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# USMMA EVENT

## **ABCCMM INSPECTION August 15-16** **MARCHADOR CAVALGADA August 17-18**

Announcing the USMMA 2019 Mangalarga Marchador Gathering. Join us for an extended weekend at the Historic Haras Vista da Serra Ranch in the breathtaking mountains of Montana, home to about 30 Marchador horses. Just being here is special. So grab your horse and saddle or borrow one of ours and git' yourself here. We look forward to seeing ya'.

Two independent events are planned for this gathering of the USMMA.

The first event will be an ABCCMM inspections of Mangalarga Marchadors Horses located primarily in Montana and beyond, on Thursday August 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday August 16<sup>th</sup>.

The second is two days of Cavalgada group rides and celebration among USMMA members and guests on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us for one or both these events. A participant fee will be charged for each event to cover food and drinks. If you are bringing a horse(s) for inspection a \$100.00 per breeder inspection fee will apply to help cover the cost of Brazilian inspector George Vilar (see Cost section below).

### **Location: Haras Vista da Serra Ranch**

9605 York Road, Helena Montana 59602

Host: Tia Nelson and Derek Brown

Phone Numbers     Tia Nelson 406-431-8898  
                              Cathy Pierce 361-739-9988

**We are getting close to the event date. Once you decide the events to attend, please make your plane, lodging, and car rental reservations immediately to guarantee availability**

**We need to know which events you will be attending for our planning purposes. Please fill out the event sign up form at**

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**Please read all information carefully**

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## Event Description

The first 2 days, you are welcome to attend and learn about the ABCCMM (Brazilian) inspection process from Dr. George Vilar and Dr. Tia Nelson. The ABCCMM inspection process examines the conformation, the gait and the temperament of the Mangalarga Marchador according to the breed standard. There will be a foal inspection (for ABCCMM provisional registration) and a 3 year old riding inspection (for ABCCMM definitive registration). After the 3 year old riding inspection, the Marchadors will be dual registered with the USMMA and the ABCCMM. If you are bringing a horse(s) for inspection a \$100.00 per breeder inspection fee will apply to help cover the cost of Brazilian inspector George Vilar (see Cost section below).

During each inspection, there will be discussion and questions will be answered about the breed.

The second 2 days are the Marchador Cavalgadas (a long ride). Haras Vista da Serra will provide a list of Marchadors available to ride and their assessment of the riding skill required for each horse. Many of these horse will be mares with a foal at their side. The mares are experienced and the foals are getting that experience!

Saturday is the longer ride and more technical. Sunday is a shorter ride. You can sign up for one ride or both rides.

You are also welcome to bring your own horse for the ABCCMM inspection, the Cavalgada or both!

If you choose not to ride, there will be sessions at the ranch to learn more about the MM breed, bloodlines and more.

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## Dates and Schedule:

Thursday August 15th	ABCCMM Foal Inspection 9:00 a.m. check-in 10:00 a.m. Foal inspection starts 1:00 p.m. lunch 2:30 p.m. Inspection continues Dinner on your own
Friday, August 16th	ABCCMM Definitive Inspection 9:00 a.m. check-in 10:00 a.m. 3 yr. old Riding inspection starts 1:00 p.m. lunch 2:30 p.m. Riding inspection finishes. Branding 4:00 p.m. New Arrivals, Welcome and Introductions 6:30 p.m. Burger Dinner at York Bar in York Montana
Saturday, August 17th	Cavalgada Group Ride and Social Gathering 9:00 a.m. check-in 10:00 a.m. Cavalgada - lunch on the ride 3:00 p.m. return 6:00 p.m. Brazilian Feast at the Ranch
Sunday, August 18th	Cavalgada Group Ride – One more chance to ride 9:00 a.m. check in 10:00-12:00 shorter Cavalgada / demos at the ranch 1:00 p.m. prizes just for fun 2:00 p.m. adjournment

## Cost:

The four-day event is open to USMMA members for \$150. \$50 for the ABCCMM Inspection and \$100 for the Cavalgada event. (Cost for the use of a horse to ride may be extra)

Open to non-USMMA members @ \$200. \$50 to join the USMMA, \$50 for the ABCCMM Inspection and \$100 for the Cavalgada event (Cost for the use of a horse to ride may be extra).

