

**AHA REGION 12 ARABIAN/HALF-ARABIAN COMPETITIVE TRAIL
CHAMPIONSHIP ONE-DAY 30-MILE May 11, 2008**

Green Swamp Forest

near Dade City, FL Check-in May 10

ALSO - LOCAL AHA RIDE FOR ANY BREEDS, NONREGISTERED (pending)!

AHA Region 12 Competitive Trail Ride: Entries are open to any registered Arabians or registered Half-Arabians which must be at least five years of age by the day of the ride in order to compete in this one-day 30-mile ride. Ride is limited to 30 entries, at the discretion of management. A second veterinarian judge could be added if greater entries.

Negative Coggins: Test date within one year of ride date is required before unloading. You should send a copy in with entry but you should also have a copy with you for transport. A clean health certificate within 30 days is required for transport into and out of the state of Florida.

Rider Divisions: Under AHA rules, there are no weight divisions. All riders compete in the purebred Arabian, Half-Arabian or open (local) divisions. Juniors under the age of 16 must ride with a sponsor. Juniors may not ride stallions. *HARD HATS/HELMETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS and must be worn by during the ride.*

Assigned Numbers may be determined by receipt of entry and must be visibly worn by riders at *all* times beginning with pre-ride examinations. This number must also be displayed at the campsite.

Partial Rules-refer to current AHA Handbook (Chapter 15 for Complete Rules).

AHA Sanctioned Ride – All AHA rules will apply including but are not limited to the following: External Aids: **Only water and grooming aids may be used; no hoof dressings, ointments, salves, or other medications may be used, except as authorized by the judges. No boots or other protective devices on horses' legs. No restrictions on shoeing; easyboots may be used.** The Vet Judge(s) and ride management will have the final say on all questions concerning the competition. **Riders MAY NOT have water or feed transported for them on the trail by anyone other than management. Management will supply water on the trail although there may be natural water. No hoses are allowed to cool/clean a horse during competition which begins at check-in.**

Drugs and Medications: No horse competing shall be given any illegal drug or medication for the purpose of altering the horse's performance. Illegal drugs are defined, but not limited to, any stimulant, depressant, tranquilizer, local anesthetic, anti-inflammatory or analgesic (including bute and banamine), or any medication that alters the distribution of the body fluids. The finding of a drug or its by-product in the blood, urine or saliva of a horse will be used as evidence that such drug was illegally administered. Ride management reserves the right to, and may, randomly collect blood, urine, or saliva from a horse at any time during or after the ride for drug testing.

Water: Water that has not been artificially heated or cooled may be used. Horses are allowed to stand in water at air temperature in an individual bucket only while water is being sloshed on the leg. Only one bucket at a time may be used.

Warning Ribbons: A red ribbon must be worn in the tail or any known (or suspected) kicker. All stallions must wear yellow ribbons. Ribbons should be securely fastened into the tail.

Portable Paddocks or High-Ties May Be Utilized. *However, stallions must be tied out with double halters and leads and are not allowed in portable pens. This is a primitive campsite and we ask all riders to bring in their horse water.

ELIGIBILITY for AHA REGION 12 CTR CHAMPIONSHIP- In order to be eligible for the AHA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP division, the horse must have competed a minimum of 50 sanctioned ride miles (with at least 25 miles CTR) during the 2008, 2007, and 2006 seasons combined, or have earned (in this same time frame) a Top Five in a Regional Championship CTR, a Top Ten in a National CTR, or previously recognized National Champion CT horses are qualified for life (Previous Reserve National Champion CT horses are qualified for two additional years to re-enter any regional CTR). Include a listing of rides on entry form. Horse must be a registered Arabian, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian. **Rider and owners must be current AHA members WITH A COMPETITION CARD--you can join through the *Arabian Distance Riders Association*, prior to the ride.** AHA CTR rules apply. The AHA membership is \$45.00 annual dues and you may join at www.arabianhorses.org – select Club #12277 Arabian Distance Riders Association. ***Proof of registration*** (copy of registration papers) is required when you submit your entries to be eligible.

FOR THE OPEN RIDE, there are no qualifications except to be at least four years old, mules, donkeys, and all breeds welcome!

AWARDS-REGION 12 ARABIAN & HALF-ARABIAN CTR – A Top Five will be awarded in both the purebred Arabian and the Half-Arabian divisions regardless of the number of entries. In addition, there will be a Champion and Reserve Champion awarded in these two divisions. However, points at AHA are still based upon the 50% rule. The top six horses are eligible for sweepstakes points **IF YOU HAVE PAID THE \$100 ANNUAL FEE TO AHA PRIOR TO THE RIDE.** We cannot accept sweepstakes payments at the ride. For AHA sweepstakes nominated horses, the pay-outs are combined. The overall top five scorers from the Arabians and Half-Arabians entered in this ride will be taken. AHA will mail the earnings directly to the owner of record of the Arabian or Half-Arabian prior to March 1 of the following year. For the open ride, 1-6 places will be given.

Preliminary Judging: Check-in will begin at 4:00 pm on Saturday. Pre-Ride exams will begin at 4:30 pm. All Pre-Ride exams must be completed before 7 pm except with authorized emergencies). The vet judge(s) will examine horses in hand and at the trot. Any faults, blemishes, or unsoundness should be noted at that time. The Pre-Ride exams are used to determine the fitness of that horse to start the ride.

Riders' Meeting to be held Saturday evening after dinner.

Starting Order Day of Event: Your number will be your starting order. Numbers may be assigned in the order in which entries are received. If you wish, you may request a LATER starting position on your entry form, but not an earlier one. The ride starts at 6:30 am (or at the discretion of ride management). Riders will leave at 30-second intervals by number. Juniors may leave with their sponsors.

