



43rd Annual Minnesota Sheriff's Mounted Posse Association Wagon Train for Youth

***Hosted by Steele County Mounted Sheriff's Posse
September 11–13, 2026
Steele County Fairgrounds • Owatonna, Minnesota***

Wagon Train Rules & Safety Information

These rules are intended to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants, horses, teamsters, volunteers, and spectators.

Leadership & Safety

- The Wagon Master is in charge and his/her directions shall be followed at all times.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted on the Wagon Train route. Disorderly conduct will not be tolerated.
- All participants must remain with the Wagon Train unless authorized otherwise.
- Traffic personnel enforce all rules.

Wagon & Riding Safety

- Teamsters have the right-of-way.
- Carry a 4×4×10-inch wheel block on each wagon.
- Display a Slow Moving Vehicle emblem.
- Do not dismount or unhitch until 'Riders Down' is announced.
- No bareback riding.
- No ponying horses unless approved.

Horse & Animal Requirements

- No stallions permitted.
- Animals must be at least 3 years old; mares with foals are not permitted.
- Horses staying multiple days are recommended to be shod.
- Kicking horses must wear a red or yellow ribbon.
- Carry a halter or neck strap.
- No overnight tying to trailers.
- Horses must be attended while saddled or harnessed.

Campground

- No dogs on the route; controlled dogs only in campground.
- Provide your own horse water buckets.
- Keep campsites clean.
- No stock or wagons within 50 feet of the support rig.

Firearms

- Allowed only as part of an approved costume, unloaded, and with Wagon Master approval.

General

- Unsafe participants or animals may be removed.
- Safety is the objective of all rules.

Thank you for helping make the 43rd Annual Wagon Train for Youth a safe and successful event.