:

- Observe wildlife from a dis-

tance. Do not follow or approach them.

• Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.

• Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.

• Control pets at all time or leave them at home.

• Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

Be Considerate Of Other Visi-

tors:

• Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.

• Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.

• Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock.

• Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.

• Let nature's sound prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises.

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College Of Ag Sciences Offers Two New Scholarships

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences is offering two new scholarships as part of a program to keep the university accessible to financially needy undergraduates.

The Earl K. and Kay L. Harbaugh Trustee Scholarship and

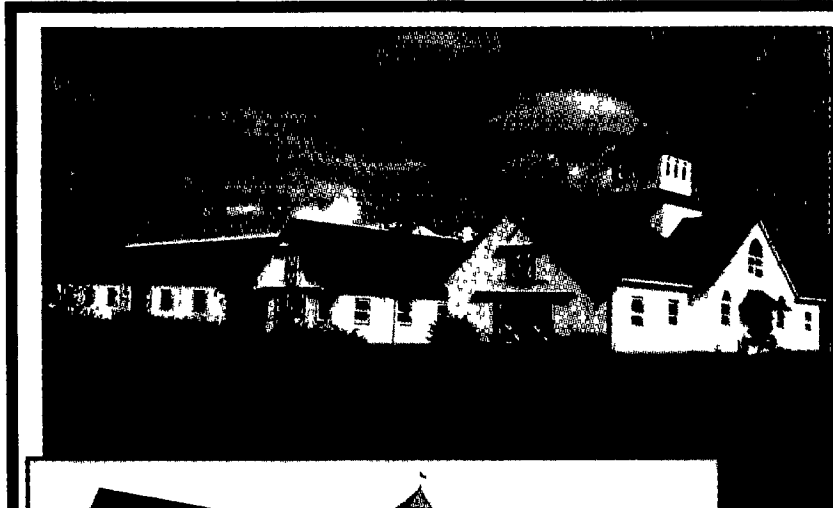
the Arthur W. and Caroline O. Hartman Trustee Scholarship will be awarded to students in the 2003-2004 academic year as part of Penn State's Trustee Scholarship Program.

To support the scholarships, Earl K. and Kay L. Harbaugh have pledged \$50,000, and \$1

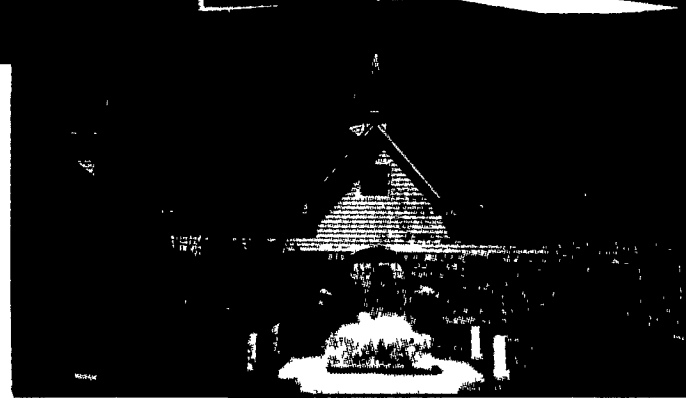
million was endowed from the estate of Caroline O. Hartman. The scholarships will be awarded annually to undergraduate students enrolled or planning to enroll in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Penn State's new Trustee Scholarship Program is a five-year, \$100 million matching scholarship initiative aimed at keeping the university accessible to financially needy undergraduates by raising private support through June 30, 2007. A \$50,000 minimum gift, payable over five years, is required. Penn State then will match 5 percent of the original pledged amount annually.

For more information about the Trustee Scholarship Program, contact David Lieb at (814) 863-0694.



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