The Trail: The Green Swamp West Unit WMA consists of more than 34,000 acres in Pasco County, FL and is part of the approximately 110,000 acres purchased to protect the land and water resources of the Green Swamp Basin of Central Florida. The area consists of a mosaic of varying habitat types whose distribution is based mainly on moisture gradients and soil type. The trails are flat and sandy. The equestrian campsite is primitive with designated camping spots under the giant oak trees. There are water spigots in camp along with several picnic shelters and fire rings. Overflow camping will be in the field outside the cover of the oak trees. The distance is 30 miles of varied and interesting terrain, including two track trails and single track trails. Any rider going off trail MUST return to the SAME point where he/she left the trail to continue. You may not advance forward on foot, only mounted. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Time Allowed: *5:00 is the optimum time* allowed to complete AHA 30 miles without penalty (with a 15 minute window on either side of this optimal time); that includes at least one 10 minute P&R hold on the trail. Ride time may be extended in the event of extreme heat and/or humidity or the inclusion of additional P&R holds as determined by conditions at the ride. One point per minute will be deducted from your score for every minute OVER OR UNDER the time allowed. Time includes all vet and water stops. Any rider more than 30 minutes late will be disqualified. Decisions of the judge(s), ride steward, and manager are final.

Food: Saturday night's meal is provided along with a continental breakfast for the day of the ride. Meals for persons other than riders will be offered at additional charges. Please request additional meals in advance by May 1 OR WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE YOUR REQUESTS!

Camping: All rules of the forest must be observed. Anyone breaking these rules may be asked to leave. Horse must stay on the marked trails. No firearms, or narcotics are permitted in the park. Dogs MUST be on a leash and under control at all times. Please leave the grounds as clean as you found them, if not cleaner! This is a primitive campsite and portable pens may need to be limited. Limited potable water is available on site so please bring in your own horse water.

Directions to the Ride: From I-75, Take exit - SR 52 west to Dade City, go to the US 98 Bypass (ALT 98) turn left (north) and travel approximately 6 blocks. Take the first right after the old train depot onto River Road (There is a Pizza Hut on the corner). Entrance to Green Swamp west is at the end of River Road. AERC signs will be out since there is an endurance ride on Saturday.

For more information, please contact:

Leslie Baur, Ride Secretary (386) 307-7417 or reddeye@bellsouth.net
or Cheryl Van Deusen, Publicity Chair at 386.566.4820 or cvandeusen@gmail.com

Make checks payable to: Central Florida Horse Shows
c/o Leslie Baur
6080 Hensel Road
Port Orange, FL 32127

Ride management reserves rights to change officials if necessary. **

AHA REGION 12 ARABIAN/HALF-ARABIAN CTR CHAMPIONSHIPS
May 11, 2008 near Dade City, FL

Rider's name _____ Adult or Junior _____ Phone: _____

Rider's Address _____

_____ E-mail _____

Owner's Name/Address if different _____

AHA Rider Member # _____ AHA Owner #: _____

Horse's Name _____ Age _____ Color _____ Sex _____

Horse's Breed _____ Registration Number _____

PROVIDE COPIES OF REGISTRATION PAPERS (BOTH SIDES AND ALL 2008 MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR OWNERS AND RIDER WITH ENTRY PLEASE

REGION 12 AHA Entry (includes Rider's meals Friday night/Saturday breakfast, awards, trail water/snacks \$60.00 _____

Forest Camping - no charge _____

Extra Meals (\$10 per person) _____

To Join AHA \$45.00 or join on line at www.arabianhorses.org Arabian Distance Riders Association Club

AHA #12277 – Print copy of receipt and new membership number _____

Late Entry Fee (add \$20.00 if postmarked after May 1, 2008) _____

TOTAL _____

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All Entries must be accompanied by full payment of fees. Cancellations made before May 1, 2008 with a veterinary or medical basis (documented) will be refunded less a \$15 processing fee.

PLEASE READ AND SIGN RELEASE FORM ON BACK OF THIS PAGE! THIS RELEASE FORM MUST BE SIGNED BEFORE ENTRY CAN BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE.

*******RELEASE*******

(Please Read Carefully)

As a participant in the AHA Region 12 Competitive Trail Championship, I agree to abide by the rules of the ride, and AHA regulations. I understand that this sport involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities. I understand that these areas may have many natural and man-made hazards, which Management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate.

I understand that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, unpredictable and dangerous and that accidents can happen at any time. I will accept full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I will hold AHA, the Ride Management, Region 12 AHA, all ride personnel, Green Swamp Forest and any property owners over whose land the ride crosses blameless and free from all liability for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in this ride. This release is also valid for my animals, personal belongings, family members, or any guest in my company. I understand that this release applies for the entire ride: from arrival, during the ride and until removal of all animals and personal property from the ride site.

*****I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND, AND ACCEPT THIS RELEASE*****

Signature of Rider Date

AHA # _____ Will Join? Yes
Print Name of Rider (LEGIBLE PLEASE)

Signature of Parent or Guardian of Junior Rider Under 18 Years of Age Date

Print Name of Parent or Guardian (LEGIBLE PLEASE) Date

Signature of Owner (if different) Date

AHA # _____ Will Join? Yes
Print Name of Owner (LEGIBLE PLEASE)

If so, include \$45 dues for the AHA ADRA #12277 membership _____

Check here if riding AHA LOCAL RIDE _____ or list

AHA REGION 12 CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING RIDES (SANCTIONED):

<u>NAME OF RIDE COMPLETED</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>DATES</u>
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YOU MUST INCLUDE A COPY OF THE HORSE'S REGISTRATION PAPERS AND YOUR CURRENT AHA MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH THE ENTRY. Thanks for coming to our ride!