



AT THE INGATE

Horse Shows in the Park, llc

It's a brand new show year!!! First HSITP show is our January 17-18 "Winter Warm Up" and all HSITP shows in 2026 are now hosted at The Grand Oaks Resort, just south of Ocala...see the website for an updated 2026 Class Schedule/Prize List and enter now at Horseshowsinthepark.com. Courses will be simple, straightforward and ideal for the developing horse and rider potentially moving up a division at this first show of the season...perfect for getting great mileage too, over well appointed courses prior to WEC or the rated shows....all at an economical \$20-\$25 entry fee...AND FOR JANUARY—SHIP IN FEES ARE WAIVED!!!!

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- And more!

Instant Updates for 2026:

See the easier to read website at horseshowsinthepark.com and note all the info available now under the "Show Information" tab on the main page...more content is added almost daily this week throughout the website to provide a one stop shop for critical information needed by trainers and riders alike...

New Pony Jumper Division is added!! New Beginner Hunter with "12" verticals added in the Triple Crown. We have had a wonderful sponsor step forward for the Thoroughbred Hunter Division as well as the new Lindbergh Schooling Hunter Classic on Sunday!!!!



BIG NEWS! See page 2 of this newsletter to learn all about HSITP now providing Medals & Classics by The League as presented by Marshall & Sterling Insurance. Lots of fun qualifying opportunities for our riders who want to ride in their new Ocala Regionals at HITS in October!!

There is now a 10 show day minimum in 2026 to eligible for year end award in the divisions. The last show of the year in December will be double pointed, and there are 2 shows during the year ie; June and Halloween—that offer 3 show days of points. Updated points and numbers of days shown will be displayed for each eligible division and Classic or Medal on the Standings page on the show website. This year we may also provide a running total of Overall IPoints by category ie; Novice Rider, Junior/Amateur Rider, High Pt Eq Rider, High Point Hunter and Jumper...so that riders can see where they're at throughout the year as they earn points toward the prestigious Year End Overall Awards...

HSITP will be using Waiverfile.com beginning with the first horse show in January—to be able to collect and store liability waiver signatures electronically. The rider or parent will be able to sign electronically from the barn aisle, your home or the show office—and this secure service will also enable the show to text show updates in real time to those registered for each show...no more printing, bad cell phone pictures or pdfing!!!

For those who want to trailer in, shady ship in parking is available in the old Tent Paddock under the tree line (back in please) and Ship in parking also is available next to the Nupafeed Jumper ring, close to all the arenas. **Please do not park in the vendor paddock across from the Covered Arena. Ship in fees are waived for the January show.**

REMINDER! We are now actively campaigning for divisional and class sponsors.—HSITP is your local non rated show that does not charge membership or horse registration fees all while being ecumenically friendly so you can afford to show on a regular basis...and be more competitive when having to pay \$60 rated show entry fees ...We need barns/riders/business to step up and help us continue to provide the prizes, staffing and highest quality shows we are so known for... !! Want to sponsor? Text or call 321-693-5551 or go to the website at horseshowsinthepark.com and fill out the sponsorship form!



WANT TO BE ON THE MAILING OR TEXT LIST FOR THESE HSITP NEWSLETTERS - TEXT YOUR NAME, BARN, AND EMAIL ADDRESS TO 321-693-5551 or email us at wittyshowsec@earthlink.net

We will also post them on Social Media to our 8000+ local friends.

Contact the show now to find out how your business can become a sponsor and gain amazing visibility with the right customers...our wonderful riders and families!!

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INBOUND!! THE CANADIANS ARE HERE!!!

As anyone who has shown with HSITP at Grand Oaks knows, the January through middle of March timeframe is a busy time at Grand Oaks with trailers of Canadian and Northern riders/drivers coming south to winter at Grand Oaks. This means our stabling is limited to 100 stalls during Jan/Feb but if temporary stabling is needed, we'll bring them in and set up close to the arenas. To further accommodate our riders who are local, we have waived ship in fees in January and will provide info for nearby permanent stabling and RV hook up opportunities, (literally 1 mile away w/100 stalls) Tack stalls may also be limited during this time to ensure everyone who wants to show can do so. Then after the middle to end of March we'll have our over 200 permanent stalls available to us again for the remainder of the year..yay!!

