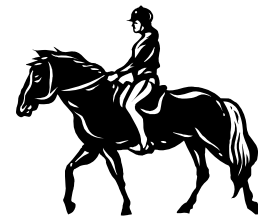




Altoona Trail Riders
Obstacle Challenge 2010
 at Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL
www.rockinghorsest.com



Saturday, March 27, 2010

Join us for our **Ninth Annual Obstacle Challenge**. The Challenge consists of 15 obstacles such as water crossings, side-pass, tarps and other interesting obstacles. Horses will be scored on how well they negotiate each one. Best score, calculated as described in the rules, will determine the winner.

Campsites, RV hook-ups, stalls & paddocks available at Rocking Horse Stables. (tie outs or portable pens are NOT allowed)

The Ocala National Forest borders the property and you are welcome to ride at your own risk.

Open to all horses and riders. Pre-registration required. No registrations or substitutions accepted day of the Challenge. Event limited to 150 horses so register early. Your pre-paid registration must be received by Wednesday, March 17, 2010, no exceptions.

We will do a ‘shotgun’ start which means 4-5 riders will simultaneously be assigned to each of the 15 obstacles, beginning at 9AM. Awards will be presented around 2 PM or as soon as scoring is complete. Concession stands on the grounds for breakfast and lunch.

* * * * * Riding double is NOT allowed due to liability * * * * *

Classes: >>Altoona Trail Riders reserve the right to combine age groups to fill a class<<

CHILDREN:	Ages 11 and under (must wear protective head gear)*	\$25.00
JUNIOR:	Ages 12-18 (must wear protective head gear)*	\$25.00
(All riders under age 16 must be accompanied on the course by an adult, 19 years or older.)		
YOUNG ADULT:	Ages 19-30	\$35.00
ADULT:	Ages 31-50	\$35.00
SENIOR:	Ages 51+	\$35.00
ATR ADULT:	Ages 19-50 (ATR membership required)	\$25.00
ATR SENIOR:	Ages 51+ (ATR membership required)	\$25.00
POLICE/POSSE:	For those horses that serve or have served on police/posse units.	\$35.00

Directions to Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona:

From Ocala: go east on SR 40 to SR 19. South (right) on SR 19 for 14 miles. Rocking Horse is on the left. Entrance is on Lake Dorr Road just south of the main Rocking Horse drive.

From Ormond Beach area: go west on SR 40 to SR 19. South (left) on SR 19 (see above).

From Orlando area: go north on 441 to SR 19 in Eustis. Go north on SR 19 through Umatilla and Altoona. Rocking Horse is a few miles north of Altoona on SR 19, located on the right, 1/10th mile past the **Pittman** sign.

*Effective October 1, 2009, all children under the age of 16 are required to wear a helmet meeting the standards of the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) when riding horseback on: A public roadway or right-of-way; A public equestrian trail, recreational trail, park or preserve, school site; or Publicly Owned or controlled property. Form Revised Jan 2010

2010 Obstacle Challenge Entry Form

(one rider/horse per form)

Names: *(Rider): _____ *(Horse): _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Alternate Phone (____) _____ (Print legibly to have entry confirmed via e-mail)

*Age of Rider: _____ (on day of event) Age of Horse: _____ (on day of event)

*No substitutions

Circle one category: CHILDREN (\$25) JUNIOR (\$25) YOUNG ADULT (\$35)

ADULT (\$35) SENIOR (\$35) ATR ADULT (\$25) ATR SENIOR (\$25)

POLICE/POSSE (\$35) (Name of Posse unit) _____

(If your horse is a trained police or posse horse, then you must register in POSSE category.)

ATR Membership (optional) Single (\$15) or Family \$25

(refer to www.AltoonaTrailRiders.com Membership application for definition of family)

Entry fee subtotal\$ _____

Contact Bess Short at 407-463-1460 or shortarchippus@aol.com for info about camping, stalls & paddocks.

Camping at Rocking Horse for the weekend?

	↓ Circle which day(s) or night(s)			cost per ↓	# of days/nights	cost per item
RV Hookups @ \$25 each	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	\$25.00 X	#	= \$
Campsites @ \$10 each	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	\$10.00 X	#	= \$
Paddocks @ \$25 each	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	\$25.00 X	#	= \$
Stalls @ \$25 each	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	\$25.00 X	#	= \$

Camping fee sub-total.....\$ _____

(VERY Limited # of paddocks, assigned on a first come, first served basis - 1 or 2 horses per paddock).

If camping, you must rent a stall or paddock for your horse(s); no tie-outs or portable pens allowed.

Official Obstacle Challenge T-Shirts: \$10 each with entry form (\$12 purchased on site)

Indicate # of T-Shirts for each size:

S_____ M_____ L_____ XL_____ 2XL_____ T-shirt sub-total = \$ _____

Entry + Camping + Stalls + T-shirts = **GRAND TOTAL \$** _____

**CURRENT NEGATIVE COGGINS REQUIRED for all equines
to be admitted to Rocking Horse property, no exceptions.**

NOTE: All fees must be pre-paid to confirm your entry in the challenge. Please double-check your math before submitting payment. THANK YOU.

- Make check payable to *Altoona Trail Riders* (ATR)
- Double-check entry form(s), sign and date (with parent/guardian if rider is 18 or under)
- Sign release(s), (one for each entrant)
- Mail check for **grand total of all fees** to: (we cannot accept your entry without full payment)

Altoona Trail Riders, P.O. Box 1225, Altoona, FL 32702

Need more info? Challenge: Renee @ 352-669-4141 or ATRChallenge@AltoonaTrailRiders.com
Camping: Bess at 407-463-1460

REFUND POLICY: Camping, stalls and T-Shirt monies will be returned (after the Challenge) when notice is received by Wednesday, March 17, 2010. NO refunds of Challenge entry fees.

