

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Rio Brazos Miniature Donkey Expo 2006 was established as an educational forum to bring together Miniature Donkey owners, breeders, trainers, health experts, and representatives of national and international organizations to share information relating to Miniature Donkeys. Informative sessions and demonstrations featuring a distinguished panel of speakers will address issues related to the breeding, management, health, showing, marketing, promotion, enjoyment, and future of the breed. Social activities are included as an important element of the program to enable folks to get to know others from around the country and around the world who share a love and passion for Miniature Donkeys. Our goal is to provide an educational venue that will better equip owners and breeders to care for and enjoy their miniatures as well as promote and preserve the breed.

The Expo will begin promptly at 8:30 on Friday morning, May 12th and will end at approximately noon on Sunday, May 14th. Expo events will take place at the Camp Allen Conference and Retreat Center which is located northwest of Houston near Navasota, Texas, approximately an hour from George Bush Intercontinental Airport. Camp Allen is set amidst 800 acres of a beautiful pine and oak forest and rolling hills. The camp has been reserved EXCLUSIVELY for the Rio Brazos Miniature Donkey Expo 2006 and its attendees. Meetings will be held in the Conference Center which includes meeting rooms with state-of-the-art audio visual equipment, a carpeted trade show area, a large dining room where attendees will share their meals together, and casual spaces where refreshments will be provided for attendees at all times.

The guestrooms where attendees will be staying are located adjacent to the Conference Center and trade show area. Before and after meetings and socials, the fitness center and spa, satellite TV lounge, tennis courts, swimming pool and trap shooting range are available for those staying in the beautifully appointed guestrooms. Live demonstrations and other activities will be held at the nearby Equestrian Center with adjoining stable and parking for trailers carrying demonstration animals.

There are many wonderful sites within easy driving distance of Camp Allen. Should you choose to extend your visit, you might enjoy a trip to College Station, home of Texas A&M University and the very impressive Bush Presidential Library. Day trips can easily include visits to The Antique Rose Emporium and Fort Parker near Brenham, antique havens close by, and of course, all the sites, shopping, and excitement of Houston.

Camp Allen Website: <http://www.campallen.org>

Expo Website: <http://www.quartermoonranch.com/expo>

SOME OF THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

What the Breeder Should Know About Genetics

Equine Reproduction-Problems and Solutions

Color Genetics in the Miniature Donkey

What Judges Look For in the Show Ring

Basic Health Care and Preventive Maintenance

Hoof Care and Problems Relating to the Hoof

Training Your Miniature Donkey to Drive-Basic

Training Your Miniature Donkey To Drive-Advanced

Basic Training for Non-Driving Events in the Show Ring

Microchipping and Identification

The Pregnant Jennet-Health Care, Foaling, Newborn Care

Guarantees and Contracts

Conformation of the Miniature Donkey

Taxes and Donkeys-The Advantages to Operating as a Business

Association and Registry News and Updates

Maintaining a Healthy Miniature Donkey Market for the Future

The Role of DNA in the Future of the Miniature Donkey

Photographing Your Donkey

REGISTRATION

Advance registration is required for the Expo. There is a discount for attendees who register prior to April 1, 2006. Upon arrival at the Expo, you will receive your attendee packet containing your program, updated information relating to Expo events, valuable coupons, your name badge, and other surprises. You may obtain your attendee packet at the Expo registration desk from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Thursday evening and 7:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. Friday morning.

LODGING AND ACCOMMODATIONS

Camp Allen has reserved 151 guestrooms for Expo attendees. It is suggested that you make your reservations as quickly as possible in order to insure that you will be able to stay at Camp Allen during the Expo as room availability cannot be guaranteed. Should all the guestrooms be taken, hotel/motel accommodations can be made in Navasota, Hempstead, Bryan/College Station, or Conroe which are the nearest cities to Camp Allen.

Guestroom Rates

The following rates include attendee room reservations, meals, admission to all social and entertainment activities, and use of Camp Allen amenities from breakfast on Friday morning through lunch on Sunday.

Single Occupancy \$236 per person Double Occupancy \$352 per couple

The following rates include attendee room reservations and dinner Thursday evening, and use of Camp Allen amenities on Thursday.

Single Occupancy \$65 per person Double Occupancy \$160 per couple

There is a \$5 per person Camp Allen Registration Fee.

Day Rates

Daily reservations can be made at a rate of \$45 per person per day. Daily reservations are available for those who plan to attend for the day only and are not staying in the Camp Allen guestrooms. These rates include 3 full meals (whether or not they are used), and admission to all social and entertainment activities for that day. This rate is in addition to the Standard Expo Registration Fee.

