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## **Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse Show Better than ever!**

The Tanbark Cavalcade of Roses Horse Show, Minnesota's largest and most competitive Saddlebred show, is planning to be bigger and better than ever! The show will be held June 24-27, 2009, at the State Fairgrounds in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Tanbark gets rave reviews from exhibitors — and for good reason! At Tanbark you'll find presentations of horses for sale, ASHA Junior Judging, and great hospitality, including daily exhibitor parties and baskets of goodies for class sponsors.

Tanbark also supports some great causes. Tanbark proceeds benefit the *We Can Ride* therapeutic riding program and *Saddlebred Rescue*. They also support other Saddlebred activities in Minnesota. Tanbark is an Emerald Sponsor of the Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association, sponsors classes at the FASH and Spring Tune-up horse shows, and is a major sponsor of the Minnesota Futurity Horse Show. The show managers believe in actively putting the proceeds of the show back into Saddlebred activities in Minnesota.

Here are some of the great features of Tanbark:

- ❖ **NEW!** UPHA Pink Ribbon class – Ladies Five-Gaited Stake on Friday evening.
- ❖ Grand National class - \$1,800 Amateur Five-Gaited Stake on Saturday evening.
- ❖ Horses for sale will be presented to trainers and prospective buyers from around the upper Midwest in the "Tanbark Horse Review." The horse presentation will take place in the Coliseum on Thursday, June 25, following the morning horse show. Booklets with information about all the horses will be distributed at the show. More information about the sale will be included in the premium list.

- ❖ Kids who love Saddlebreds and horse shows can try their skills (and luck!) at judging as part of the ASHA Junior Judging program. Top young judges will be honored with ribbons and awards.

And don't forget all the other things that make Tanbark terrific.

- ❖ It's A-rated by USEF, so horses can earn points toward a CH.
- ❖ Trainers can win six \$100 cash awards. Trainers are eligible for drawings for the cash awards based on the number of horses they bring to the show.
- ❖ A free tack stall will be offered to trainers who enter at least five horses and haven't been to Tanbark since 2006.
- ❖ Exhibitors will be treated to the finest Minnesota hospitality including exhibitor events every day!

Judging all classes will be Nancy Becker (Nicholasville, KY), Kelly Hulse (New Bloomfield, MO) and Rob Turner (Brentwood, NH) .

Tanbark offers a complete schedule of 130 classes for Saddlebreds, Hackney Ponies and equitation, including UPHA Classics, qualifying classes for all the equitation finals and academy classes.

Tanbark will continue its tradition of providing outstanding exhibitor hospitality, daily parties and one of the finest center ring displays anywhere. The food service in the Coliseum serves breakfast, lunch and dinner with a wide variety of items, including many healthy choices. In keeping with the show's "rose" theme, all winners get a rose bouquet with their trophy.

Exhibitors can browse the vendor area on the grounds, including the ever-popular garden plant sale. Nearby attractions include the Mall of America, IKEA, the Como Park Zoo, Conservatory and golf course and many shopping venues.

Show managers are Sally Snyder Tesch and Doug Lindstrom. Visit [www.horseshowcalendar.com](http://www.horseshowcalendar.com) for a premium book and entry forms.

Tanbark is approved by the United States Equestrian Federation, American Saddlebred Horse Association, Tri-State Horseman's Association, Minnesota Saddlebred Horse Association, Mid-America Horse Shows Association, Iowa Horse Shows Association, American Saddlebred Association of Wisconsin, and American Hackney Horse Society.

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