

2012 NATRC REGION 4 CONVENTION

Denton Civic Center Decatur, TX

NATRC Region 4 will be holding its Regional Convention on **Feb. 18th, 2012**, in Decatur, TX. This years theme will be "Safety First!". We will again be housed at the Ramada Inn, and our seminar and awards banquets will be held at the Decatur Civic Center.

Room Reservations:

The Ramada has blocked 35 rooms for us, mostly non-smoking. If you reserve by Feb. 4 and mention you are with NATRC, your rate will be \$70 plus tax/night for any size room. Pets are allowed for a fee if you pre-arrange it with the hotel. The Ramada's address is 1507 S Highway 287, Decatur, TX 76234. Phone # 940-627-6262. A free continental breakfast is available. There is an indoor pool (kids loved that last year!), we will have a hospitality suite opened and stocked with beverages and snacks on Friday afternoon/evening, and Saturday from 3-5:30pm, and after the awards banquet. We will hold church in the suite at 8 am on Sunday, followed by a general membership meeting.

Seminar:

The seminar will be a very informative and interesting one! Classes will start at the Civic Center (2010 W 380, Decatur, TX 76234) at 8 am. This year we have a much bigger meeting room, plenty of room to bring all your friends along!

8:00-9:00 Emergency kits: Horses and Humans (Civic Center)

Kim Winterrowd will show us what to carry with us in the trailer for horse emergencies, explain its use and when to use each item. Ray Sommer, MD will do the same for a human med kit. Jonni Jewell will have her saddle bag emergency supplies set up for us to see not only what she carries and why, but how to stow it in your saddle packs.

9am-12pm Horse Rescue: (Civic Center)

We will get a comprehensive look at horse rescue and emergency preparedness from Jonna Johnson. Jonna has worked with the Greater Houston Horse Council, and several emergency rescue groups to develop a

great program that is essential to being a prepared horse owner. Do you know how to safely extricate your horse from belly deep mud? How to make an evacuation plan? Extricate your horse from an overturned trailer? You will learn all this and more. We will even get to make a device to take home with us that will help us in horse rescue!

12:00- 1:00 Lunch: Look at Silent Auction (Civic Center)

At noon we will be treated to a yummy soup, sandwich and salad buffet. If you came last year, you know the food is delicious! From 12p-1p, peruse the silent auction and the vendor booths. Buy raffle tickets for a hi-tie and custom quick release tether to be drawn at the banquet. We have plenty of space this year for all our auction items and vendors.

1:00-1:30 PM Brain Injuries and Helmet Use: (Civic Center)

Learn why it is important to wear a helmet, how to fit one properly and more. Helmets of different types and sizes will be available to try on.

1:30-3:00 PM Defending ourselves from attackers: (Outside Civic Center)

Eddie Rodriguez, horse trainer and Border Patrol Agent, will be giving a live outside demonstration. Eddie will be showing us how defend ourselves from an attacker both from the saddle and with the horse in hand. Many of us ride in remote places alone. This is a wonderful skill set to have!

6:00-9:00 PM Awards Banquet: (Civic Center)

Dinner choices are baked pork loin and dressing or chicken with artichoke hearts.

Be sure to indicate what you want when you register on RMS! There will be salads, sides and an assortment of delicious desserts as well.

Even though we have a bigger space this year, the convention committee is offering the seminar and banquet at the same prices as last year. Please be sure to register by Feb. 1st so we can have an accurate count for meals and your **FREE CONVENTION T-SHIRT** sponsored by NRS Trailers.

NRS Trailers will also have trailers at the convention for us to tour.

Adult full conference, lunch and banquet -\$45

Jr full conference, lunch and banquet-\$35

Seminar only (includes lunch)-\$25

Banquet only-\$35

All prices will increase by \$5 after Feb. 1st.

Register on RMS (www.natrc5.org/rms/logon.asp) Send your payment made to Region 4 Trail Riders Association to Convention

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