Making Reservations for Rooms and Meals

To reserve your guestroom or to make reservations for your meals if you are not staying at Camp Allen, you may log on to the Camp Allen website at www.campallen.org. Click "Online Registration for Selected Events" and it will take you to the Rio Brazos link where you may use your credit card to make all room and meal reservations. Should you not have access to the Internet, you may contact:

Toni Christopher, Camp Allen • 936-825-7175 • 936-825-8495 (fax) • tonic@campallen.org

WEATHER AND CLOTHING

There's a saying in Texas that "if you don't like the weather - just wait 10 minutes." The weather in this part of Texas is delightful and unpredictable. Come prepared for warm days and mild evenings. Events will be held indoors or under the covered arena at the Equestrian Center, but an umbrella or rain gear would be nice in the event of a shower. The dress is casual and comfortable shoes are essential!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To request additional registration forms or to ask questions about the Expo, please contact:

Carolyn Christian, Chairperson
979-279-6306
979-279-6844 (fax)
carolyn@quartermoonranch.com

To receive trade show, silent auction, raffle, or door prize information, please contact:

Tammy McCleney, Co-Chairperson
512-848-6575
512-285-4636 (fax)
minimoonsagodonkeys@earthlink.net

To mail registrations for the Expo, please mail to:

Carolyn Christian, RBMDE Chairperson
4674 Bucksnot Rd.
Franklin, TX 77856
979-279-6306
979-279-6844 (fax)
carolyn@quartermoonranch.com

To mail camera-ready art for display advertising, please mail to:

Terri McKee
Austin Publishing House
600 Castleman Creek
Hewitt, TX 76643
austinpub@grandecom.net

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Trade Show

Miniature Donkey owners will have the opportunity to browse the largest trade show being held dedicated only to Miniature Donkey items. Vendors will be present from around the country who supply health goods, driving equipment, jewelry, art, tack, novelty items, and many other hard-to-find Miniature Donkey products. Talented artists in bronze sculpting, watercolor and paint will be exhibiting some of the finest artwork of the Miniature Donkey to be found. You won't want to miss this.

Book Table

A book table will be available for attendees who want to purchase various popular donkey publications and videos published by notable authors, donkey associations, and guest speakers. Free literature will also be available.

Business Card Table

A table will be designated to display your business cards only (no brochures) for attendees to take. You will want to check this table from time to time to make sure you have an ample supply of business cards available to attendees.

Silent Auction and Raffle

Part of the proceeds from the silent auction and raffle will be donated to the NMDA Research Fund to aid in funding long term research projects specific to the Miniature Donkey. Peruse the display of silent auction items and bid on some fabulous things donated by attendees, vendors, and donkey organizations. Silent auction winners will be announced Saturday evening following the day's activities. The raffle features items that are extraordinary. The three lucky winners will take home an original oil painting of Miniature Donkeys by professional artist Laura Butler, a limited edition bronze titled "Little Wonder" by recognized sculptor J. Payne Lara, and an easy entry cart and harness. The raffle drawing will take place during the closing general session on Sunday.

Door Prizes

Each attendee will have the chance to win one of many door prizes that have been donated by individuals and organizations in support of the Expo. Drawings will occur throughout the Expo.

NOTE: Anyone wishing to contribute items for the silent auction or door prize drawings, or wishing to sponsor one of the socials in the name of your ranch, company, or organization, may do so by noting your contribution on the registration form.

SOCIALS AND ENTERTAINMENT

Attendees will have the pleasure of attending various social events, evening entertainment, and programs, the purpose of which is simply to have fun, share some wonderful donkey stories with fellow Miniature Donkey enthusiasts, and have a great time while in Texas. You won't want to miss the Friday evening dessert reception where you will have a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones. The socials and entertainment will hopefully help make your Expo experience a memorable one.

TRANSPORTATION

Camp Allen is located northwest of Houston on FM 362, south of Texas HWY 105 between Navasota, Texas and Conroe, Texas. Camp Allen can be accessed from Houston by either US 290 or Interstate 45. Directions to Camp Allen can be found on their website at www.campallen.org or you may call Camp Allen directly at 936-825-7175.

Airlines / Rental Cars

Attendees will want to schedule their flights so that they arrive in Houston at George Bush Intercontinental Airport located in north Houston. All major rental car agencies are available at the airport.

