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2018 Youth Nationals Activities for Exhibitors

(9-JULY-18) – AURORA, COLO. – The [Youth National Arabian & Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show](#) is coming back to Oklahoma City with many activities for exhibitors to be a part of. Held July 21-28, 2018, at the State Fair Park, the show offers educational and leadership opportunities, social activities for kids of all ages and opportunities for adults and exhibitors, too.

Check out some of what's happening at the show this year below:

Thursday, July 19

Happening on the Thursday before Youth Nationals begins (July 19), the [Arabian Professional and Amateur Horsemen's Association](#) (APAHA) will hold its fifteenth annual **APAHA Clinics**. The first clinic will be hosted by Rob Bick and Caralyn Schroter, demonstrating Country English Pleasure from 2-3:30 p.m., and Jill Mitchell will be demonstrating Trail in the second clinic from 3:30-5 p.m. The clinic will be held from 2-5 p.m. in the Performance Arena and is also open to the public. For more information about how to participate in the clinic, contact [Kathie Hart](#) at Kathryn.hart@gmail.com.

Come hear the Commissioner describe the view from center ring! Also from 2-5 p.m. will be the **Youth Exhibitor Parent Judging School**, held in conjunction with the APAHA clinics and hosted by [Arabian Horse Association](#) (AHA) Judges and Stewards Commissioner Stan Morey.

Friday, July 20

The AHYA Convention will be held in the Sales Arena from 12-1:30 p.m. Come by, and don't forget to pick up your qualifier t-shirts, which will also be available at Convention.

New this year is the Color War, which will follow the Convention, sponsored by [US Equestrian](#). Come prepared to get dirty! The Color War will follow Convention outside, south of the railroad tracks.

Stop by for ice cream, dancing and fun at the AHYA Dance & Ice Cream Social, sponsored by [Markel Insurance](#), happening from 7-9 p.m. in the Sales Arena. Don't forget your dancing boots!

Saturday, July 21

The Exhibitor Welcome Dinner—sponsored by [State Fair Park](#) and [Oklahoma City CVB](#)—will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the Sales Arena. Come hungry!

Sunday, July 22

The first-time exhibitor picture will be held in the Jim Norick Arena at 12:30 p.m. Come with your game face to the first-ever kick ball game, happening after classes in the Specialty Arena.

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Monday, July 23

The Team Challenge Event will begin after the morning session in the Performance Arena. You can also bring the little ones for the Stick Horse Contest and Workshop—sponsored by Long Meadow Arabians—from 12-3 p.m. in the Chill Box. Meet at the in-gate at the Jim Norick Arena at 6 p.m. to compete for the top prize!

Tuesday, July 24

The Team Challenge Event will take place after the afternoon session in the Jim Norick Arena.

Wednesday, July 25

This evening will be a dark evening, meaning there will be no evening classes, so make plans to explore Oklahoma City! Get tickets [online](#) for the OKC Dodgers baseball game at 7:05 p.m. and receive a free hat if you are an AHA member. You can also check out the [waterpark](#) at a discount (use coupon code AHAYL18), as well as go [whitewater rafting](#)!

Thursday, July 26

The Team Challenge Event will begin after classes in the Specialty Arena. Come by the Jim Norick Arena at 5:30 p.m. for the Dog Costume Class and Thirteenth Annual Dog Races! See dogs of all shapes and sizes race down the show ring and back for a top prize!

Friday, July 27

Horse enthusiasts and non-horse enthusiasts alike, come check out the Arabian Horse Novice Hippology Contest—sponsored by Region 10—in the Sales Arena from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. The cost is \$5 at the door. Beat the heat and stop by the Arabian Horse Times & Ice Cream Social outside the Jim Norick Arena after the afternoon session.

Saturday, July 28

The Hippology Awards Presentation will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the Jim Norick Arena. Come see how you did! The winner of the Team Challenge event will be announced and will also receive a popsicle party.

Graduating seniors will also be recognized on Saturday during the Graduating Senior Recognition at 6:45 p.m. in the Jim Norick Arena.



Other Activities Throughout the Week

T.A.I.L. Tours are designed to introduce new-comers to the Arabian horse in a backstage, comfortable setting. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in becoming a T.A.I.L. barn for Youth Nationals this year, email youth@arabianhorses.org.

All activities are subject to change, so look for an updated schedule at the show. Find more details about Youth Nationals activities and special events [here](#).

Stop by the AHA #BlueRoom next to the Chill Box (youth room) at the Jim Norick Arena Concourse for show updates. Come to the Chill Box (youth

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room)—sponsored by Hesten Park and the Hoffman Family—to get involved with activities happening daily from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., or just stop by to relax or watch a movie.

Get involved with the AHYA scavenger hunt! Search the grounds daily for a golden horseshoe, bring it to the Chill Box and claim your prize!

Send your best friend/son/daughter/sister/barn friend a congratulatory pony that will be delivered to their barn! Congrats ponies can be ordered in the Chill Box.

Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and Snapchat (ahyneigh). Use the hashtag #ahaYNL18 throughout Youth Nationals for show updates, social contests and more. Visit arabianhorses.org/YNL for more information. You can also sign up for the Daily Update newsletter for the most up-to-date show info by emailing alleynah.cofas@arabianhorses.org.

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