



Best of America by Horseback _____
 _____ **Headquarters at LEATHERWOOD MOUNTAINS**

**2010 1st Annual BOABH & Leatherwood Mountains Spring Fling
 May 13-16, 2010**

(please print)

Name: _____

Parent/Guardian if rider under 18 years old: _____

Full address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Cell phone: (_____) _____

Email: _____

Breed of Horse I ride: _____ Association(s) I belong to: _____

Event Registration is \$100 per Trail Club Member and \$150 for non-members (non-riders are same rate)

This includes the banquet supper on Saturday evening. This does not include stall/camping reservations, additional meals or other activities that are listed as requiring a fee. Everyone must contact Leatherwood Mountains in advance for overnight accommodations and meals.

Join the Best of America by Horseback and save on this ride and other BOABH rides plus receive more discounts and benefits as a Trail Club Member! Only \$144 a year! (Membership fee can be paid in 3 installments of \$48)

YES! I want to be a member! [] \$144 or [] 3 payments of \$48 (credit card # required for payment option)

Payment method: [] Check (*payable to GMA*) [] VISA [] MasterCard [] Discover

Name on card: _____ Signature: _____

Billing address associated with this credit card: _____

Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Expiration date: _____ CVV code: _____
 (Transaction on card will appear as "Graves Mountain Arena, LLC") (last 3 numbers on back of card)

Ride Schedule

(Subject to change)

Wednesday, May 12th

8:00am - until - Early arrival check-in.

Trail Opens, please get your self-guided loop maps and have a great ride!

6:00pm - Burgers and Hotdogs on the patio

Thursday, May 13th

7- 11am – Breakfast at Saddlebrook.

9am - 12:00pm – Check-in.

- Horse check-in will be held at Vendor Mall/Registration Barn when you arrive.
- Registration check-in (for people) will be located in Covered Pavilion.
- Sign-ups for individual sessions with clinicians, **Del Shields, Phil Whitson, Barbara Dixon and Lizzy Clayboss**; individual cooking sessions with Campfire Cook, **Johnny Nix**; and SuperFly fly-fishing instruction classes with **Jon Swaim** will be held at Covered Pavilion.
- We will also be taking sign-ups for **horse portraits** with photographer Tommy White
~ **Autograph sessions with Tom Seay, Johnny Nix, & Del Shields at this time too!**

12:00pm – Welcome Lunch in Covered Pavilion. We will be going over the Trail System, the schedule for the weekend and answering any questions that you might have.

2 - 5pm – Trail Club Member's Only ride with **Tom Seay and Del Shields**.

2:30pm – Trail opened for self guided preview rides.

2:45 - 4pm – SuperFly fly-fishing classes open with **Jon Swaim**, please sign-up in advance

3:30-4:30pm – Campfire Cooking Demonstration with **Johnny Nix** - *no charge*

4-5pm – Education Session with **Lizzy Clayboss**, Equine Trainer - *no charge*

4- 5pm – Trail soundness demonstration with **Barbara Dixon** and **Doddle** - *no charge*

6:30pm – Southern Style Buffet at Saddlebrook.

Following Dinner – Bluegrass on porch with Leatherwood's own Turkey Spurs.

By Appointment – *Personal training sessions with Del Shields, Phil Whitson, Barbara Dixon, or Lizzy Clayboss. Sign-up in advance please*

Friday, May 14th

7- 9am – Breakfast buffet at Saddlebrook.

Late check-in's: Registration check-in (for people) and sign-ups for clinics/classes will be located in covered Pavilion.

9am - 2:30pm – Open Trail ride with Best of America Team, gather near the covered Pavilion with lunch on the trail at 12:00pm.

2:45- 4:45pm – Campfire Cooking class with **Johnny Nix**. Cooking instructions for a full meal from start to finish, including dessert. \$50 per person.

2:45 - 4pm – SuperFly fly-fishing classes with **Jon Swaim**, please sign-up in advance.

3-4pm – Education Session with **Phil Whiston**, Equine Trainer – *no charge*.

3- 4pm – Education Session with **Lizzy Clayboss**, Equine Trainer & Instructor – \$35 per hour, please sign-up in advance.

3- 4pm – Education Session with **Del Shields**, Equine Trainer & Instructor – \$55 per hour, please sign-up in advance.

3-4:45pm – Trail Classes with **Barbara Dixon** and **Doddle** - \$20 per participant. Please sign-up in advance.