MANY LOCAL HOTELS ARE CLOSE BY—ABOUT 4-6 MILES AWAY FROM GRAND OAKS....

check out Expedia and use the Grand Oaks address of 3000 Marion County Road, Weirsdale to see the numerous local national hotel chains just minutes away...plus there are gobs of AirBNB rentals in the Villages, some with free golf carts so you can enjoy those \$3 cocktails on the Town Squares corners and dance the night away!! Check out Lake Sumter Landing for this great opportunity. Jeanne knows. Oh and they also have a Johnny Rockets, a killer movie theater and nightlife out the wazoo. All 6 miles away from the horse show! The Waterfront Inn there at Lake Sumter Landing has hotel rooms large enough to fit your whole barn in. All within walking distance of the \$3 cocktails....



In 2026 HSITP is now offering opportunities for riders to earn League points toward year end award and HITS newly announced Regional Ocala based October '26 Finals qualification in The League as presented by Marshall & Sterling Insurance. Look for dates to be released soon on the HITSSHOWS.COM website under The League. You'll need to be a

League member for your placings to count but it's quite inexpensive and you'll have the ability to join easily off our HSITP website links along with instructions on how to become a USEF "Fan" member at absolutely no charge to make the process easier. Then once you start earning points, you'll be able to see where you're ranked in relation to other League members on the HITS website in each of The League Medal and Classic categories both Hunters and Jumpers (which is pretty cool!) In the past HSITP has qualified some of the top 5 horses or ponies in the country and sent a few to Saugerties—and now the Reginal Finals will be in Ocala!!!! HSITP does not charge a special processing fee for submittal and our awards will soon reflect the League recognition as well!!!! Keep in mind that many of The League classes will be offered twice during the shows weekend since Saturday and Sunday are separate show days....Many riders in the distant past have supplied their first apartments with HSITP and Marshall & Sterling glassware and dishes...lol!!!! AND, keep in mind that HSITP will provide our own year end recognition to Medal and Classic winners Champion/Reserve and Third place at the Year End Awards Gala at Christmas....





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USEFUL INFO:

Have a question or feedback for the show? Call or text 321-693-5551. You'll reach show management and they always answers the phone, even the spam calls, sighhhhh.

The Show Secretary arrives one hour before the first class and the office closes 30 minutes after the last class. All Scratch/Adds must be in the show office by 4pm the day before the class/. No refunds for scratches made after 4pm. Show Secretary # will be posted outside the show office.

No ribbons will be given except at the show where they are earned. If you decide to skip the office, you forfeit the award.

Stabling Assignments are made the Monday before the show, and texted to the trainer on the entry form by Wednesday pm or Thursday a.m. before the show.

You must wear your current show back number to gain entry to an arena at any time, including schooling.

- At the Grand Oaks shows, mandatory night watch is in force at \$5.00 per night by Noble Nightwatch. Nightwatch staff are trained in Large Animal Rescue and one is also an FEI steward! Don't want to arrive at o' dark thirty to feed? Hire Noble Nightwatch, call 727-420-3521
- Want hay delivered to your stall prior to your arrival at Grand Oaks? Text Kacy at 352-409-1398 for type and availability.
- You can reserve an RV spot on Grand Oaks website at <https://thegrandoaks.com/stay/lodging/>
- Rent Golf Carts by noon the Monday before each show by calling or texting Joyce at 352-233-1837
- Nearest Medical Walk In Clinic: HCA Florida Summerfield Emergency at 352-245-4440. 14193 US 441, Summerfield, FL 34491
- Go to Outdoorsy.com and rent an RV for the horse show, have it delivered to Grand Oaks and just step through the door....
- Overflow perm stabling and RV sites are located 1 mile away in Lady Lake at Florida Equine Center, 40812 Grays Airport Road Lady Lake FL 32159 772-577-3200.

