

EquiFest of Kansas 2010: Join the Fun! Equine Excitement, Education and Entertainment!

Exhilarating equine entertainment, a terrific trade show and first-class clinicians, will highlight *EquiFest of Kansas 2010*. This celebration of horses, now in its thirteenth year, will run February 12 through 14, at the Wichita Kansas Coliseum.

Daily presentations by world-class clinicians and trainers will feature Ken McNabb presenting

Discovering the Horseman Within; Kay Meredith schooling riders in *Dressage*; Al Dunning teaching *Reining and Cutting*; Linda Allen conducting *Hunt Seat & Jumping* clinics; Scot Hansen with *Trail Riding and Horse Training* tips; and TV and Radio host and author Rick Lamb providing a series of horsemanship lectures.

For the first time, *EquiFest of Kansas* will present two exciting new events: the *Ultimate Horsemen's Challenge*, presented by Boulevard Beer, on Friday evening, and a *Ranch Rodeo* presented by Hunn Leather Products, held Saturday evening at *EquiFest*. Spectators can root for their favorite competitors in these fast paced, high action events that will test the training, skills and athletic abilities of horses and riders.

"We're anticipating a super 2010 *EquiFest of Kansas*" said Pattie Stalder, Administrator for the Kansas Horse Council. "We have a wide range of equine entertainment, education and excitement lined up, providing the perfect Valentine's Day weekend for everyone who loves horses!"

The horse festival is loaded with a wide variety of activities for horse lovers, including daily demonstrations, lectures, workshops, a fashion show for equine enthusiasts, the Stallion Review, Breed Demonstrations, equine entertainment and a Judging Contest. And the *Easy Rider Drill Team* from Missouri, will feature precision rides by the award-winning youth drill team. Riders from the therapeutic riding group *Horse of Hope* will give daily demonstrations that are sure to warm spectators' hearts. Special events for youth include the Kid's Corral, providing fun activities for families with young children, and for the first time, *EquiFest* will offer a special event for Girl Scouts. Scouts will have an opportunity to earn their *Junior Horse Fan Badge*, through a series of demonstrations, lectures and special activities, held Saturday morning at *EquiFest*. Pre-registration is required to complete the Girl Scout badge.

Horse enthusiasts can take in the giant equine trade show at *EquiFest*, with commercial shopping booths selling tack, horse trailers, feed, gifts, home décor items, clothing, equipment, plus much more!

Dennis Reis "No Dust" Tour To Make Tulsa Stop

As part of his "No Dust Tour," internationally acclaimed horseman Dennis Reis, will ride into Expo Square 4145 E 21st Street, Tulsa, OK 74114 for one of his 3 day Team No Dust Challenges and seminars. The event is scheduled for March 12, 13, & 14, from 10:00 a.m. till 5:00 pm. each day.

Attendees will have the opportunity to watch Reis students showcase their incredible relationships with their horses and maneuver through exciting challenge courses competing in Round Pen, Ground School, Bridleless Riding and Refined Riding. Dennis Reis will share his knowledge of horses through: Colt Starting, Problem Horses, Herd Dynamics, The Big Red Ball, and more.

Dennis, host of the popular television show "Dennis Reis Universal Horsemanship" on RFD-TV, will amaze his audience with his uncanny ability to communicate with horses. His wife, Deborah Reis, will also be a part of the class, along with their 5 horses and a donkey.

TICKETS, HOURS & MORE INFORMATION

All inclusive General Admission tickets for *EquiFest* will be available at the door, for \$12.50 per day for adults, \$6 for children aged six through twelve, and children five years and under get in free. Three-day discount passes are available at the door the first day of the event: \$30 for adults and \$15 for children six through twelve years. Tickets can be purchased at the door (cash only). No advance ticket sales are available. Hours for the equine exposition are: Friday, February 12, 2010, from 10am to 8pm; Saturday, February 13, from 9am to 8pm; and Sunday, February 14, from 9am to 6pm.

