

“Choose Your Own Adventure”

schooling horse trials

Welcome to a unique kind of combined training! At CYOA, competitors do dressage, stadium and cross-country, similar to a typical horse trials. But what sets CYOA apart is that riders get to choose their level for each phase, based on their experience. So if you have the dressage down pat but your jumping is rusty, you and Hot Stuff can do the highest level dressage test followed by an 18" stadium round and the 6" fences on cross-country!

The goal at CYOA is for competitors to have fun and learn about eventing — safely. A brief guide explaining horse trials and the guidelines that CYOA will follow will be available to competitors prior to the show. Some important points to note: 1) Dressage times will be spaced to allow the judge to make verbal comments at the end of each ride. 2) CYOA's penalty system for jumping will make getting eliminated nearly impossible! 3) There will be an "Assisted" division, in which you are allowed trainer assistance during stadium and cross-country. Another option in this division is to request a volunteer outrider for cross-country — not for coaching, but to give Hot Stuff confidence via the equine buddy system.

Finally, proceeds will go to Helping Horse, a therapeutic riding program in Raleigh. Details about the nonprofit group will be available in the CYOA show program and at the benefit raffle table. So come on out and have a blast for a good cause!

- DATE: **Oct. 9, 2005** ENTRIES DUE (closing date): **Sept. 26, 2005**
- LOCATION: Double D Equestrian Center, 733 Egypt Church Road, Louisburg
- JUDGE: TBA
- ORGANIZER: Melissa Draper ■ (919) 676-0810 ■ cyoaht@yahoo.com
Visit www.misspetra.com for updates, list of sponsors, directions, etc.
- ENTRY FEES: \$65.00 for the three-phase horse trials
(Additional stadium and cross-country rounds will be available for \$5 as time allows. Available to competitors only; sign up day of show.)
\$15.00 for a dressage test, your choice of test
(These will be scheduled in the afternoon, after the event tests, and will be for schooling purposes only. There will be no ribbons awarded. Open to anyone.)
- H.T. LEVELS: Dressage — Intro A & B, Novice C & D
Stadium — ground poles, cross-rails, 18", 2', 2'3", 2'6", 2'9", 3'
Cross-country — 6", 18", 2'-2'6"
- AWARDS: Ribbons through sixth place for the following H.T. divisions:
■ Newbie Junior (has completed fewer than three horse trials)
■ Open Junior
■ Newbie Senior (has completed fewer than three horse trials)
■ Open Senior
■ Assisted
Special awards for the high dressage score and lowest total penalties for the day.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Negative Coggins within one year is required with entry. Non-competing horses will not be allowed on the show grounds without proof of negative Coggins. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**
2. Concessions on site. Remember, there will also be a Helping Horse benefit raffle with great prizes!
3. Dressage will be in a 20x40 covered arena with shredded rubber footing. Stadium will be in an open, grassy field. Cross-country will be held in a couple of open fields with rolling hills; fences will be safe and inviting; no water, ditches or banks on courses.
4. Braiding and coats are not required. Vests for cross-country are highly recommended but not required.
COMPETITORS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR HELMETS WITH HARNESES FOR ALL PHASES!
5. Late entries accepted with \$5 late fee if space permits.
6. **No refunds after closing date — write it off as a much-appreciated donation to Helping Horse!**
7. Ride times will be available by noon Thursday, Oct. 6. Call the organizer if you do not provide an e-mail address.
8. Competitors can pick up their packets and walk the courses from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8.
9. Limited overnight and day stabling is available for \$20, shavings included. Reservations are required.
10. Make checks payable to: Melissa Draper, 12200 Shooting Club Road, Raleigh NC 27613. Indicate CYOA in memo.

Interested in becoming a CYOA volunteer or sponsor? Call 919-676-0810 for a list of opportunities.

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entry form

RIDER: _____ HORSE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

- JUNIOR (18 & under) SENIOR (19 & over)
 NEWBIE (rider has completed fewer than three horse trials) OPEN (rider has completed three or more horse trials)
 ASSISTED (will have coaching or volunteer outrider during jumping phases)

DRESSAGE (H.T)* PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

- INTRO A (walk-trot only) INTRO B (walk-trot only)
 NOVICE C (walk-trot-canter) NOVICE D (walk-trot-canter)

*Tests are available for download at www.misspetra.com.

STADIUM PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

- GROUND POLES CROSS-RAILS 18"
 2' 2'3" 2'6" 2'9" 3'

CROSS-COUNTRY PLEASE CHOOSE ONE

- 6" 18" 2'-2'6"

STABLING (overnight and day are available)

- NO YES, and I will arrive _____ (indicate Saturday or Sunday)

FEES

- \$65.00 HORSE TRIALS \$15.00 per DRESSAGE TEST _____ (list test(s) of choice)
 \$20.00 STABLING TOTAL PAID: _____

NOTE: Entries will not be accepted unless they are complete, including PROOF OF NEGATIVE COGGINS. Complete entries received after incomplete entries will get available spots. No phone or e-mail entries.

All entries are made at the rider's, owner's, trainer's own risk. I agree not to hold Double D Equestrian Center LLC owner, employees or organizers liable for injury, loss of life, theft or damage to horses, equipment, spectators or participants. WARNING: Under N.C. law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting exclusively from the inherent risks of equine activities. Chapter 99E of the N.C. General Statutes.

SIGNATURE: (parent if minor) _____ DATE: _____

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