



Greetings friends, both new and old,

Ellis Equestrian Center would like to invite you and your horse to participate in our annual Ellis Renaissance as Guest Exhibitors on Saturday October 1, 2011 from 12pm-4pm. Renaissance means 'renewal' The Ellis Renaissance Fair would like to renew the zest and joy of horses in our local community. If you enjoy demonstrating your skills as a horseperson & showing off your equine partner, the Ellis Renaissance Fair would like to provide the perfect opportunity. Please review the information below. We'd love to have you join us in celebrating horses and all that they have to offer to our Renaissance guests.

**The goal of the Ellis Renaissance is to educate the public about horses.** The format of our program showcases various equestrian disciplines. Several guest exhibitors may be participating in the same demonstration. Guest Horse Participant demonstrations are performed in the Main Arena for approximately 5-15 minutes in length. After the demonstration in the arena, guest horses are on display in the Stable area (if it rains) or in the Round pen just outside the big arena doors. This gives demonstrators a chance to greet the public & introduce themselves and their horse on a more personal level.

The following list gives you an idea of what will be happening in our main arena during our the Renaissance Fair if you are a first time participant, and offers a good review for those who have come in the past.

**This year's Renaissance is on Saturday from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The optional rehearsal is Friday, September 30 from 3-6pm. Rehearsal is a good opportunity to acclimate your horse to the area and practice your announcement during your ride.**

## **This year's program will highlight the following equestrian disciplines:**

**Driving** - The advantages and abilities of various breeds and sizes of driving horses pulling various types of vehicles and implements. If your horse has other specialized skills, let us know. Because of space constraints, driving horses may be in the arena one or two at a time with the gathering area in the south paddock once you have completed your demonstration.

**Gaited Horses** - Demonstrations of different gaits and breeds that are unique to specific gaits. A group of gaited horses will be in the arena together with one or two horses at a time in the "onstage" area of the arena. We are also looking for a narrator to explain to the public the differences in the gaits. If you are aware of a knowledgeable person who would be willing to fill this role, please let us know.

**Gaming Horses** - The various forms of games played on horseback, barrel racing, pole bending, etc. With narration of the games and skills needed.

**4-H Kids** – English and Western pleasure.

**Costume Parade** we representatives of each breed of guest horse to attend a 10 minute hand walk/ride around the arena as the announcer gives a short description to music.

**Drill Team** – Students and Volunteers

**Other Disciplines** If you have another discipline not listed that you would be interested in displaying please call and maybe we can work something out. We desire to be flexible and display all types of horsemanship and horse-activities to the public.

If you feel that you and your horse would be a good representative please read the following information and send us your application. I am enclosing some basic information explaining our expectations of guest participants, as well as some of Ellis's responsibilities to you, should you choose to accept our invitation. Please read the following information thoroughly, and base your decision on that. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 815-475-4035.

Please make your decision and send back your application as soon as possible, but no later than September 20, 2011. If you are unable to attend, please mark that in the appropriate box at the top of the application and send it back to us, or let us know by email or phone. My contact information is in this invitation or you can look it up on our website, [www.ellishec.com](http://www.ellishec.com). That way I will know that you received the application and will not expect you. **Last minute cancellations and applications are always difficult and compromise the quality of the demonstrations, so please weigh your decision carefully as it impacts the show's ability to run smoothly.**

### **Ethics of the Ellis Renaissance Event**

Remember you are representing the Equestrian market to at least 200-600 visitors from Kendall County and the surrounding area. We are advertising to the general, non-horse owning public, but there will probably be some professional horsemen & women in the mix. We expect that you present your horses and yourselves in a professional manner, remaining true to humane treatment of animals as outlined in recognized competitions of your discipline. The goal of the Renaissance is to promote the horse industry by educating the public about horses and the many disciplines offered. We want to offer the public a picture of skilled riding and handling in the arena, as well as the joys of owning a horse in the barns and outside the arena.

Other activities at the Renaissance will be grooming demonstrations, house tours, horse shoeing demonstrations and educational displays. For a small fee, face painting, food vendors and crafts are also available to all visitors.

## ***Here's what you can expect from us:***

- There will be at least 200, and up to 600 visitors from Kendall County and the Chicago land area on Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>. We have no rain date for the event, and although visitorship varies with the weather, historically even on rainy days we are busy.
- You are welcome to hand out free brochures of your equestrian interests, we require that no items or raffle tickets be sold unless given a specific permission and pay a vendor fee to do so.

If you choose to participate in the event, I guarantee that you won't regret it. It is a great opportunity to educate the public and promote the riding discipline or breed of horse that you enjoy. If you are able to present a demonstration, I look forward to working with you this year. Please feel free to call me with any questions at 815-475-4035.

