

# MGAA NATIONALS

**July 2/3/4, 2009**

**Majestic Farm, Batavia, Ohio**

**Opening Date: March 30th, 2009 Closing Date: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009**

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## **Come Join the Fun!!**

Games riders and supporters - mark your calendars now for the **Second Annual MGAA National Competition**, to be held at the beautiful Majestic Farms facility (formerly Paxton Farm) near Cincinnati, Ohio. Join your friends in the Mounted Games community for 3 exciting days of head to head team competition, social events, informal get-togethers and just plain fun. All mounted games riders are invited to participate in this event – you do NOT need to be a member of MGAA to attend. Entry forms will be available on the MGAA website March 30th.

You may enter as a team or an individual to be placed on a team. Entries will be accepted on a first come basis by postmark. A completed entry consists of check and all paperwork in the show secretary's hands, incomplete entries will not be accepted. For a team entry, all riders' checks and paperwork for team must be in the show secretary's hands. The organizer reserves the right to form 5 man teams from individual entries, and reserves the right to close entries early if the facility capacity is reached. **Opening Date is March 30th, 2009. Closing date is June 1, 2009.** All entries received after the division capacity has been reached will be put on a waiting list. **Late or incomplete entries will be charged an extra \$25 processing fee.**

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### **Divisions: \* Divisions may be modified as entries warrant.**

All divisions will play one session on Thursday, two sessions on Friday, and a Finals session on Saturday.

- ❖ **Fossils:** **Maximum 8 Fossil Teams accepted.** This division is open to adults including moms, dads and former mounted games players. Speed and skill level may vary.
  - ❖ **Intermediate:** **Maximum 8 Intermediate Teams accepted.** This division is open to riders and mounts who know how to play the races but are still working on improving their skills and speed.
  - ❖ **Masters:** **Maximum 16 Masters Teams accepted.** This division is open to riders who have a firm knowledge of the races and rules and can compete with speed and skill.
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**ENTRY FEES: \$95 for MGAA and MGAC members  
\$115 for non-MGAA, non-MGAC members**

**If you have questions, please contact:**

**Show Secretary: Sharon Brown:**

**Home phone: 410-489-4055 email: [webmaster@mountedgames.org](mailto:webmaster@mountedgames.org)**

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Schedule subject to change as circumstances warrant.

Date	Schedule
Wednesday, July 1	Move-In
Thursday, July 2	AM riders briefing for all riders PM heats for all Divisions Evening Welcome BBQ, 7:00 pm (Open to all)
Friday, July 3	AM heats for all Divisions PM heats for all Divisions
Saturday, July 4	Finals for all Divisions Evening Awards Banquet/Dinner Dance (7-12pm)
Sunday, July 5	Move-out

### Games to be played will be selected from this list :

Fossils/Intermediate/Masters	
Agility Aces	Keyhole
Association	Litter Lifters
Balloon	Mug Shuffle
Ball & Cone	Pony Express (MGAA)
Bottle Shuttle	Pony Pairs
Canadian (USPC)	Ring (USPC)
Carton	Rubber Ducky
Flag Fliers	Run & Ride
Founders	Socks & Bucket
Four Flag	Speed Weavers
Four Square	Sword
Hi Lo	Tack Shop
Hug a Mug	Three-Legged
Hula Hoop	Three Mug
Joust	Tool Box
Twitter	Two Flag
Tie-Breaker: Ball & Bucket	Windsor Castle

For more information about these MGAA games and rules for games, see the MGAA website:

<http://www.mountedgames.org>

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- **Thursday BBQ:** MGAA will host a free Welcome BBQ for **all riders and volunteers** at Majestic Farm on Thursday evening. There will be lots of good food and fun playing lawn games and mingling. Please sign up on the entry form. . We will need volunteers to assist with set up, grilling, serving and clean up. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kristi Mitchell at [principalkm@hotmail.com](mailto:principalkm@hotmail.com). **Be sure to bring a chair.**
- **Awards Banquet/Dinner Dance (Optional):** To cap off MGAA Nationals our Awards Banquet and Dance will be held Saturday night from 7-12 pm at the Holiday Inn Eastgate (see accommodations for the address). Fabulous door prizes, fantastic music, and the awarding of National prizes will all be part of the evening. Tickets are **\$20 per person/\$75 for a family of 4 or more; children age 10 and under are free.** Dinner will include appetizers, salad, an entree and dessert. Cash bar. Music will once again be provided by DJ Toad productions <http://www.djtoad.com/>. All riders, family members, friends, and volunteers are welcome to attend. Semiformal attire is encouraged.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### **DOGS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES, PLEASE!!!**

