

ARISE HORSE LOVERS—THE HOUR IS UPON US!

Get ready, Iowa. A most amazing equine event is about to kick off in Des Moines. If you like horses at all, you will love the World Percheron Congress. Taking nothing away from the Iowa State Fair with its grand traditions and loyal following, THIS event will redefine the term “extraordinary”!

Expect to see enormous conformation classes, thunderous hitch classes up to eight-ups, nostalgic plowing matches, graceful riding classes, impressive pulling matches and hilarious feed team races. Competitions will include classes for youth, amateurs and pros. Exhibitors are coming from all points of the U.S. and Canada, as are vendors to offer all things equine. As well, breed delegates are coming from all points of the globe! Several from France, where the next World Congress will be held, will be touring Midwestern Percheron farms after the show.

Fans of all types of horses will enjoy time at the Congress. Seminars



sponsored by the Percheron Horse Association of America Education and Charitable Fund will include topics such as equine chiropractic, equine reproduction and a history of the Percheron breed in America. These presentations are open to the public and free of charge.

Topping off all of the Congress's impressive list of highlights is the Texas Thunder-Priefert Ranch Equipment's electrifying six-horse hitch of Percherons! This dynamic attraction is one of the world's premier heavy horse exhibitions, performing to over six million horse lovers each year. Not even football-playing Clydesdales hold a candle

to these guys being Roman-ridden at a full gallop!

Visitors to the Congress can also witness Old Betsy, a restored antique horse-drawn fire engine, as it pumps a stream of water over the Pioneer Pavilion. Lessons in history don't stop there—a restored caisson will also be on display. Ride free horse-drawn wagons from one event to another around the beautiful Iowa State Fairgrounds.

The awe-inspiring six-horse hitches will cap the evening performances on not just one, but three nights, with the crowning of the WORLD CHAMPION GELDING & MARE SIXES taking place at the conclusion of Saturday's festivities. There's so much to see and experience—Bring the whole family and take it all in. You won't want to miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

For a detailed schedule of events and other information, visit www.2010worldpercheroncongress.com

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