

AHA Youth Nationals Offers Second Annual T.A.I.L. Program for Children and Families

(11-July-17) – AURORA, COLO. – <u>The Youth National Arabian and Half-Arabian</u>
<u>Championship Horse Show</u> is returning to Oklahoma City for its second annual show after a 15year absence. From July 22-28, 2017, join the <u>Arabian Horse Association</u> (AHA) at State Fair
Park in Oklahoma City, where the <u>Total Arabian Interaction and Learning</u> (T.A.I.L.) program for
new-comers will be offered to learn more about the Arabian horse.

T.A.I.L. Opportunities

The T.A.I.L. program gives both adults and children the opportunity to learn more about the Arabian breed from educated volunteers. The tour will aim to encourage people to enjoy the breed and create a welcoming experience at the show.

T.A.I.L. is designed to introduce new-comers to the Arabian horse in a backstage, comfortable setting. OKC families, youth groups, 4-H and FFA groups, Girl/Boy Scouts, and day campers are welcome to contact AHA to make a reservation for a T.A.I.L. tour at the 2017 Youth Nationals. For more information, visit www.arabianhorses.org/YNL.

By participating in the T.A.I.L. Program, participants will first be greeted by a friendly T.A.I.L. Guide. Then, participants will receive a "T.A.I.L." bag filled with information about T.A.I.L. and Arabian horses. The bags will also include coloring pages, sheets describing parts of the horse, and various other educational material. Everyone will have a chance to watch the show, see the behind-the-scenes action at friendly barns, and even get to meet a gracious Arabian horse or two!

July 22 is National Meet a Horse Day, an expansion, and the descendant, of the <u>American Horse Council</u> (AMC) and the <u>Time to Ride Challenge</u>, which encourages barns and horse businesses of all sizes and breeds to hold outreach activities and events introducing newcomers to the world of horses.

Tours will be available on Saturday, July 22 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.; Sunday, July 23 at 1 p.m.; Wednesday, July 26 at 10 a.m.; Thursday, July 27 at 3 p.m.; and Friday, July 28 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

To schedule a day and time to join a tour, contact AHA at youth@arabianhorses.org or call 303-597-8251.

We hope to see you there!

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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.