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## Check Out This Year's Exciting Youth Nationals Activities for Families and Kids of All Ages

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**(9-JULY-18) – AURORA, COLO.** – The [Youth National Arabian & Half-Arabian Championship Horse Show](#) is coming back to Oklahoma City, where it originally started over 20 years ago. Held July 21-28, 2018 at the State Fair Park, the show offers educational and leadership opportunities, as well as social activities for families and kids of all ages beginning at 8 a.m. every morning.

### **Thursday, July 19**

The [Arabian Professional & Amateur Horseman's Association](#) (APAHA) Clinics will be held from 2-5 p.m. in the Performance Arena. Rob Bick and Caralyn Schroter will be demonstrating Country English from 2-3:30 p.m., and Jill Mitchell will be demonstrating Trail from 3:30-5p.m. These clinics are free and open to the public.

Come hear the Commissioner describe the view from center ring! Also from 2-5 p.m. will be the **Youth Exhibitor Parent Judging School**, held in conjunction with the APAHA clinics and hosted by [Arabian Horse Association](#) (AHA) Judges and Stewards Commissioner Stan Morey.

### **Monday, July 23**

Starting at noon on Monday, bring the little ones to participate in the **Stick Horse Workshop and Contest**—sponsored by [Long Meadow Arabians](#)—where kids can come to the Chill Box (youth room) from noon-3 p.m. and create their very own stick horse. Meet at the Jim Norick arena in-gate at 6:00 p.m. where they will 'ride' their horse through center ring for a prize, starting at 6:30 p.m.

### **Friday, July 27**

Come test your horse knowledge at the annual **Hippology Contest**, sponsored by AHA Region 10. The contest will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Sales Arena. Quiz stations will challenge kids, teens and adults. The cost is only \$5 at the door and no advance sign-up is required. Awards for the contest will be presented on Saturday, July 28 in the Jim Norick Arena at 12:30 p.m. Contact [youth@arabianhorses.org](mailto:youth@arabianhorses.org) for more information about the contest.

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### Additional Activities

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet the Arabian horse in a backstage, comfortable setting during the **Total Arabian Interaction and Learning (T.A.I.L.) tours**. Times and dates for the tours are as follows:

- Saturday, July 21: 10 a.m., 1 p.m.
- Sunday, July 22: 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 25: 1 p.m.
- Thursday, July 26: 1 p.m.
- Friday, July 27: 10 a.m., 1 p.m.

Oklahoma City families, youth groups, 4-H and FFA groups, Girl/Boy Scouts and day campers are encouraged to contact AHA at [youth@arabianhorses.org](mailto:youth@arabianhorses.org) or 303-597-8251 to make a reservation for a tour.

Everything you ever wanted for yourself and your horse can be found during your shopping experience at Youth Nationals! The **Shopping Expo** will be open daily from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on the Jim Norick Concourse. All official AHA gear can be found and purchased through the [Awards Recognition Concepts](#) booth in the concourse.

All activities are subject to change, so look for an updated schedule at the show. You can see a full list of daily activities and events [here](#).

For show updates and social media contests, visit the AHA *#BlueRoom* next to the Chill Box (youth room). Follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and Snapchat (ahyneigh). Use the hashtag *#ahaYNL18* throughout Youth Nationals for show updates, involvement and more information. Visit [arabianhorses.org/YNL](http://arabianhorses.org/YNL) to find out more.

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