5:15- 6pm – Campfire Cooking Demonstration with **Johnny Nix** – *no charge*

6:15pm – Happy Hour by BOABH and Leatherwood Staff held in the covered Pavilion.

7pm – BBQ and Bluegrass dinner held at Covered Pavilion.

Following dinner -- Entertainment by Western Musician & Cowboy Poet, **Del Shields**.

Saturday, May 15th

7 - 9am – Breakfast buffet at Saddlebrook.

Late check-in's: Registration check-in (for people) and sign-ups for clinics/classes in covered Pavilion.

9:30am-12:30pm – Open Trail Ride with Best of America Team. Gather near the covered Pavilion.

12:30- 1:30pm – Lunch back at camp

12:30- 2:30pm – Campfire Cooking class with **Johnny Nix**. Cooking instructions for a full meal from start to finish, including dessert. \$50 per person.

2- 4pm – SuperFly fly-fishing classes with **Jon Swaim**, please sign-up in advance.

1:30- 4:30pm – Open Trail Ride with Best of America Team. Gather near the covered Pavilion.

2- 5:30pm – Personal training sessions with **Del Shields, Phil Whitson, Barbara Dixon, or Lizzy Clayboss**. Sign-up in advance please

5:15pm – Wine Tasting in Covered Pavilion

6:15pm – Best of America by Horseback Banquet Dinner in Covered Pavilion

Following Dinner – Entertainment by Western Musician & Cowboy Poet, **Del Shields**.

Sunday, May 16th - American Competitive Trail Horse Association Ride Day!

7am – Breakfast at Saddlebrook

7 - 8:30am - Rider Check-in

9am - Rider Briefing Meeting explaining the trails, answering questions and reviewing course

10am - 1:30pm – America Competitive Trail Horse Challenge. This will be a judged event with 6 obstacles on a 6 mile course. There will be cash prizes and prizes given. Please go to <https://www.actha.us> to register for the ride. See below for more details

2pm – TOM SEAY'S BIRTHDAY BASH!

3pm – Ride result announcements and awards

6pm – Farewell Dinner in Covered Pavilion

***We will have a vendor mall located adjacent to the covered Pavilion throughout the weekend. There will be local craft vendors as well as equine merchandise for sale. If you have an interest in becoming a vendor, please contact at Bethany@leatherwoodmountains.com. Last Fall's Vendor Mall was a great success, so please plan on attending!**

****Be sure to keep an ear out for some live music throughout the weekend. The Leatherwood Mountain Boys, The Turkey Spurs and The Hillbillionaires will be pickin' some great bluegrass around the covered Pavilion, the restaurant and the vendor mall area.**

Ride Registration Fee:

\$150 for non-BOABH Trail Club members / \$100 for BOABH trail club members and Leatherwood Mountains property owners. Registration fee includes Banquet Dinner on Saturday night. You may register online at www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com or print off registration form and mail back with check. Registration for the ride does not include your camping/stall reservations or additional meals.

Join the Trail Club

Save \$ now on your registration fee and enjoy added benefits during the weekend! Join the Trail Club! 12 months/\$144. www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com/thetrailclub.html

Campfire Cooking Classes

Pre-signups for the Campfire Cooking Classes with Johnny Nix are welcome! Call Bethany and reserve your spot today!

America Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) Facts:

ACTHA's Mission has evolved into the following:

**To provide an enjoyable venue showcasing the wonderful attributes of the great American trail horse, granting them the recognition they so richly deserve.*

**To maintain a registry open to all breeds and a point designation system which will stay with each horse for its lifetime, thereby adding to their value and distinction.*

**To enable the humane treatment of horses in need.*

Please join with us, and have fun, learn, win prizes and most of all help us stop the neglect that thousands of horses find themselves enduring. There are wonderful rescues doing everything they can...but they need help. Let's have fun and feel good doing it!

Fact list:

- All equines and all riding disciplines welcomed!
- Trail ride competitions throughout the United States. They are called 'Competitive Trail Challenges', or CTCs.
- They are a moderate distance (5-10 miles), and the pace is leisurely.
- Riders will encounter a minimum of 6 judged obstacles along the trail.
- These obstacles will be contained within mostly natural terrain, like crossing water, going up and down steep hills, opening gates and crossing bridges.
- Each obstacle has its own judge, alleviating partiality.
- ACTHA rides will usually be held on Saturday or Sunday mornings and should take 2-3 hours.
- All CTCs award cash to open winners and wonderful prizes and ribbons to all other divisions.
- ACTHA will keep track of your horse's registry and all of the points it earns from riding in the CTCs.

