

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

Nebraska Endurance & Competitive Trail Ride Association (NECTRA)

Introductory Clinic at Ponca Hills Farm. **New Date June 9, 2018**

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*DISTANCE RIDING ISN'T FOR EVERYONE,  
BUT IT MIGHT BE RIGHT FOR YOU*

## “INTRODUCTION TO NATRC™”

### COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING CLINIC

BRING YOUR HORSE OR COME TO AUDIT

INSTRUCTORS ARE FRIENDLY AND EXPERIENCED COMPETITORS AND JUDGES

Learn about competitive trail riding with ‘hands-on’ instruction

- What to expect in camp & on the trail
- Presenting your horse to judges
- Understanding scoring
- Trail map interpretation
- Negotiating judged obstacles
- Using your tack/Choosing apparel
- How NATRC can improve your horsemanship

‘MENTORED’ RIDE INCLUDED TO PRACTICE WHAT YOU’VE LEARNED  
AND TO RIDE AT THE **BEAUTIFUL PONCA HILLS FARM**



**Saturday, June 9, 2018**

**Ponca Hills Farm,**

**Ponca Hills, North Omaha, NE**

**From I-680 turn North on Hwy 75, turn right at Calhoun Road**

**Turn left onto Ponca Road, Right onto 42<sup>nd</sup> St.**

**Ponca Hills Farm is at the top of the hill.**

Must Pre-Register by June 7, 2018. Entries limited to 30

Rider Entry is \$40- Auditors also welcome, \$15-

Entry includes Clinic Handbook, Ride information

Entry for Riders includes \$25- discount on first NATRC A-ride entered

Helmets required for riders under 18 and recommended for all riders

**Competitive Trail Riding (CTR)** is a long distance riding sport. The goal of the competition is to demonstrate partnership between horse and rider. The North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) is the oldest CTR organization. NATRC competitions emphasize time, distance and stress, not speed. Any breed, type or conformation is acceptable as long as the animal performs satisfactorily. Competitive Trail is not about pedigrees and expensive equipment; instead it focuses on how best a horse and rider team can cover long distances safely and soundly.

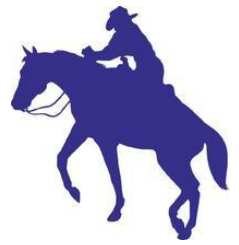
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**Thank you for your interest in Competitive Trail Riding.** The clinic will start promptly on Saturday at 9:00 AM with morning instruction followed by lunch, provided by NECTRA. In the afternoon, you will go on a mock ride, complete with volunteers serving as horsemanship judge and veterinary judge, and a pulse and respiration stop. What's more, this mock ride will be done at CTR pace, complete with a map and obstacles to give you an idea of how it is to really compete! Score cards will be provided at the end of the ride just as you would on a real ride!

**What to Bring**

Do not go out and buy what you think you will need for distance riding. With our sport, as long as what you ride in is comfortable for you and your horse, that is what is most important. Learn the sport in the equipment you are familiar with today. With that said, riders be sure to include:

- Your horse and its regular tack, including bridle, saddle and pad
- A halter, lead rope and lunge line (no worries if you don't have one)
- A bucket for water and food / hay for your horse for the weekend
- A camp chair or folding chair\*
- A notebook, paper or pencil\*
- Closed toe boots or shoes for your safety\*
- Your helmet (recommended, not required.)
- A watch, GPS unit or other timekeeper\*
- The most important thing to bring is an open mind and positive attitude\*.
- A water bottle holder to attach to the saddle for water for you while on the trail.

\*Auditors, please bring those items marked with \*



**Tentative Schedule**

9:00 – 9:45 am Arrival and Check-in of Riders and Auditors

10:00 – 10:30 am Introduction

10:30 – 12:30 pm 6 information stations

12:30 – 1:15 pm lunch (provided)

1:30 pm – 2pm Check-in Horse with Horsemanship judge and Vet judge

2pm Start of Ride out in groups, with mentor

Ride will be at Novice pace (4 mph)

3 - 5 miles with one P&R and two judged obstacles on trail

Mentor will help guide and teach the riders through both judged and unjudged obstacles on the trail

Auditors will go out on the trail with the judges or P&R crew

When everyone is finished

Review ride and judges' score cards

Wrap-up

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**DIRECTIONS TO Ponca Hills Farm**

**14605 N 42nd St, Omaha, NE 68112**

From I-680 North:

Take Exit 12 for US-75 North towards 48st. St.

Turn North on US-75, go 1.6 miles

Turn right on to Calhoun road, and then another immediate right

At bottom of hill turn left onto Ponca Road

Past the fire station (0.7 miles) turn left onto 42<sup>nd</sup> street

At top of hill turn right into Ponca Hills Farm (sign on driveway).

You will be directed where to park.

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## RIDER REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  Over age 18  Age 10 – 18

If 18 or younger, name of responsible adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your riding experience: \_\_\_\_\_

### Horse information:

Horse Name	Age	Breed	Experience/comments

## AUDITOR REGISTRATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  Over age 18  Age 10 - 18

If 18 or younger, name of responsible adult: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about your riding experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit registration with **\$40 entry for Riders** or **\$15- for Auditors** payable to NECTRA.

Send to NECTRA, C/O Robin Nore, 12539 Panama Rd, Hickman, NE 68372

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