

The Kentucky Quarter Horse Association Presents

Trail Trials 2007

Open to ALL breeds, EVERYONE is welcome!



Saturday, May 12, 2007

Smith Farm & Platinum Performance Stables, Taylorsville



8th Annual Trail Trials & Trail Ride

General Information: The Trail Trials (T.T.'s) is an opportunity to test the rider-horse 'partnership'. Trail horses and riders experience a vast and diverse set of stimuli in the normal course of a day's trail ride. T.T.'s takes these stimuli, consisting of natural obstacles as well as fun ones, and allows riders to enjoy a day of fun competition. Together, the 'partnership' should exhibit fundamental skills and harmony. Riders are judged on how well they ('partnership') negotiate an obstacle, with the emphasis on calmness, patience and safely moving through it.

There are usually 10-15 obstacles. Some obstacles are designed to see if the horse-rider can trust each other. For example; roping a steer head is designed not to see how good a roper the rider is, but how much patience the 'partners' give each other. Creek & river crossings, uphill, downhill, logs of various sizes, bridges, gates, dragging, moving obstacles, backing through various 'things'. Horses should be aware and not spook, shy or spin, as well as should not be unaware and stumble and clip obstacles.

There Are Two (2) Classes: OPEN-ALL Breeds Class. All breeds, mules, grade horses and ponies. The Registered QH Class needs to show proof of registration at sign in.

Trails, Tales and Special Times: Start time is usually 9:30am-10am to start registration. After the Trail Trials, we eat! Then enjoy a trail ride, if time. At dusk, the campfire is roaring and it's time to relax, tell tales and enjoy some music, &/or cowboy poet and good company.

Rider Requirements: No bareback riding. Recommend boots and heeled footwear. Please, no tennis shoes. Prizes to the top 5. \$100 to the first place winner. With \$15 KyQHA Yearly Membership win more prizes. There are Year End Awards presented in December at the Kentucky Convention honoring those Trail Riders. The high point registered rider is awarded a beautiful saddle.

Entry Fee: \$30 per class or \$50 for both classes, includes all the activities and meal • \$25/dinner & trail ride

Cost Includes: Entry Fee for Trail Trials; Dinner; Bonfire, Stay Over & Trail Ride

Start Time: 9:30-10am registration.

Required: Coggins papers and health certificate for ALL horses.

Directions: Just East/Southeast of Louisville. From I-64 take the Gene Snyder (I-265) South; from I-65 take the Gene Snyder East; from Gene Snyder take exit 23 at Taylorsville Rd., (head towards Taylorsville); at next light turn right (Hwy. 155); go 9 miles to 1169 turn left; go 2.7 miles to John Henry Rd. turn right; go thru stop sign 2.1 miles to Indian Ridge and turn right; go .3 miles to farm entrance and turn left. Follow road around to barn. Signs will be posted.

For additional information, contact Mardy Smith - (502) 477-1997

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