After Hours Gate Code to Grand Oaks: Call 321-693-5500.



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GET YOUR GOLF CART RENTALS IN TO JOYCE BY MONDAY AT NOON BEFORE THE SHOW. Text/Call 352-233-1837

Noble Nightwatch and Feeding Services during show: 727-420-3521

Grand Oaks Lodging and RV Accommodations: <https://thegrandoaks.com/stay/lodging/>

Show Farrier on call: Ricky Sredl 352-636-0804

Local vet Resource: Dr. Malone/Leesburg 352-255-1143

Hay / Feed store nearby: High Ridge Farm & Ranch 16575 SE Hwy 42, Weirsda;e. F: 352-821-3333

Concession "Poppy's Food Truck" on site during shows—call 352-391-4420

Grand Oaks Bistro, Open Wed—Saturday, full menu and bar. 352-750-9500 Reservations recommended

Local Tire Repair: Boulevard Tire of Lady Lake: 352-430-2380

Trailer Repair Mobile Service: PATS Trailer Repair 407-578-8643

Paddock Rental: \$75 per night, call show office at 352-406-9886

RIBBON BUYBACK—HSITP Buys Back your ribbons if they are in perfect condition, even with writing on the back. Bring them in on Friday before the show and we will provide a show credit after processing them.

The class start time tool at hideshowtime.com is often incorrect due to unforeseen situations that occur at the show. The best way to stay informed is to let your gate staff know your cell number and stay in contact with them. We always text and call before closing you out of a class if you're not at the gate.

HSITP has a great track record of starting the show day on time. And getting everyone when & where they need to be on 320 acres of stabling and 6 arenas with no PA system. We often text trainers and/or riders to ensure they know of any schedule changes, so be sure and check your phone!

Soon, HSITP will enjoy a formal, secure text messaging service to be used at each show that will broadcast ring status or critical weather and/or show information. Jeanne is setting this service up for use Winter 2026.

LOOKING FOR YOUR SHOW RECORD FOR SEMF, OR IHSA?

LOOKING FOR CLASS COUNTS BEFORE/ AFTER OR AT THE

SHOW? Go to our show software provider horse-showtime.com/findshow to see our show and the data we've keyed...(just one of the reasons pre entries are wonderful!) We normally post the class counts by Thursday evening before each show. The software allows you to see each horse/rider combination and what classes they're in, and what ribbons they've received. We pull the info from this software to calculate and load the points into the Excel spreadsheets. Ms. Amanda normally has this done by the Monday after each show. She is truly an Amazon of Pointskeeping...

LEADLINERS!! Our leadline class is currently on Saturday and Sunday at 1pm in the Novice arena. LL1 and LL2 on the schedule—it's as close to 1pm as we can rustle everyone up for, so the family can know when to take the pictures. Leadline is always \$15 with no other fees as long as the horse/pony is registered as showing with another rider.



HORSE SHOW PARKING SUGGESTIONS...

Please be aware when you're parking your horse trailer and don't block anyone in who may be leaving later in the day or on Sunday. Depending on where you're stabled there are loads of spaces to park against the fencelines so you're just in the right spot...



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2026 SHOW DATES

- JANUARY 17-18 "WINTER WARM UP"
- FEBRUARY 21-22 "SNOWBIRD SPECTACULAR"
- MARCH 21-22 "LUCK O' THE IRISH"
- APRIL 11-12 "SPRING IS HERE!"
- MAY 9-10 "DERBY DAYS, WITH FIELD HUNTER CHAMPIONSHIPS"
- JUNE 19-21 "BATTLE OF THE BARNS" & "RODEO DAYS THEME"
- JULY 18-19 "HURRICANE HUNTERS & JUMPERS"
- OCTOBER 3-4 "FALL SEASON WARM UP"
- OCTOBER 30-NOV 1 "HALLOWEEN FRIGHTACULAR"
- DECEMBER 5-6 SEASON FINALE "HOLIDAYS WITH HORSES"

Visit horseshowsinthepark.com for details
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