Prices include all activities, lunches, snacks, and soft drinks, and dinner on Saturday night. Water to be provided at the hospitality event during the day.

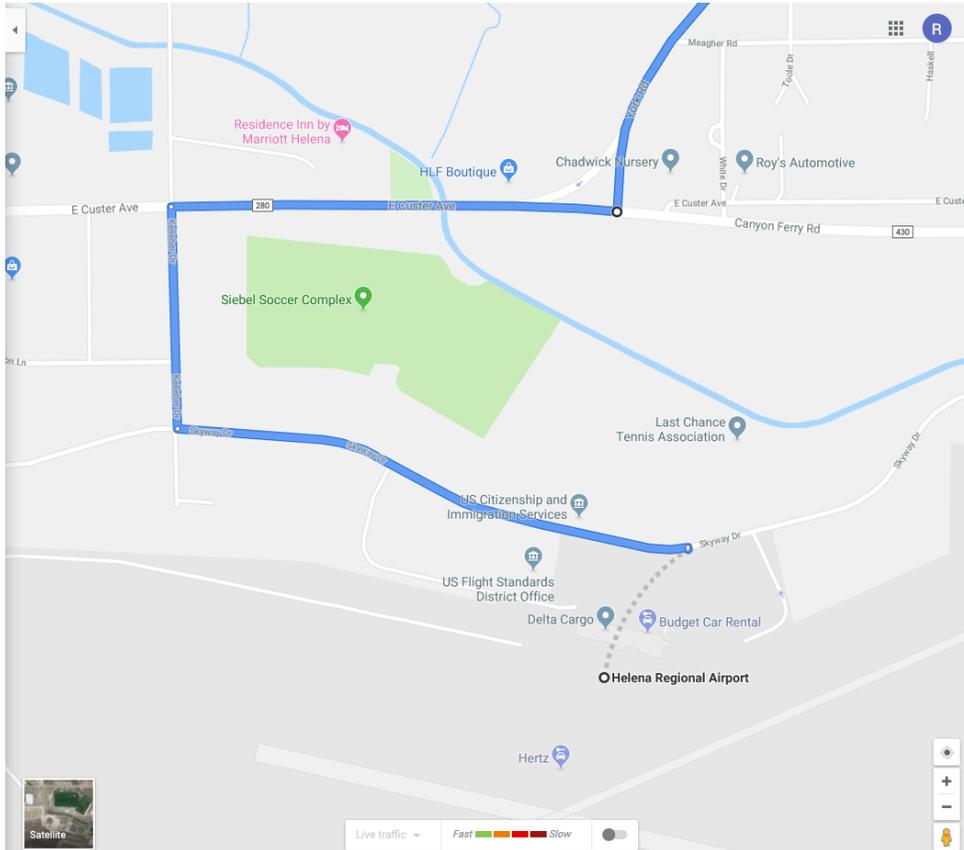
The USMMA will also hire a professional photographer for Saturday and Sunday. Your photos will be made available at no charge.

## Driving:

### For driving directions to Helena, MT. Use Google Maps..

Haras Vista da Serra is about 40 minutes from Helena.

From the Helena Regional Airport to 9605 York Rd. Via York Road.



Head north toward  
Skyway Dr  
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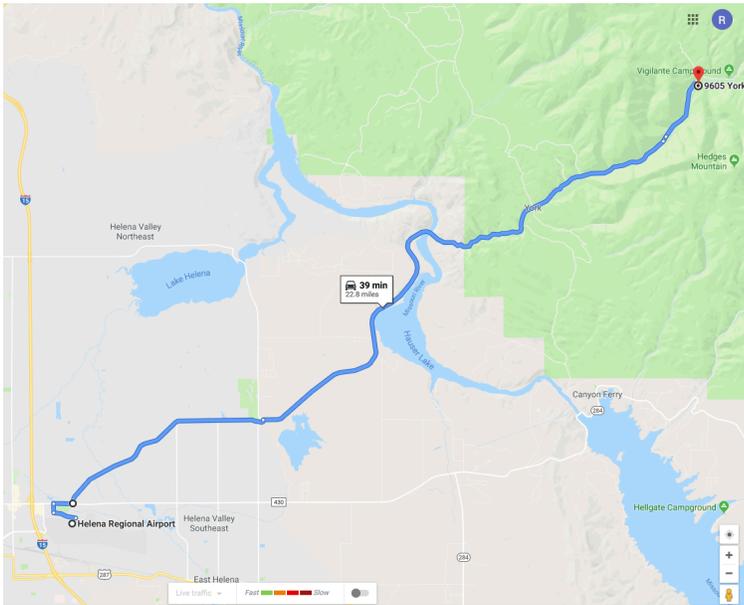
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Turn right onto Kelleher  
Dr  
0.2 mi

