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Arabian Horse Youth Nationals Offers Activities for Families and Kids of All Ages

(27-June-17) – AURORA, COLO. – The [Youth National Arabian & Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show](#) is coming back to Oklahoma City, where it originally started 23 years ago. Held July 22-29, 2017, at the State Fair Park, the show offers educational and leadership opportunities, as well as social activities for kids of all ages.

Educational Opportunities

On July 20, the Thursday before Youth Nationals begins, the **Arabian Professional and Amateur Horsemen's Association (APAHA)** will hold its **fourteenth annual clinic** hosted by Crystal McNutt and Cheryl Fletcher. Clinics will be held from 2-5 p.m. in the Performance Arena and are 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 happening on Thursday, July 20, is **Stan Morey's Judging School**, held in conjunction with APAHA, and is hosted by Arabian Horse Association (AHA) Judges & Stewards Commissioner Stan Morey.

Come test your Arabian horse knowledge at the annual **Hippology Contest**, sponsored by AHA Region 10. The contest will be held on Friday, July 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Sales Arena. Quiz stations will challenge kids, teens and adults. The cost is only \$5 at the door and no advance sign-up is required. Awards for the contest will be presented on Saturday, July 29 before the afternoon session in Jim Norick Arena at 12:30 p.m. Contact the [AHA Youth & Families Coordinator](#) for more information about the judging school and the contest.

Want to pursue your love for Arabians in college?

Stop by the Jim Norick Arena Concourse from 10 a.m.–5 p.m. on Thursday, July 27 to learn about collegiate equine opportunities.

During the week of Youth Nationals competitors will have an opportunity to give back to the Oklahoma City community by sharing their horse knowledge and experience during the **Total Arabian Interactive and Learning (T.A.I.L.) tours**. Times and dates for the tours are as follows:

- Saturday July 22: 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m. – 'National Meet a Horse Day' and a special giveaway!
- Sunday July 23: 1 p.m.
- Wednesday July 26: 10 a.m.
- Thursday July 27: 3 p.m.
- Friday July 28: 10 a.m., 2 p.m.

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T.A.I.L. is designed to introduce new-comers to the Arabian horse in a backstage, comfortable setting. Oklahoma City families, youth groups, 4-H & FFA groups, Girl/Boy Scouts, and day campers are encouraged to contact AHA at youth@arabianhorses.org or 303-597-8251 to make a reservation for a T.A.I.L. tour.

Social Activities Open to the Public

Youth Nationals runs for eight days and incorporates many social activities for exhibitors and guests of all ages to enjoy.

Join AHYA on Sunday, July 23 at 5 p.m. for its annual regional parade in the **Parade of Regions**. Guests are invited to take a seat in the air conditioned Jim Norick arena in State Fair Park and enjoy a parade of 'Vintage Your Way'-themed regions. Candy and fun treats will be thrown to spectators and prizes will be given for creativity!

On Monday, July 24 starting at noon, bring the little ones to participate in the **Stick Horse Workshop and Contest** where kids can come to Barn 3 and create their very own stick horse. Then at approximately 6:30 p.m., they will 'ride' their horse through center ring in Jim Norick Arena for a prize! Donations for participation are welcome.

Plus, be sure to come out to the show for the **Flying Pigs Fundraiser** on Tuesday, July 26 immediately following the afternoon session. Toy farm animals can be purchased at the AHYA booth on the Jim Norick Arena Concourse for \$5 per bag. Kids of all ages will gather to fling their pigs and aim for a prize!

The **Youth Nationals Shopping Expo** will be open daily from 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. on the Jim Norick Concourse. Everything you ever wanted for yourself and your horse can be found during your shopping experience at Youth Nationals!

All activities are subject to change, so look for an updated schedule at the show. You can find more details about Youth National activities [here](#).

For show updates & social media contests, visit the AHA #BlueRoom next to the AHYA booth at the Jim Norick Arena Concourse, or, follow us on Instagram @ArabianHorseYouth, Twitter @AHAArabian, Snapchat @ahyneigh and Facebook. Remember to use the hashtag #ahaYNL17 throughout Youth Nationals for show updates and more information.

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AHA is a major equine association serving 84,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horse owners across North America. AHA registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses. AHA produces championship events, recognizes over 400 Arabian horse shows and distance rides and provides activities, education, and programs that promote breeding and ownership.

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