

June 3, 2011

Information on events for Horse Units at the Midwest in Winnipeg; August 3-6, 2011
(as previously sent to the Horse Units)

The following includes information on the activities planned for the upcoming Midwest session in Winnipeg, and information on the **Red River Exhibition Park**, which is the venue for the **Horse stabling and competitions**. RR Ex Park is located just outside the western perimeter of Winnipeg, near the Assiniboia Downs horse racing track. We have arranged an alternate, indoor arena (south of Winnipeg) for our competitions in case of rain.

Note: Since the Heart of the Continent Horse Show is taking place at the RR Ex site at the same time as the Midwest, a current negative Coggins test is required!

Facilities available for our use at Red River Exhibition Park:

Barn #4: open on sides; 21 stalls are reserved for us; we have been told that we can expect more stalls once requirements for Heart of the Continent are confirmed; we requested 40+.

Wash rack is available.

The site is secure.

Fee \$25.00 per stall, payable to Khartum Arabian Horse Guard.

A cleaning fee of \$100.00 per stall if not cleaned; bring wheel barrows, pitch forks, shovels.

Hay and shavings are available for purchase, or bring your own.

Bring your own feed / oats / grain.

Use of 400 by 400 ft Hacking Ring (grass) for our competitions and practices (just north of the barns)

Vet is on call

Farrier will be on site

Medical assistance will be on site

It was suggested that we should rent a sound system. Please let us know what you require for your unit's music; ie. CD player, tape, etc.

Food and drinks should be available nearby from vendors at Heart of the Continent site

There is plenty of parking available.

RV parking is also available.

We will have **2 parades:**

Thurs. pm – downtown Winnipeg, from Legislative grounds to Fort St & Broadway

Sat. am – in Assiniboine Park in Winnipeg

Competition: Friday morning at RR Ex Park

Lunch and MSHPA Annual Meeting: Friday afternoon, following our competitions, at Ron and Karen Greenwood's ranch. Presentation of trophies will take place at the lunch / meeting. Lunch will be provided by Khartum Arabian Horse Guard.

If there is interest in having a **trail ride** we would trailer the horses to Ron and Karen's and ride out from their ranch to **Birds Hill Park**, after lunch.

Reminder: Friday evening we can join the other units at the **Shrine-A-Rama** social event which will include live music, bar service and finger foods. Tickets are \$35.00 and require full registration.

Housing is generally to be arranged by individual units/temples through their housing chairmen. However, we have received permission for the equestrian units to book their accommodation at hotels closer to the stables, if that is your preference. Please make your own arrangements for this. I checked a couple hotels in the area and would recommend the Holiday Inn Winnipeg Airport West, 2520 Portage Avenue, ph: (204) 885-4478; or the Howard Johnson Express Inn Winnipeg West, 3740 Portage Avenue, ph: (204) 837-5831 or 1-800-123-4567

Other Requirements / unknowns:

Passports for members of units crossing the Canada / US border

Coggins / Health certificates for horses crossing the Canada / US border – please check the requirements!

Location for horse stabling and competition at the Midwest summer session:

Red River Exhibition Park

Ph: (204) 888-6990

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Please let us know:

- 1) if your unit will be attending,
- 2) if you will be competing (and music requirements: CD or tape player / other ?),
- 3) the number of nobles from your unit that will be attending the lunch,
- 4) the number ladies attending the lunch,
- 5) the number of horses requiring stabling (include expected dates/time of arrival and departure),
- 6) the number interested in a trail ride,
- 7) contact info for your unit; ie. please provide the phone number, mailing address, and email address of the contact person for your unit.

We will provide a map to RR Ex Park and the alternate arena, and a map to Ron and Karen's ranch.

Is there anything else you need?

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