EquiFest of Kansas 2010 is sponsored in part by: Exiss Trailers; Holton Trailer Sales; Kansas Ag Network; KZSN; Longhorn Ranch Trailer Sales; Mid-American Ag Network; Orthoflex Saddle Works; Purina Mills LLC; and T's Custom Embroidery.

EquiFest of Kansas is presented by the Kansas Horse Council, a nonprofit association formed to further the common interests of horse people and to promote the entire equine industry. The Kansas Horse Council has contracted with Equine Promotions Inc., to professionally manage *EquiFest of Kansas*. Equine Promotions Inc. is an event management company with extensive experience in equine event administration.

For more information about *EquiFest of Kansas 2010*, including activities, events, participation as a volunteer, accommodations, or for general questions, contact: Equine Promotions at (765) 655-2107 or e-mail jjcloe@equinepromotions.net; the Kansas Horse Council at (785) 776-0662 or inforequest@equifestofks.com or visit the *EquiFest* web-sites at either www.equinepromotions.net or www.equifestofks.com.

Calendar of Events Submission:

EquiFest of Kansas: February 12-14, 2010, Kansas Coliseum, Wichita. Equine entertainment and education for horse owners and horse lovers! Featuring: Clinics with World-Class Trainers; Giant Trade Show; Breed Demos; The Ultimate Horseman's Challenge, a Ranch Rodeo, Youth Activities, Kid's Corral, Events for Girl Scouts and much more! More Information: www.equinepromotions.net or www.equifestofks.com or 785-776-0662 or 765-655-2107.

There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.
~ Sir Winston Churchill

OSU Horse Judging Day Scheduled in February



The one-day annual OSU Horse Judging event, scheduled for February 14, 2010 in Stillwater, OK, combines lecturer, demonstrations and discussions that develop horse judging skills. Those with interests in showing, judging or developing youth horse judging teams are invited to attend.

The day begins with small group workshops for youth and adults interested in building oral reason skills associated with competitive judging teams. A concurrent session for adults will cover the resources for developing personal skills in judging, judging opportunities with breed associations and teaching techniques for developing youth.

The following sessions on judging halter, horsemanship and equitation and reining will include discussions of rules, judging guidelines and sample classes. Dr. Steve Cooper, OSU Horse Program leader and AQHA Judge and Dr. Dave Freeman, OSU Extension Equine Specialist, will instruct the sessions, with assistance from Lara Mueller of 35M Performance Horses, other industry professionals, members of the OSU Intercollegiate Horse Judging Team, OSU Horseman's Association and OSU Women's Equestrian Team.

This year's workshop will not require pre-registration. The cost of the workshop is \$8 for all ages (youth and adult) and can be paid on arrival. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m., February 13 in the OSU Animal Science Arena. Handout materials will be available for the various workshops. For more information, visit www.ansi.okstate.edu/e-equine.

Volunteers Still Needed for 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games.

Thousands of volunteers are still needed to work hundreds of different jobs during the 16 days of the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, which will be held this year for the first time in America from September 25 – October 10 at the Kentucky Horse Park.

"We need volunteers who can lend their expertise to help make these Games a success, no matter their professional skill level," said Melissa Gable, Volunteer Manager for the World Games 2010 Foundation. "You might work as a ticket-taker, an usher, work at a visitor information desk, or help with transportation or event services, but each is a very important part of how these Games work every day."

Volunteers can register at www.alltechfeigames.com/

The techniques Dennis will demonstrate apply to all disciplines including Western, Dressage and other performance styles.

In 1988, Dennis established the Reis Ranch School of Universal Horsemanship in Penngrove California. He conducts clinics at his ranch with students coming from all over the country to learn from the clinician.

Dennis' love of horses moved into the political arena over the past three years and his driving determination culminated Nov. 18 in the passing of Senate Resolution 452, recognizing December 13th as the National Day of the Horse. It was a unanimous vote.

For more information on Dennis and his work, visit www.reisranch.com, where home study materials, and information on other tour stops are also available.