Ellis House & Equestrian Center

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### ***Renaissance of the Horse Check List:***

- Complete and return your Horse application
- Complete and return one waiver per rider by September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Complete and return your information sheet (scripts and/or narrator info) by September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Send a copy of each horse's negative Coggins
- We require the local guest horses to be on Ellis grounds no later than 11:00 a.m. on the day of the event to avoid crowd control issues. Of course, all guest horses are welcome to come earlier.
- After your arena appearance you may move to the Visitor area for a quick five-minute chat session with your adoring fans. This is a chance for the public to ask questions or just to admire your horse, this is not required.
- Guest participants need to remain at the Ellis Equestrian Center until the festival is complete at 4:00 p.m. Loading trailers and driving through the grounds before the festival ends makes for a dangerous situation for you, your horse, and the public.
- Please bring your own water buckets, feed buckets, feed, hay.

**Please complete waiver enclosed - One waiver per Rider**

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**HORSE APPLICATION**  
**One Information sheet per horse.**

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's Home town \_\_\_\_\_ Riders Home Town \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse's Show name \_\_\_\_\_ Horse's Stable Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

We use the following information for the announcer to use during your demonstration. If you would like to request a cordless microphone, or to have someone announce for your part of the demonstration please indicate so on this form.

Brief history of breed/riding discipline and its uses.

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How you came about owning your horse \_\_\_\_\_  
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Special accomplishments \_\_\_\_\_  
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Brief description of demonstration- How your horse fits the activity you are performing

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**DEADLINE: September 20th, 2011 - fill out both sides of this document**

**ONE HORSE/RIDER COMBINATION PER FORM-PLEASE MAKE COPIES AS NEEDED.**

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**HORSE APPLICATION**

*Thank you, but I am not able to attend the 2011 Renaissance Event.*

OWNER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (INCLUDE CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RIDER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GROUP (IF APPLICABLE) \_\_\_\_\_

***PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE OTHER SIDE OF THIS FORM***

I AM INTERESTED IN TAKING PART IN THE FOLLOWING DEMONSTRATION:

- |  |                                      |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVING       | <input type="checkbox"/> DRESSAGE    | <input type="checkbox"/> VAULTING             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAITED HORSES | <input type="checkbox"/> TRAIL CLASS | <input type="checkbox"/> NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUMPING       | <input type="checkbox"/> GAMING      | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER                |

THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REQUIRES THAT EQUINES PARTICIPATING IN EQUESTRIAN EVENTS MUST TEST NEGATIVE FOR EQUINE INFECTIOUS ANEMIA (EIA). **PLEASE MAIL A COPY OF YOUR HORSE'S NEGATIVE COGGINS WITH YOUR APPLICATION.** INDIVIDUALS NOT HAVING PROOF OF NEGATIVE COGGINS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A \$50.00 FINE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

IF YOU ARE BRINGING PROPS FOR DEMONSTRATION: list props \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS,  
WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**  
**\_\_\_\_\_One waiver per Rider\_\_\_\_\_**

TO: **KENDALL COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT, ILLINOIS**, a municipal Corporation, (hereinafter called District), and its Commissioners, Employees, Agents, and volunteers.

I, the undersigned, desire to be Demonstrator at the Ellis Equestrian Center of the District, subject to the rules of the District presently in force and as modified from time to time and under the direction and control of authorized District personnel.

I hereby assume all reasonable and foreseeable risks related to the program and do hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the District and its Commissioners, Agents, Employees, and Volunteers which may arise out of any injury or death of the undersigned which is in any manner connected with the undersigned's participation in the program and any activities related thereto.

Further, I waive and release any and all rights against the District and its Commissioners, Agents, Employees, and Volunteers which may arise out of any injury or death of the undersigned which is in any manner connected with the undersigned's participation in the program and any activities related thereto.

I understand that at no time am I an employee or agent of the District, its Commissioners, Employees, Agents, and Volunteers, and that this Agreement does not apply to the negligent acts of a third party.

I have read the above and agree to its terms.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE  
(PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF UNDER 21)

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TYPE OR PRINT NAME

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ADDRESS

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CITY

\_\_\_\_\_  
STATE

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ZIP CODE

**WARNING**

UNDER THE EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT, EACH PARTICIPANT WHO ENGAGES IN AN EQUINE ACTIVITY EXPRESSLY ASSUMES THE RISKS OF ENGAGING IN AND LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR INJURY, LOSS, OR DAMAGE TO PERSON OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM THE RISK OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES.