



Altoona Trail Riders
Obstacle Challenge 2012
 at Rocking Horse Stables, Altoona, FL



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Saturday, April 14, 2012

Join us for our Eleventh 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)**

Rocking Horse is located in the Ocala National Forest; 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, April 04, 2012, no exceptions.

We will use 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 present & wear protective head gear)*	\$25.00
JUNIOR:	Ages 12-18 (must present & 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, print application from website)	\$25.00
ATR SENIOR:	Ages 51+ (ATR membership required, print application from website)	\$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.**

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2012 Obstacle Challenge Entry Form

(one rider & horse per form)

Names: ******(Rider): _____ ******(Equine): _____

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, PLEASE read refund policy on next page before submitting entry.

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

ADULT (\$35)

SENIOR (\$35)

ATR ADULT (\$25)

ATR SENIOR (\$25)

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

(POSSE = if you & your horse are a certified Police or Posse team, you must register in this category.)

(PRO TRAINER = anyone who has ever been paid to train a horse or rider.)

ATR Membership (optional) Single (\$15) or Family \$25 **PLEASE GO TO ATR WEBSITE & PRINT A MEMBERSHIP FORM, COMPLETE & MAIL WITH MEMBERSHP FEE. REQUIRED TO RIDE AS ATR MEMBER.**
(refer to www.AltoonaTrailRiders.com membership application form for the definition of a family)

Entry fee subtotal.....(add in ATR membership fee if joining or renewing).....\$ _____

For info about camping, stalls/paddocks contact Gaile Gibson @ 352-669-3294 or

bggibson@centurylink.net.

>>Camping at Rocking Horse for the weekend? Arrival & Departure dates: ___/___ to ___/___??

	↓ Circle which day(s) you will be staying			↓ cost per	↓ # of days	↓ total cost per item
RV Hookups @ \$30 each	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	\$30.00 X	#	= \$
Campsites @ \$10 each	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	\$10.00 X	#	= \$
Paddocks @ \$30 each	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	\$30.00 X	#	= \$
Stalls @ \$30 each	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	\$30.00 X	#	= \$

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

(VERY Limited # of paddocks, first reserved, first served basis – limited to 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 day of Challenge, not all sizes available)

If ordering multiple shirts, 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.

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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 or money order payable to *Altoona Trail Riders* (ATR)
- Double-check entry form(s), sign and date (parent/guardian signature required when rider is 18 or under)
- Sign release(s), (one for each entrant), required to confirm entry.
- 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@WildBlue.net.

Camping/Stalls/Paddocks: Gaile Gibson @ 352-669-3294 or bggibson@centurylink.net.

REFUND POLICY: AFTER THE CHALLENGE we will refund Camping, stalls and T-Shirt monies will be returned when notice is received by Wednesday, April 04 2012.

NO refunds of Challenge class entry fees.

You must notify Renee Lewis, in writing, of cancellations by Wed April 04, 2012. [e-mail preferred]

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

I understand horseback riding & related activities are very dangerous & involve the risk of serious injury &/or death, &/or property damage, including injury &/or death to horses, spectators & others. I understand that our horse(s), by being on Rocking Horse property, may be exposed to harmful bacteria & viruses, & I assume the risk of possible exposure. Accordingly, I agree any activity engaged in by me while participating in activities with the Altoona Trail Riders & Rocking Horse Stables will be done at my own risk. Accordingly, I release & agree to hold harmless the Altoona Trail Riders & Rocking Horse Stables, the lessees, their officers & directors & the owner of the property & any & all persons or entities who are guarantors or indemnitors of the above, all agents, employees, & 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 &/or horse(s), & any other property damage due to the negligence of Releasees or otherwise while on premises or engaged in horseback riding related activities, &/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 & I release & agree to indemnify Releasees from & for all liability for the undersigned, his/her person, representatives, assignees, heirs, & 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 & Indemnity Agreement is intended to be as broad & 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 & effect.

I have read & voluntarily signed the Release & Waiver of Liability & Indemnity Agreement & 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.

PLEASE READ THE OBSTACLE CHALLENGE RULES (NEXT PAGE) PRIOR TO SIGNING THIS ENTRY FORM.

Signature of Rider (19 or older)

Date Signed

Signature of Parent or Guardian (18 & under)

Printed Name of Rider

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian

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2012 Obstacle Challenge Rules

1. EVERY person attending the Challenge (participant or observer) is responsible for knowing & abiding by these rules.
2. 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.
3. No electric or motorized vehicles on the course (except those used by ATR officials).
4. Each rider must pick up their own score card at registration. No exceptions. You will not be permitted to access the course and navigate obstacles without an official score card.
5. Riders under the age of 16 must present the helmet they will wear, while mounted, to registration when they pick up their score card.
6. Please observe Florida's leash law at all times. Dogs walked on the course must be kept away from obstacles to prevent interference with competitors.
7. 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.
8. Riding double is NOT allowed on the premises due to liability risk.
9. All horses must have some type of bridle, Indian bit or headgear for control and some type of saddle or bareback pad that has a girth and stirrups. Bareback and bridle-less riding is not allowed.
10. 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. When your last obstacle is scored, that judge will keep your card until it is surrendered to the scoring team. Your card may be picked up after awards are announced.
11. 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.
12. Riders MUST stay mounted while negotiating an obstacle. A dismount will result in a zero score for that obstacle. [unless dismounting is part of the obstacle]
13. Each obstacle has a one-minute (60 second) completion time limit. Please exit when asked, judge will alert you when time is almost up.
14. 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.

15. 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 an ATR official, not a judge.
16. 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.
17. The course will be dismantled Saturday as soon as the last horse exits the course. *All competitors must be off the course by 4 PM. The cross-country course (where the obstacle course is set-up) is off limits on Sunday.* Feel free to ride in the Ocala National Forest, south or west of Rocking Horse, *at your own risk*.
18. Jumping of any obstacles and/or jumping any of the cross-country fences on the property are prohibited. If caught, the person(s) doing so will be required to leave the premises. This is a liability for Rocking Horse stable management and will not be tolerated. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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