Turn right onto E Custer  
Ave  
0.5 mi

Turn left onto York Rd  
21.5 mi

Arrive Ranch Gate  
Haras Vista da Serra  
9605 York Rd  
Helena, MT 59602



## Closest Airports:

The closest airport is the Helena MT airport. Airport code HLN. The major airlines that fly there are Delta, American, United and Alaska Airlines. If you live near a regional airport there may also be other regional airlines flying there.

If you are renting a car and don't mind driving, you can also check out nearby regional airports and drive to Helena.

Bozeman, Great Falls, and Missoula airports are about 1.5 hour drive to Helena.

Billings airport is about 3.5 hour drive to Helena.

If you are flying into Helena, there may be enough USMMA people in town to arrange for shuttle service from the airport and carpooling every day to the ranch so there is no need to rent a car.

## Hotels/Houses for Rent:

Helena Hotels are all of the major chains: Marriott, Holiday Inn, Hilton etc.. We are trying to see if we can arrange some special pricing at one or two. We will get that information to you as soon as possible.

Look for places to stay on the east side of town, close to the airport for example.

Some of the USMMA participants plan to rent an AIRBNB house for the event. If you are interested in sharing a house, please indicate this on your sign-up form.

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## Camping/RVs:

There will have some electrical hookups for camping at the ranch, but no other services are available there. There are many local campgrounds and facilities, but book early!

## Bringing Horses:

All horses from out of state must have a current Coggins and Health Certificate.

Stabling can be arranged at the ranch in a barn or in temporary pens. The cost will be \$20 per day for the bedding, feed etc. during the weekend. Make arrangements directly with Tia Nelson to board your horses on the ranch.

## Sign Up Form:

Attached to this email and also on the USMMA website is a link to the event sign up Webform. Please sign up as soon as possible to help us plan the event.

<https://forms.gle/AeRer75VZDxUJL9w8>.

Reminder: Book your travel reservation ASAP to get seats and availability.

## USMMA Waiver:

Included to this email and also on the USMMA website is a horseback riding waiver media release. All participants must sign the waiver. Print this one out, sign, and bring with you. Or sign a waiver at the event.



## Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability Waiver

In participating in the USMMA activities at Haras Vista da Serra, Helena MT, on August 15-18th, 2019, I hereby waive, release and forever discharge any and all rights and claims for personal injury or damages which I may hereafter accrue to me against the USMMA and Haras Vista da Serra, their heirs, agents, representatives, employees, officers, members and sponsors.

This agreement includes any and all injuries or damages which may be sustained by me or my horse in connection with or arising out of riding or handling of any horse on the property.

I recognize that horses are unpredictable animals and that there are significant risks of injury and death inherent and associated with horses and horse related activities. These risks include, but are not limited to: trailering, loading, boarding, riding, jumping, grooming, saddling, feeding and caring for horses.

Knowing the inherent risks, dangers and rigors involved in such horse activities, I certify that I understand the risks therewith and that I am fully capable of participating in said activities and that I do so at my own risk.

Signed and dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Photo Release:

I give permission for the USMMA to use the photographs of me/us taken at the USMMA Event. This includes but is not limited to social media, advertising, website or other uses.

Signed and dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT / GUARDIAN WAIVER - FOR MINOR** If the person who is to enter into this agreement is under eighteen (18) years of age, his/her parent or guardian must read and sign the following: Acting as parent, natural guardian or legal guardian of

\_\_\_\_\_ affirms that I have read the Agreement, understand the Agreement and consents to the terms on behalf of my child.

Parent/Guardian Signed and Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Photo Release:

I give permission for the USMMA to use the photographs of my child/us taken at the USMMA Event. This includes but is not limited to social media, advertising, website or other uses.

Signed and dated: \_\_\_\_\_