

Press Release

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2013 ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION

DISTANCE NATIONALS

The Arabian Horse Association (AHA), in cooperation with the Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA), will be hosting the 2013 AHA Distance Nationals at the Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area near Chandlerville, Illinois, October 23 – 28, 2013. Events offered will be:

- **October 24: 100 Mile AHA National Championship Ride**
 - Open 100 Mile Endurance Ride
 - Open 50 Mile Endurance Ride
 - Open 25 Mile Limited Distance Ride
 - Open 25 Mile Competitive Ride
 - Open 12.5 Mile Novice Ride
- **October 26: 50 Mile AHA National Championship Ride**
 - Open 50 Mile Endurance Ride
 - Open 25 Mile Limited Distance Ride
 - Open 25 Mile Competitive Ride
 - Open 12.5 Mile Novice Ride
- **October 27 – 28: 2-day 70 Mile AHA National Competitive Trail Ride**
 - Open 70 Mile 2-Day Competitive Ride
 - Open 35 Mile Competitive Rides each day
 - Open 12.5 Mile Novice Ride, October 27 only

Awards are offered for completion, Top Ten, Reserve Champion and Champion in both the Arabian and Half-Arabian Divisions. AHDRA's forty-year-old traveling trophy – the Harry McGlothlen Trophy – will be given to the first purebred Arabian gelding across the line in the 100 Mile Event. Team awards are planned. All rides are recognized as AHA local rides (exception Novice CTRs) and are sanctioned by Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association (UMECRA). Arabian Breeders Sweepstakes nominated horses will earn points in all eligible rides.

Rules for competing and qualifying may be found at www.ArabianHorses.org, under Competitions → National Events → Distance Nationals. More information about the ride venue, location, and schedules will be available on AHA's web site (www.ArabianHorses.org), on AHDRA's web site (www.AHDRA.org), and on AHDRA's group Facebook page.

The Jim Edgar Panther Creek (JEPC) Park offers riders varied terrain, having hills and flat ground. There is occasional gravel, so shoes are recommended, though not required. The facilities offer 51 electric campsites, 38 of which may be reserved. Overflow camping in a primitive setting is also available. Showers and toilets are on-grounds. Cabins are available for non-campers. Reservations may be made in advance by going to www.ReserveAmerica.com.