Notify Renee Lewis (see above) of cancellations prior to Wed March 17, 2010.

Release form (one must be signed by each participant and mailed with entry)

I understand that horseback riding and related activities are very dangerous and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death, and/or property damage, including injury and/or death to horses, spectators and others. I understand that our horse(s), by being on the property, may be exposed to harmful bacteria and viruses, and assume the risk of possible exposure. Accordingly, I agree that any activity engaged in by me while participating in activities with the Altoona Trail Riders and Rocking Horse Stables will be done at my own risk. Accordingly, I release and agree to hold harmless the Altoona Trail Riders and Rocking Horse Stables, the lessees, their officers and directors and the owner of the property and any and all persons or entities who are guarantors or indemnitors of the above, all agents, employees, and promoters, sponsors, other riders, horse owners, advertisers, sales persons, photographers, volunteers, (hereinafter called "Releasees") for all liability for negligence or otherwise. I assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury, illness, death of myself and/or horse(s), and any other property damage due to the negligence of Releasees or otherwise while on premises or heavily engaged in horseback riding related activities, and/or while training, riding, competing, officiating, observing, teaching, working for, or for any purpose related to horseback riding, eventing or participating as a rider or spectator in such activities. I agree not to sue any Releasees and I release and agree to indemnify Releasees from and for all liability for the undersigned, his/her person, representatives, assignees, heirs, and demands therefore on account of injury to the person, or property or death of the undersigned whether caused by negligence of the Releasees or otherwise. I agree that this Release, Waiver, and Indemnity Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of this state where these activities are conducted, and if any part hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall continue in full force and effect.

I have read and voluntarily signed the Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, and further agree that no oral representations, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreements, have been made nor shall be made except by a written and signed Addendum.

WARNING: Under Florida law (Statute 773.04), an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

Signature of Rider (19 or older)

Date Signed

Signature of Parent or Guardian (18 & under)

Print Name

Print Name

2010 Obstacle Challenge Rules

1. SAFETY is first and foremost in this event. Please be careful. If your horse gets upset with any obstacle, it is better to pass than to try to force him to do something that will scare him or result in injury to horse or rider.
2. The obstacle judges have an obligation to ensure safety. If a judge determines a situation is not safe, their word is **FINAL**. If a judge asks you to not continue with a particular obstacle, you must obey that request and withdraw from the obstacle. **Arguing with the judges is not allowed** and will be grounds for dismissal from the Challenge and perhaps from the property.
3. Riding double is NOT allowed on the premises due to liability risk.
4. All horses must have some type of bridle, Indian bit or headgear for control and some type of saddle or bare-back pad that has a girth and stirrups. Bareback and bridle-less riding is not allowed.
5. Carry your score card with you on the course. It is each rider's responsibility to present the card to and collect it from each judge and surrender it to the scorers as you leave the course. Your card may be picked up after placings are announced.
6. Each horse and rider must negotiate obstacles on their own, one at a time, **AT A WALK**. You may not follow another horse through an obstacle.
7. Riders MUST stay mounted while negotiating an obstacle. A dismount will result in a zero score for that obstacle.
8. Each obstacle has a one-minute (60 second) completion time limit. There are 'in' and 'out' gates for each obstacle through which you will be judged.
9. Scoring will be based on a scale of 0 to 5, with 5 being the best:

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Score of 5: Horse moves willingly toward and through the obstacle with relaxed, forward movements in an unflappable manner. NO hesitation and NO obvious encouragement from the rider.

Score of 4: Horse moves forward willingly with only one or two slight hesitations. Some subtle encouragement from rider.

Score of 3: Horse moves forward but is resistant with a stop or two, looking closely at obstacle. Obvious encouragement from rider.

Score of 2: Horse is resistant and unwilling. Frequent stopping and frequent encouragement from rider.

Score of 1: Horse is extremely resistant and unwilling, shying at obstacle, backing up or spinning and unwilling to go forward. Gets through the obstacle only with continuous encouragement from rider and continuous use of voice and legs.

Score of 0: Horse is unable to complete the obstacle.

Obstacles with a * next to them will be timed. The time is only used in the event of a tie score.

10. Note: In placing classes; **HORSES THAT COMPLETE ALL THE OBSTACLES WILL BE PLACED AHEAD OF HORSES THAT MISSED ANY OBSTACLES**. For example; if horse A completes all obstacles with a score of 50 and horse B completes only 14 of 15 obstacles with a score of 54, horse A will be placed ahead of horse B. If you have questions about the scoring process the proper protocol is to ask one of the organizers, not a judge.
11. You will be penalized one score down for failing to negotiate an obstacle as described above. Example: if an obstacle requires you place rings over cones and you drop one (miss the cone), your score will be reduced one number for each ring dropped/missed.
12. The course will be dismantled beginning at **4:00 PM**. *All competitors must be off the course by 5 PM. The cross-country course (where the obstacle course is set-up) is off limits on Sunday. Those camping may ride the trails (at their own risk) across the road on Sunday*
13. Jumping of any obstacles and/or jumping any of the cross-country fences on the property is prohibited. If caught the persons doing so will be required to leave the premises. This is a liability for Rocking Horse stable management and cannot be tolerated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.