Camp Allen Shuttle Service

Camp Allen will be providing shuttle service from and to George Bush Intercontinental Airport for a cost of \$20 per person one way with a minimum of three people per shuttle. The shuttle pickup point is the Private Car Passenger Loading Area at the baggage claim level of Terminal B. If your flight will be arriving at either Terminal A or C, you will need to take the underground tram to Terminal B. The shuttles are scheduled to depart either the airport or Camp Allen at 10:00 A.M., 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. You may make arrangements for shuttle service by contacting *Toni Christopher* at 936-825-8495 or by email at tonic@campallen.org.

REGISTRATION FORM



Name: _____
List your name(s) as you wish it to appear on your nametag.

Name: _____

Ranch Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____(day) _____(evening)

E-mail: _____ Fax: _____

Indicate your involvement and/or interest with miniature donkeys: (check all that apply)

- Owner of miniatures: Indicate (by circling) the number of miniature donkeys you currently own
 1-4 5-10 11-20 21-40 over 40

How many years have you owned miniature donkeys? _____

- Breeder Trainer Donkey Judge Vendor
 Exhibitor at Donkey Shows Don't own miniatures at the moment
 Other _____

Need special services? If yes, please explain: _____

I would like to participate in or make a donation for the following:

_____ Trade Show 8' x 8' booth for \$100 10' x 10' booth for \$125

You will be sent more information regarding your trade show participation or you may contact Tammy McCleney at 512-848-6575 or minimoonsagodonkeys@earthlink.net for more information.

_____ Silent Auction Describe donated item(s) _____

_____ Door Prizes Describe donated item(s) _____

_____ Co-Sponsor the Expo Reception on Friday evening (\$50)

_____ Co-Sponsor the Refreshments at the Equestrian Center (\$25)

Please identify under what name you would like your sponsorship and/or donation(s) to be listed in the program and on graphics. _____

_____ Black/White Advertising in the Expo Program

_____ Business Card (3 1/2" x 2 1/8") \$30 _____ 1/4 Page (3 1/2" x 4 3/4") \$50

_____ 1/2 Page (7 1/2" x 4 3/4") \$75 _____ Full Page (7 1/2" x 10") \$110

_____ Full Page (inside cover/back) (7 1/2" x 10") \$150

All artwork must be camera ready (a high resolution pdf or jpeg file, negative, or clean black and white printed copy) and mailed no later than April 15, 2006. Mail artwork to Austin Publishing, 600 Castleman Creek, Hewitt, TX 76643. For questions, contact Terri McKee at 254-666-1087 or austinpub@grandecom.net.

Expo Registration Fees

Prior to April 1, 2006 \$125/per person

After April 1, 2006 \$150/per person

No cancellations will be refunded after April 15, 2006.

No. attending

Subtotal

Total Due: _____

Please make checks payable to **Rio Brazos Miniature Donkey Expo 2006** and return this form with your registration fee to:

Carolyn Christian, RBMDE 2006 Chairperson

4674 Bucksnot Rd. • Franklin, TX 77856

Please Read: Upon mailing your registration, you are also stating that you have read the following regarding participation in equine activities in the State of Texas and at the Rio Brazos Miniature Donkey Expo 2006. Under Texas law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

May 12-14, 2006



RBMDE - 2006
4674 Bucksnot Rd.
Franklin, Texas 77856



For The Love of Donkeys



May 12-14, 2006
Friday - Sunday

Camp Allen
Navasota, Texas

Join Miniature Donkey owners, breeders, trainers, health experts, and representatives of national and international donkey organizations to discuss issues relating to the care, promotion, welfare, enjoyment, and future of the breed. Enjoy networking and socializing among Miniature Donkey enthusiasts. Learn the latest information available from the top experts in their field.
Fall in love with the Miniature Donkey all over again!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Leah Patton, ADMS-USA

Jane Savage, NMDA-USA

Sharon Cooke, CDMA-Canada

Jill Allen-Melvin, MMDA-England

Peter van Dijk, AMMD-New Zealand

Dr. Tex Taylor, Trainer/Veterinarian

Dr. Suzy Burnham, Veterinarian

Dr. Steve Brinsko, Equine Reproduction

Dr. Nat Kieffer, Equine Genetics

Dr. Ron Martens, Equine Neonatal Medicine

Dr. Gus Cothran, DNA Typing

Dr. Kevin Owen, Veterinarian/Electronic ID

Wes Allison, Donkey Judge

Tom O'Carroll, Driving Master

Barb Grubb, Trainer

Jeannie Richards, Trainer

Walter Fuermann, Farrier

Other outstanding breeders and professionals

Endorsed by: ADMS, NMDA, CDMA, AND MMDA

Early Registration Deadline:
April 1, 2006