



It is hard to believe it is our 3rd show of the season this weekend and it's nearly August...

Here is some important info about the show this weekend!

Practice:

The proceeds from the practices will go to support our RHAM Youth.

- **Trail Practice**

- o Friday, July 28th from 5pm – 7pm
- o Fee: \$5.00 per one horse / one rider team
- o Location: Jack Dean Make-Up Ring

RANCH TRAIL WALK THRU WITH JUDGES WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 10:30-11:00AM ON JULY 29TH, ALLOWING EXHIBITORS TO ASK JUDGES QUESTIONS ABOUT PATTERN.

Freestyle Reining Exhibition

It's back... As a fundraiser for the RHAM youth, we will hold another freestyle reining event on Friday evening of our July 29 & 30 show. Select your music, find a costume (optional but highly encouraged) and get to choreographing your winning run!!! Prize to be awarded to winning run. Judges decision is final. [See website for entry form and guidelines](#) - there is still time to get a run prepared!

- When: Friday, July 28th after Trail Practice (approx. 8 or 8:30pm)
- Cost: \$15 per horse/exhibitor combo (proceeds go to the RHAM youth)

Pizza party!!!

RHAM will provide pizza for dinner on Friday, July 28th after the Freestyle Reining (we are estimating between 8:30-9pm depending on number of entries in the Freestyle Reining).

Everyone is welcome!

Opening Ceremonies:

Please join us each day for the opening ceremonies held in the Jack Dean Make-Up Ring.

- Saturday, July 30th at 7:30am
- Sunday, July 31st at 7:45am - we are excited to have special guests to perform the opening ceremonies on Sunday morning - the **Mid America Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team** will perform for us. Their members are from Michigan, Indiana and Illinois and they rode in the 2017 Presidential Inaugural Parade and performed at the 2017 Michigan Horse Expo. [Check them out on Facebook.](#)

Patterns:

Patterns for all 2017 shows are posted on our website at: <http://www.miranchhorse.com/forms/>

Find updated Trail Patterns on the website and in our pattern books.

The following patterns by class are available in the ARHA 2016-2017 Rulebook at:

http://www.americanranchhorse.net/uploads/forms/2016_2017_Rulebook_WEB_1122016.pdf

- Reining Pattern #2
- Ranch Reining Pattern #1
- Working Ranch Horse Pattern #1
- Working Cow Horse Pattern #8
- Ranchmanship Pattern #2
- Trail, Showmanship & Horsemanship - Patterns are posted on the RHAM website (see *link above*) and will be posted at the show office.

Pattern books with patterns for the entire year will be available for \$5 at the show office.

Youth Versatility Updates:

After the June show, it was discovered that there was some confusion about the Youth Versatility program; particularly the 13 & Under division. For the 2017 season, the Board has decided to award buckles for both 13 & Under High Point and 13& Under Novice Youth High Point. The versatility entry forms have been updated to reflect this change and have been posted on our [Forms page](#).

Show Forms:

The following forms are available on the RHAM website at <http://www.miranchhorse.com/forms/>:

- Membership forms
- Versatility forms
- RHAM Permanent Back Numbers
- Showbills & more...

Pre-entries:

New for 2017 – Online Pre-entry & EKG Verified Program!!!

We are excited to announce new programs for the RHAM 2017 Show Season!

Online Pre-entries: Pre-entries are now simpler than ever! No more printing, scanning, and emailing! Follow the link to submit your entries for the July show including Versatility class selections! <https://www.cognitofrms.com/RHAM2/2017GreatLakesRanchHorseCircuitJuly2930PreEntryForm>

Submit your pre-entry prior to noon on Wednesday, July 26th to qualify for a pre-entry discount of \$20. Must show in a minimum of 10 classes to receive the discount.

EKG Verified is a pre-verification program being offered to Ranch Horse Association of Michigan exhibitors in 2017. This program allows you to submit all your horse and exhibitor paperwork – Certificates of Eligibility, coggins, membership cards, etc. ahead of the first show and only ONE TIME. Once you're Verified, you're set for the season!* Come to the office, flash your card, and select your classes (if you haven't done so already). Simple as that!

To register at the show, you MUST BRING

- copy of horse's ARHA registration
- copy of exhibitor's current ARHA membership card
 - o *you must hold a current ARHA membership card for the appropriate division(s) to be eligible to show in ARHA classes*
- copy of exhibitor's current RHAM membership card
 - o *RHAM points for year-end awards begin accumulating at time of paid membership for current show season/year*
- copy of horse's current negative coggins
- copy of horse's current health certificate if you are traveling from outside of Michigan

If you are not pre-entering, the above are still needed when you check-in at the show so to expedite your non-pre-entry check-in; please be sure to bring copies of the above documents with you.

Exhibitor Arrivals:

- Exhibitors can arrive after 12pm on Friday, July 28th

Show Office Hours:

- Friday, July 28th from 3pm to 9pm
- Saturday, July 29th from 7am to 8pm
- Sunday, July 30th from 7am to end of show

Stall Reservations / Information:

- Stall reservations can be made online at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/RHAM2/RHAMJulyShowCampingAndStallReservations>
- If you have questions, you can contact Sam Holwerda at [616-890-1190](tel:616-890-1190) or samholwerda@yahoo.com. Please reserve your stall(s) **by 12pm**

Wednesday, July 26th

Stall Shavings:

- Shavings can be purchased directly from the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds with payments being made to them; \$7.50/bag. This is not handled by the RHAM show office.

Lodging:

- The Village Inn hotel in Berrien Springs is closed. An alternate option is the EconoLodge at 2723 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, MI

On Site Food:

- We are pleased that PANTHER GRILL will be onsite to provide yummy food again!

Sponsorship Reward:

Just a reminder that RHAM is offering a reward for Sponsorships. Members can earn a show credit in the amount of 10% of the sponsorship. See website and sponsorship forms for details.

If you have any questions, please contact a RHAM board member. Contact information for RHAM board members can be found on the RHAM website.

-- *your RHAM Board*