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## New Classes and Other Events at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sport Horse Nationals in Raleigh

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**(25-AUGUST-17) – AURORA, COLO.** – The [Arabian Horse Association](#) (AHA) is returning to the Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. Horse Complex in Raleigh, N.C. for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual [Sport Horse National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show](#). Mark your calendars and join us for this year's new and exciting classes and events.

There are a couple new class making their debut at Sport Horse Nationals this year, including Western Dressage Basic, Level 1, and Level 2 Championship! These classes are scheduled for Friday, September 8 at 8 a.m.; Sunday, September 10 at 8 a.m., and Saturday, September 9 at 8 a.m., respectively. Each of these classes will be located in the Dressage Rings.

### Other Events

This year we're bringing back the Progressive Barn Party, a fun and interactive way for barns from across the country to show off their barns and meet new friends. It will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 7. The signup sheet is located in the [Omnibus](#), and it's free to participate.

Also coming back this year is the Wine and Cheese Party, sponsored by Markel Insurance. It will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. outside the show office.

The third annual silent auction will begin on September 5 at 12 p.m. and will close on Saturday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. outside the show office. All proceeds will go to benefit the [Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund](#) (AHDF) and the [Duke Children's Hospital](#). Anyone is welcome to bring auction items.

There will also be a youth ice cream social on Wednesday, September 6 after the afternoon session at the [Arabian Horse Youth Association](#) (AHYA) Boot, located on the Concourse in the Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. Horse Complex.

Also located in the Concourse will be the **Shopping Expo**. Everything you've ever wanted for yourself and your horse can be found during your shopping experience at Sport Horse Nationals! The Shopping Expo will be open daily from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

All activities are subject to change, so look for an updated schedule at the show. If you would like more details about show activities, visit our Sport Horse Nationals [website](#).

For show updates and social media contests, visit the [#ahaBlueRoom](#), located in the Concourse, and be sure to follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), Snapchat, and like us on [Facebook](#). Join the conversation by using the hashtag [#ahaSHN17](#) throughout the show for updates and information.

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