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Come Celebrate the 50th Annual U.S. Nationals in Tulsa

(16-SEPTEMBER-27) AURORA, COLO. – The [2016 U.S. National Arabian and Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show and Shopping Expo](#) will be held October 21 – 29 at Tulsa Expo Square in Tulsa, Okla., celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Arabian Horse Association's (AHA) largest horse show.

U.S. Nationals has had various locations through the years, growing tremendously over the past 50 years. Tulsa will come alive during the celebration and will be bringing back an economic impact that amounts in the millions to the city.

The Arabian U.S. Nationals ranks as the most prestigious North American championship in the Arabian show horse industry. Amateur and professional riders or handlers will compete in halter, native costume, reining, working cow, cutting, trail, show hack, sidesaddle, park horse, driving and much more. The A/HA/AA ABS AAOTR Jackpot classes for Country English Pleasure, Hunter Pleasure and Western Pleasure; AWPAA **\$100,000** Arabian & **\$50,000** HA/AA Western Pleasure Futurity; Select Trail AATR; Herd Work; Open Reining Limited and Open Reining Derby will be new this year and will offer a wider range of versatile classes for the Arabian horse breed.

For those wanting to learn more about the Arabian horse, Total Arabian Interaction and Learning (T.A.I.L.) tours and Learning Stations will be held October 21 - 25 and are **free** to the public. With T.A.I.L., individuals will meet breeders, trainers and owners of Arabian horses. Visitors get up-close and personal with Arabian horses and will learn educational facts about the breed. The program's goal is to make people feel comfortable, welcomed and informed about Arabian horses. Reservations are required; contact AHA at Youth@arabianhorses.org or calling at (303) 597-8251 to reserve your space.

The public will have a chance to browse the shopping expo from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily in the Exchange Building. Vendors will have art, jewelry, clothing, kids' toys, equine accessories and much more. The shopping expo is **free** admission.

Throughout the show week, A Tour of Arabian Horse Legends exhibit will highlight some of the greatest Arabian horse trainers, breeders, organizations and horses of yesterday in a display of history. The 2016 Arabian Horse Judging Contest will be held Friday, Oct. 28 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. for judging teams to come test their skills. Later that day, starting at 5 p.m. the [Arabian Horsemen's Distress Fund](#) (AHDF) will host the Annual Wine Walk and Calcutta. The wine walk will have silent auction items to bid on while food and drink is served. The Calcutta will follow immediately afterwards. New this year, a pair of [Olathe Boot Co.](#) boots will be auctioned off during the Wine Walk and Calcutta featuring the winning 50th Anniversary U.S. Nationals design. Proceeds will go to AHDF and [Camp Hope of the PTSD Foundation of America](#).

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Don't forget to join in the fun digitally with us on social media. There will be numerous social media contests throughout the show. Make sure to use hashtags #ahaUSN16 and #ahaBlueRoom for your chance to be featured on AHA social media websites. Follow AHA on Twitter at @AHAArabian, Facebook at [Arabian Horse Association](#), Instagram at @arabianhorseassoc and SnapChat at @ahyNeigh to keep up on everything during the show. Check out the #ahaBlueRoom at the show or on the [web](#) for contest details and updates.

For more information, visit the [U.S. Nationals website](#) or browse the [Omnibus](#) for a full schedule of events.

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AHA is a major equine association serving 84,000 Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horse owners across North America. AHA registers and maintains a database of more than one million Arabian, Half-Arabian and Anglo-Arabian horses. AHA produces championship events, recognizes over 400 Arabian horse shows and distance rides and provides activities, education, and programs that promote breeding and ownership.

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