

Competitive Trail Challenge

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Ready to try a *new sport* for you and your trail horse? Join us for a *Competitive Trail Challenge* on October 16th, 2010, at Wildwood Hills Ranch near St. Charles, Iowa.

Great fun for a great cause –
and points and prizes too!



The Iowa Trail Riders Association (ITRA) is teaming up with American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) and Wildwood Hills Ranch to bring you an exciting new sport for you and your trail horse... a *Competitive Trail Challenge* (CTC). What is a CTC, you ask? It is a fun, casual trail horse competition consisting of 6-10 miles with 6-10 judged "natural obstacles" (i.e. situations you might actually encounter on a leisurely trail ride). The ride is not timed, though the amount of time allowed to complete each obstacle is limited. Rides take 2-3 hours.

ACTHA's motto is "*not just a trail horse anymore*". Your horse will earn points based on how well s/he performs the trail obstacles. Each participating horse receives a registry with ACTHA where accumulated points are tracked. The point designation system will stay with each horse for its lifetime, thereby adding to its value and distinction.

Not only that, but you can also win cash and wonderful prizes from sponsors such as Cavallo, Horse and Rider, Downunder Horsemanship, Life Data Labs (Farrier's Formula), Daily 72, Tucker Saddles, Muddy Creek Raincoats, Total Health Equine Neutraceuticals, Mayatex, The Horse Show with Rick Lamb, Best of America by Horseback, Trail Blazer Magazine, US Horse Biz, Trail Town USA, Monty Roberts and many more!

Finally, my favorite part... ACTHA donates up to half of their ride proceeds to equine charities and rescues caring for horses in need.

Sound like fun? Log onto www.ACTHA.us, where you will find more information about American Trail Horse Association. Learn more about Wildwood Hills Ranch and the wonderful work they do with horses and at-risk youth at www.WildwoodHillsRanch.com. More details for the CTC ride will be coming soon.

News Flash: New ACTHA list on Yahoo Groups!

It's a great way to meet other riders, chat about ACTHA rides, post ride photos, ride information and just plain chat horses! It's a free and easy to use list!

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/ACTHA>