- **WEATHER PLANS:** This competition will be played outdoors in a sand arena (360x250), rain or shine.
- **FOOD:** There will be a food concession available on the grounds until mid-afternoon each day providing breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages.
- **AWARDS:** Awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet on Saturday, with the exception of ribbons which will be handed out at the immediate conclusion of each final. The total points earned by each team during the Thursday and Friday heats will determine the team's Saturday Final heat placement. (A Finals, B Finals, etc.)
- **STABLING:** Two bales of shavings will be provided for each competitor. Stalls are 12'x12' with concrete floors. Stalls fees are \$20 per night. **All stalls must be stripped before leaving.** Tack/feed stalls are also \$20 per night.
- **Majestic Farm CAMPING:** Majestic Farm has only a limited amount of camping sites with electrical hookups available (\$25 per night). Only porta-pots and no showers are available to campers. **All camp sites must be reserved in advance!!** Please contact Deb Bush if you have any Majestic camp questions or to reserve your campsite. [d.a.bush@att.net](mailto:d.a.bush@att.net). There are also an unlimited amount of primitive campsites available (No electric/water, \$5 per night)
- **ENTRY FEE:** \$95 for MGAA and MGAC members; \$115 for non-MGAA, non-MGAC members. Please make all checks out to MGAA.
- **WATER:** Water is available on the Majestic Farm grounds. There are designated areas for hosing off your pony.
- **SHAVINGS:** Shavings will **NOT** be available for purchase at Majestic. Hay and shavings can be purchased at Carney Feeds, Batavia OH (5 miles from Majestic Farm)
- **PHOTOGRAPHER:** The official photographers for Nationals will be Housman Photography. Butch Housman is the photographer for the Snowball series, and he is fantastic at shooting mounted games. Their website is - <http://www.housmanphoto.com/>.
- **VENDORS:** Vendors are welcome to set up booths at MGAA Nationals. Cost is \$25 per day per booth. Contact Sharon Brown if interested [webmaster@mountedgames.org](mailto:webmaster@mountedgames.org).
- **MGAAGear:** MGAA Gear (t-shirts, hoodies, sweats, shorts, caps, etc) will be on sale at MGAA Nationals. Some games equipment will also be on sale. **Each competitor will receive a free t-shirt commemorating the 2<sup>nd</sup> MGAA Nationals as part of their Welcome packet.** Extra MGAA Nationals 2009 t-shirts can be purchased at Majestic for \$15. However, if you want to make sure you get the new MGAA Nationals 2009 t-shirt, please pre-order on the entry form.
- **ENTRY FORM:** The MGAA Entry form is in a Microsoft Word Form format which means that you are able to download it from the MGAA website, fill in the form electronically, save it, and then email it directly to the Show Secretary, Sharon Brown. This will allow you to notify Sharon that your paperwork is on its way. You must still print out the completed form and snail mail it to Sharon along with your signed release form, medical release, pony coggins, and check made out to MGAA. The entry is not completed until all paperwork and the payment is in Sharon's hands.
- **CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:** To host a successful MGAA Nationals event, we need the help of many dedicated and hardworking volunteers. To ensure that no volunteer is over worked, Kristi

Mitchell as head of Volunteer Coordination will be assigning tasks and setting the volunteer schedule. Please contact Kristi with the tasks you can help out with and the times you are available: [principalkm@hotmail.com](mailto:principalkm@hotmail.com). All riders will be required to help out with equipment or other tasks for at least one other Division.

- **TEAM COLORS:** The Referee and Judges will be calling the finish on races. To make it easier to call the finish of races when there are five or more lanes, the organizer has the right to ask a team to change the colors of their shirt/polos/helmet covers/saddle pads. The team whose complete entry is received by the Show Secretary first will have the rights to use the specified shirt color throughout the competition. The Show Secretary will make every attempt to notify teams of conflicts after the Closing Date. Team colors are determined within each Division. **No rider is allowed to wear TANK TOPS OR SPORTS BRAS as team apparel during the competition heats or finals.**
- **WHITE HAT BANDS:** All teams must bring a white hat band or white hat cover for use by their team members.
- **VET:** Dr. John Nenni will be performing jogs for soundness and will be available to examine, treat and refer ponies for treatment if needed. MGAA is paying for his time on the grounds. Treatment for ailments and injuries are the financial responsibilities of the pony owners. There is also an excellent equine hospital near Majestic Farm that we will use as a “go-to” hospital in case of an emergency. We will also have an equine ambulance available if needed.
- **JOGS:** All ponies will be jogged for soundness in a bridle only, prior to each riding session.
- **STALL CARDS:** Stalls cards for your ponies will be required. Please include a picture or description of your pony; your pony’s name, age, sex, and size; your name and contact number.
- **EMT:** There will be an EMT on the grounds during the competition hours. Please do not ride your pony when the EMT is not on the grounds.
- **FARRIER:** Scott Gregory (cell - 513-678-9877) will be available on an on call basis.
- **HEALTH CERTIFICATES:** All pony paperwork must be verified upon arrival at Majestic. Please have your coggins and health certificates ready for inspection by the pony management committee members when you enter the Majestic grounds.

