

# 34th Annual Iowa Horse Fair

**2018 IOWA HORSE FAIR**



**April 6-8, 2018**

*Where Dreams Are Born!*

Dear Breed Association Representatives, Exhibitors, and Stallion Owners:

Plans for the 2018 Iowa Horse Fair- our 34<sup>th</sup> year - are well under way and the Iowa Horse Council hopes that you will be a part of “**Where Dreams Are Born!**” In this packet you will find the latest information on all the barn contests, breeds, and stalling information that you will need. If you are no longer the coordinator for your breed’s activities at the Horse Fair, please forward this information to the appropriate individual and let us know so we can update our records.

A few of the presenters for the 2018 Iowa Horse Fair are Cal Middleton, Mustang Maddy, Van Hargis, TJ Clibborn, Crystal Lyons, Heidi McLaughlin and many more.

- All activities will begin at noon on Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be a full rodeo event (Wright Rodeo) on Friday and Saturday night. An extra charge will apply for this event in addition to your daily tickets.
- Free Pony Rides for the kids and free wagon rides for everyone.
- Cowboy Church will be held in the Pavilion on Sunday morning
- The Extreme Trail Rider Challenge competition will be held in the East Arena on Sunday.
- NEW for 2018!** Equestrian Trails Conference upstairs in Jacobson Exhibition Center.
- NEW for 2018!** An Equestrian Drill Team competition will be held on Sunday in the Pavilion.

As always, our goal is to provide your breed association or stable with several opportunities to demonstrate the outstanding characteristics of your breed. This packet contains the forms and descriptions necessary to participate in all barn and breed activities. One copy of each form is included. Please feel free to make copies as needed but **please remember to make a copy of all your completed information for your records BEFORE you return them to us.** This way, you retain all the details that you need and should something get lost in the mail, you can always send another copy.

Forms included in this packet:

- Stall Decorating contest:** This is a monetary incentive to encourage attractive and creative stalls. Please see the enclosed form to enter.
- Avenue of Breeds:** We encourage you to ensure your breed is represented as this is the specific place the public comes to view the different breeds. Please see the enclosed form to enter.
- Parade of Breeds:** An opportunity to present your breed in the pavilion on both Saturday and Sunday (usually at noon). Please see the enclosed form to enter.
- Stallion Avenue:** You are invited to show off your stallion to thousands of visitors via the Stallion Avenue located in the horse barn. In addition, you can choose to showcase your stallion in the pavilion. This will be scheduled when you return your Stallion Avenue form, on a first come first served basis, as time allows. Please see the enclosed form to enter.
- Presenting the \_\_\_\_\_ Breeds:** A second chance for the horses in the Avenue of Breeds to be presented. The horses will be grouped by type (gaited, draft, colored, light, long ears, warmblood, & small equine). Script and music are prepared by the Horse Fair Committee. Parade of Breed form will be used for information unless other directions are turned into the barn office on Friday.
- Equestrian Drill Team Competition:** *New for 2018!* Drill teams will have a chance to compete for cash and the chance to open for the rodeo at next year’s Horse Fair. Please see the enclosed form to enter. Please note that the Performance Demonstration form must also be submitted if your group would like to perform at other times during the Iowa Horse Fair besides the competition.
- Performance Demonstrations:** Demonstrations by drill teams, driving clubs, ranch horse groups, and other performance organizations, can take place in the pavilion or round pen in the Jacobson Center. Please see the enclosed form to submit a request.

- **Breed Demonstrations:** This is an opportunity to highlight the best qualities of your breed. **For a breed demonstration your demonstration must include at least 4 horses.** Please see the enclosed form to submit a request.

\*\*Due to the number of clinicians and presenters, not all Performance and Breed demo requests may be honored. The Iowa Horse Fair planning committee will do our very best to try to honor all requests.\*\*

Other pertinent information:

\* There is an outdoor arena and practice area east of the swine barn. Keep in mind, however, that other groups, will be using this arena occasionally for their competitions/demos. The practice arena near the pavilion may not be available as rodeo stock may be stalled there. We will do our best to accommodate everything going on at the Horse Fair but wanted you to be aware of this ahead of time so you can work with your horses at home. **The pavilion will be available for practice on Friday morning only** due to the earlier start of fair activities. Practice time in the arena is open to all. Please be respectful of others.

2018 BARN REMINDERS:

- Horses **SHOULD NOT BE STALLED** until all paperwork is completed at the Horse Barn office.
- Heath papers (within 30 days of Horse Fair) as well as proof of recent vaccinations for all horses are needed for check in and stalling assignment.
- A negative Coggins test (within 12 months of the Horse Fair) for out of state horses must be provided upon arrival and prior to stalling.
- **EVERY** horse owner/exhibitor on the grounds **must** sign the liability waiver that is included.
- Stallions are limited to Stallion Avenue and cannot participate in the Parade of Breeds or Avenue of Breeds. Stallion participation in a breed or performance demonstration is based upon the discretion of that group's leader.
- Stalling types again this year will include:
  - o Commercial Stall Packages – for breeders, professional trainers, or stables who wish to promote their individual services.
  - o Breed/Club/Organization Stalls – for horses brought to participate in performances, breed or youth activities.
  - o Stallion Avenue Stall Packages – for stallion owners who want to promote their stallion and sell stallion services.

**Refer to the Horse Barn Stall Reservations & Contract form.**

Please make plans to attend the Barn meeting on Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. to go over any final questions. Please listen to barn announcements for this meeting and be sure to send a representative.

We look forward to meeting you at the 2018 Iowa Horse Fair. Please e-mail me at [friends4lifepc@aol.com](mailto:friends4lifepc@aol.com) or call (515) 975-3469 with any questions or contact information changes.

Sincerely,

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