Let's give credit where credit is due....the Great American Trail Horse!!

Tours of Leatherwood Mountains Homes & Land Real Estate offerings will be conducted periodically throughout the weekend. Look for the Leatherwood Information Center in the covered Pavilion if you would like to sign-up. For more information about our listings please visit www.leatherwoodrealestate.com or call 336-973-5028.

Facility Amenities: RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

- 42 Luxury Rental Cabins (some have private barns) – go to www.leatherwoodmountains.com to review the available cabins.
- 21 Camp sites with 20 amp power & water hook up (along the banks of Elk Creek)
- Ample space for primitive camping in horse pastures (portable corral panels can be used for horses)
- East, West & Creek Barns (60 stalls) have showers (East & West Barn), restrooms, wash pits & tacking areas.
- Annex Barn (8 stalls) has outside wash pit, no shower or rest room
- 8 Paddocks adjacent to Annex Barn available at cost of stall rental.
- 70' x 120' Lighted Covered Riding Pavilion and gathering space for meals & entertainment.
- 90' x 200' Show arena that adjoins the covered Pavilion
- 45' Round pen
- 75+ Miles of horse trails – all very accessible and fun to ride!

Accommodations:

Arrangements (2 night min.) must be made through Leatherwood Mountains and are on a first come first reserved basis. Call for all rates.

For People:

- Luxury Rental Cabins (some have private barn) – go to www.leatherwoodmountains.com to review the available cabins.
- Campsite with power & water hook-ups - (horses are not permitted in this campground)

For Horses & People:

- Primitive campsite (located in pastures) - horses may be tied or portable corralled within your primitive campsite
- Stalls - rate includes a 35 lb bag of shavings
- 8 Paddocks located adjacent to Annex Barn.
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If you would you like to extend your weekend to a vacation: Cabin accommodations, stalls & campsites may be reserved for dates in advance of the ride weekend, and/or extended for dates beyond the ride weekend. Based on availability.

Meals:

All pricing includes all meals.

Payment is due in full at the time of your reservation. NO refunds or transfers. Payment for the registration fee will be charged separately when you register.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR HORSES & PEOPLE:

Our rental homes are fantastic; most have amazing views, big decks and wonderful living space. Some of our homes are horse-friendly, you can rent the stalls and pastures for an additional \$20.00 per horse, per night. Trailering to the equine facility trail-head may be required, or you can ride your horse down - depending on where your cabin is, it's about a 20-35 minute ride to the Equine Facility. We also have some pet-friendly homes too, so you can bring your furry friend for an additional fee of \$75.00 per pet.

Our campground is located on Elk Creek, which is a beautiful trout stream, and has 21 sites with 20 amp power & water hookups (no dump station). There are showers & bathrooms located in the EAST & WEST barns that can be used by any of our camping guests. Primitive camping will be in our pastures. Horses may not be kept in the campground, but, may be kept at the primitive sites.

You can't beat our beautiful Blue Ridge Mountain trails! We are sure you and your horses will love it. The roads into Leatherwood are good roads that big rigs travel year round. The last 20 miles are curvy country roads; so, you should be careful and take your time. There is very little elevation change when traveling from most locations.

A bag of shavings will be provided with each stall rental located in our Equine Facility - if you care to, you can purchase additional shavings while you are here. Feed and water buckets are also provided. If you wish, you may use your own buckets but please place our buckets back in the stalls upon your departure. You will need to bring your own feed and hay. You are responsible for feeding and taking care of your horses and cleaning their stalls while you are here. If you have stalls with your cabin accommodations, you will need to bring shavings with you or you may purchase them when you arrive.

We think you will love the facilities! The barns are spacious, with 12X12 box stalls & open air, covered slatted stalls, wash pits, bathrooms and a community tack room. We have sand paddocks for short time turn-out use while you are here. It is important to use the turn-outs for only a short time since other guests will be waiting for their turns to use them, also. Horses must not be turned out in these paddocks for the night. You may also want to keep in mind that some of our rental homes have their own stalls & pasture where you can keep your horses if you decide to rent one of our available homes.

For more information and reservations:

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<http://www.bestofamericabyhorseback.com/upcomingridesevents/leatherwoodfallride.html>

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