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## DIRECTIONS

**Majestic Farm Address: 5697 State Route 132, Batavia, OH 45103 Phone 513-625-3055**

**Directions From South\*:** Take 75 North to 275 East to Exit 59a, Milford Parkway. Follow Parkway (it bends to the right and winds around a bit past Target and the Showcase Cinemas) to the SR 50 intersection. Go straight, through light. Milford Parkway now becomes State Route 131. Go six miles on SR 131 to SR 132 (Williams Corner) and go right. Majestic Farm is one mile on the left, 5697 SR 132.

**\* Not recommended for large rigs; in this case take the exit 57 route.**

**Directions from North:** From Dayton, take 75 South to 275 East to Exit 57 From Columbus, take 71 South to 275 East to Exit 57 THEN Exit 57; take 28 Bypass east towards Blanchester. Take first exit which is South Wolfpen/Pleasant Hill Road. At first light (CVS Pharmacy/UDF intersection) take left onto east State Route 131. Follow SR 131 to UDF intersection, which is SR 132. Take a right (south) onto SR 132. Majestic Farm is one mile on the left—5697 SR 132 Batavia, OH 45103

## Accommodations

<b>Majestic Farm Grounds</b>	<p>12 campsites with electricity/water: \$25 per night          6 campsites with electricity only: \$25 per night          Unlimited Primitive Camping sites: \$5 per night  <b>NO SHOWERS; Campfires in specified areas only.</b></p> <p><b>Reservations for campsites on the grounds must be made with and confirmed by Deb Bush at <a href="mailto:d.a.bush@att.net">d.a.bush@att.net</a></b></p>
<b>MGAA Hotels</b>	<p><b>All hotels listed below are offering special rates for MGAA competitors.</b></p> <p><b>Homewood Suites</b>, -- \$118 per night. Indoor Pool, full breakfast, WiFi, 24 Hour Business Center. 20 King Suites (1 bedroom with king bed, living room with sleeper sofa, full-size refrigerator, stove, sink, dishes &amp; pots &amp; pans). Rooms will be available under "<b>MGAA</b>". Cut-Off Date is June 1<sup>st</sup>. (513) 248-4663; 600 Chamber Drive, Milford, OH, 45150</p> <p>Homewood Suites is adjacent to Wal-Mart, Target, the movie theaters, and several restaurants.</p> <p><b>Holiday Inn Express</b> ~ \$86 per night for double, \$96 per night for King Suite (has microwave &amp; refrigerator), Indoor Pool, Rooms are held under "<b>MGAA</b>". Deadline for reservations is June 1st; cancellations made after June 18th will be charged <b>one night's lodging &amp; taxes as a cancellation fee.</b> 1-513-831-7829; 301 Old Bank Road, Milford, OH 45150</p> <p>Holiday Inn Express is adjacent to a supermarket, Cracker Barrel, etc.</p> <p><b>Holiday Inn Cincinnati Eastgate</b> -- \$89 per night. Indoor Pool, Rooms are being held under "MGAA Nationals". <b>Cut-off date is June 18th.</b> The Dinner Dance will be held at this facility. 1-513-752-4400; 4501 Eastgate Boulevard, Cincinnati, OH 45245.</p> <p>Holiday Inn Cincinnati Eastgate is adjacent to the Eastgate Mall, across the street from a family amusement park (putt-putt golf, go-carts, etc.) and close to several restaurants.</p>
<b>Other Hotels</b>	<p><b>Hilton Garden Inn</b> (513-576-6999)  <b>Cross Country Inn I-275 And State Rt # 125</b> (513) 528-7752  <b>Amerihost Inn Batavia, OH</b> (513) 735-4678</p>
<b>Offsite Camping</b>	<p>Campsites are available at <b>East Fork State Park</b> ... 2008 rate for just an electric site is \$25; for a full hookup (electric, water, sewer) is \$32. Cabins are also available. <b>Check for 2009 rates.</b> This State Park is about 10 miles from Majestic. For individual campsite reservations, call (866) 644-6727. For specific information about the park, call (513) 724-6521. 2837 Old State Route 32, Batavia, OH 45103.</p>

**YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATIONS and the organizers recommend that you DO IT EARLY. Some hotels have a special rate for Majestic, so you might mention that.**

**Completed Entry Packet must contain:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **MGAA Nationals Entry with signed Competition Release**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Copy of current negative Pony Coggins** (Expires after July 5, 2009)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **MGAA Medical Release** (Required, if rider is a minor, available on Mounted Games Across America website: <http://www.mountedgames.org>)
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Entry Fees** (Make checks payable to MGAA)

**Mail entry packet to the Show Secretary with postmarks no later than the Closing Date of June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Late or incomplete entries will be charged an extra \$25 processing fee.**

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