

About The Escambia County Equestrian Center

On March 18, 1999, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Escambia County Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, which included a multi-use facility to host horse and agricultural events. Groundbreaking for the new multi-million dollar facility was held February 5, 2001.

The Escambia County Equestrian Center hosted its first event in April of 2002. The first large event of note was the Tate High School FFA Rodeo, which brought approximately 10,000 spectators to the new facility in May of 2002. This event is still going strong and still held at the center. The center continues to attract local and out-of-area equine and dog enthusiasts in large numbers.

Other events held at the facility include equine clinics and symposiums, BeulahFest, Association of Realtors Roundup, Monster Truck Show, Motocross Events, Santa Hay Ride, Flea Market, and Classic Car Unit Shriner's Rodeo. These events bring approximately 200,000 spectators and participants each year to the Equestrian Center. In the future there are plans to add additional programs such as weddings, summer camps, dog training, and riding lessons, bringing in an even more diverse group of participants.

The American Kennel Club voted the Escambia County Equestrian Center as The Best Facility in the Southeast. Florida Parks and Recreation Association showcased the facility in the FRPA Journal in 2004. The National Association of County Parks and Recreation Officials selected the Escambia County Equestrian Center as a 2004 Parks & Recreation Class III Facility Award winner. As the facility grows and improves, we will continue to win accolades and awards and to draw even larger events and crowds.

our location

The Escambia County Equestrian Center, in Pensacola, FL, is ideally situated for equine-related events. We are a very short drive off Interstate 10, making us an easy reach for competitors throughout the southeast.

Drive times from southeast locations:

- ◆ New Orleans, LA - 200 miles/3 hours
- ❖ Birmingham, AL - 250 miles/4 hours
- Atlanta, GA - 325 miles/5 hours
- ⌘ Jacksonville, FL - 350 miles/5 hours
- Ocala, FL - 375 miles/5.5 hours
- Nashville, TN - 450 miles/7 hours
- ◆ Houston, TX - 525 miles/8 hours



our amenities

The Escambia County Equestrian Center has an array of amenities designed to accommodate both local events and larger competitions.

Arena Amenities:

- 375' x 225' Clear Span multi-purpose covered arena that seats 4,500
- Air-conditioned announcer's building/show office with voice/data communication and public address system
- Raised announcer's booth over livestock pens
- Professional quality livestock pens and rodeo chutes
- Four outdoor show rings (2 - 200' x 300' & 2 - 150' x 250'; 5th ring scheduled for completion in September 2012), with announcer/judges booths at each and two with outdoor lighting.
- Radio-based announcement system, capable of tying all arenas together
- Concession stand and public eating area

Barns and Stabling

- 294 12' x 12' Permanent stalls in covered barns and 600 additional temporary stall capability
- 4 Wash racks and manure dump bins for each barn

RV and Trailers

- 65 RV sites with water and electricity; some include sewer
- Dump station with wash down
- 50/30/110 individual electrical service



Additional Amenities:

- Restrooms and shower facilities convenient to covered arena and rings
- Warm-up area adjacent to arena
- Vendor areas adjacent to the indoor and outdoor arenas
- Rodeo loading/unloading area
- Ample vehicle parking
- Ticket sales pavilion
- Indoor space that can be used as a show office, judges lounge, or trophy room
- Maintenance crew on grounds during all events