



HOWDY ACHA National Convention Attendees,

The Texas A&M University Horsemen's Association is excited to host the 2025 ACHA National Convention from March 26-29, 2025, in the Lone Star State! We have a variety of activities planned to expand your knowledge of the horse industry (Texas style), further develop your equine science expertise, and enhance your professional skills over four fun-filled days in College Station, TX.

College Station, home to Texas A&M University, is centrally located between the major cities of Houston and Austin, right off Highway 6. If you're traveling by air, you can fly into IAH (George Bush Intercontinental Airport), HOU (William P. Hobby Airport), or AUS (Austin-Bergstrom International Airport). Rental cars are available at all of these airports. Alternatively, you can fly to DFW (Dallas Fort Worth International Airport) and catch a connecting flight to CLL (Easterwood Airport, College Station), where rental cars are also available.

Lodging accommodations have been secured at the Embassy Suites by Hilton College Station, conveniently located on the corner of campus off University Drive East. This hotel will host our delegate meeting and banquet on the final day of the conference. Your block rate includes a complimentary breakfast each morning, and the hotel also offers a pool and fitness center.

Texas is renowned for its equestrian heritage and significant contributions to the horse industry. During the convention, attendees will immerse themselves in the Texas equine industry with tours of local Quarter Horse breeding operations and ranch horse demonstrations. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to visit our world-class equine facilities, including TAMU's Hildebrand Equestrian Center, Freeman Arena, Veterinary School, and the Equine Nutrition and Reproduction Center.

Enclosed, you'll find the itinerary, travel details, lodging information, weather expectations, attire recommendations, and the registration form. If you have any questions while planning your trip, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We can't wait to welcome you to Aggieland!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Erica Macon', written in a cursive style.

Erica Macon, MS, PAS, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Science  
Texas A&M University

## **Itinerary:**

### **Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

#### **Welcome to College Station**

Travel to College Station by 3pm

Hotel and Convention Check-In from 3:00-4:30pm

Welcome Reception and Dinner at Freeman Arena 5 – 7pm

*Dinner Provided; Casual Attire*

### **Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

#### **Exploring the Texas Equine Industry!**

*Breakfast Provided at Hotel*

AM: Tours of Texas A&M University's Equine Facilities

*Lunch Provided*

PM: Tours of Local Equine Industry

*Dinner Provided; Casual Attire*

### **Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

#### **Enhance your Equine Science Knowledge!**

*Breakfast Provided at Hotel*

AM: Keynote, Hands-on equine science labs, Equine Veterinary Panel

*Lunch Provided; Snappy Barn Attire*

PM: Free Afternoon to Explore College Station

Evening – Dinner and Dance

*Dinner Provided; Business Casual Attire; Bring 1 Tee Shirt Per Member for Tee Shirt Swap*

### **Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

#### **Professional & Career Development Day, Delegates Meeting and Awards Banquet**

*Breakfast Provided at Hotel*

AM: AgriLife Extension Center – Teamwork workshop, Industry Panelists, Graduate School Panelists

*Lunch Provided; Business Casual Attire*

Delegates Meeting at Hotel

Awards Banquet at Host Hotel

*Dinner Provided; Business Professional*

**Air Travel:**

**George Bush International Airport (IAH)**

2800 N Terminal Rd, Houston, TX 77032

88 miles to College Station, TX

Rental car companies available:

<https://www.fly2houston.com/iah/rental-cars>

**William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)**

7800 Airport Blvd, Houston, TX 77061

106 miles to College Station, TX

Rental car companies available:

<https://www.fly2houston.com/hou/rental-cars>

**Austin-Bergstrom International Airport**

3600 Presidential Blvd, Austin, TX 78719

102 miles to College Station, TX

Rental car companies available: <https://austinbergstrominternationalairport.com/austin-airport-car-hire/#/searchcars>

**Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)**

Fly into the DFW to catch a connecting flight to Easterwood Airport (CLL).

CLL Address: 1 McKenzie Terminal Blvd, College Station, TX 77845

4 miles from Host hotel

**Rental Cars - CLL**

Enterprise is available at Easterwood Airport.

Website: <https://www.enterprise.com> >>Car Rental Locations >> United States >> Texas >> College Station Easterwood Airport (CLL)

\*We will travel by caravan to the different locations used during national convention so please have a vehicle available for your delegation. Directions will be found in the convention program you will receive at check-in.\*

## **Host Hotel:**

### **Embassy Suites by Hilton College Station**

201 University Drive East  
College Station, TX 77840

+1 979 260 6000 Main

+1 979 485 5601 Office

Booking Link: [NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION](#)

Booking Code: NCH

Arrival: 3/26/2025

Departure: 3/30/2025

Rates: \$154.00/night + tax

Cancellation Policy: 48 hours Prior to Arrival Date

Deadline to Reserve: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

## **Weather:**

Spring weather in College Station will either be sunny, 70 – 80 degrees F, and beautiful or cloudy. The evenings can still be in low 50s, so please bring a jacket. Rain is also a possibility, so please bring a rain jacket!

## **Attire:**

Casual Wear: *Jeans, Tees/Sweaters, Closed Toed Shoes/Boots*

Business Professional: *Suits, Shirts/Ties/Jackets/Pants, Dresses/Skirts/Jackets*

Snappy Barn Attire: *Jeans, Tees/Polos/Sweaters, Closed Toed Shoes/Boots*

Business Casual: *Shirts/Ties/Pants, Shirts/Pants/Dresses/Skirt*

## **Things to See and Do:**

Visit <https://visit.cstx.gov/> for ideas about things to see and do in the Bryan-College Station Area!

### *Attractions*

George H.W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum

- Tickets: <https://www.bush41.org/>

Popstroke

- Website: <https://popstroke.com/venues/college-station/>

Downtown Bryan

- Website: <https://www.destinationbryan.com/things-to-do/downtown-bryan/>

Museum of the American G.I.

- Website: <https://americangimuseum.org/>

Brazos Valley Museum of Natural History

- Website: <https://www.brazosvalleymuseum.org/exhibits>

Grand Station Entertainment

- Website: <https://www.grandstationent.com/>

### *Shopping/Food*

Century Square

- Website: <https://www.century-square.com/>

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Store

- Website: <https://www.murdochs.com>

Cavender's Boot City

- Website: <https://www.cavenders.com>

**To Register:**

Read the information on the following page and use the registration form linked at the back of the packet to register. **Submit your early registration by February 15<sup>th</sup> for a fee of \$250.00 per person.** The late registration fee is \$275.00 if postmarked after February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **2025 ACHA National Convention Registration Information**

Hosted by Texas A&M University's Horsemen's Association March 26-29, 2025 in College Station, TX

### **To Attend:**

Students must be accompanied by an advisor and are responsible for their own lodging and ground transportation.

Students must be dues paid members of ACHA to attend and compete for individual awards (outstanding student scholarships). Clubs must be dues paid to compete for club awards (scrapbook and philanthropy challenge). If you have not yet paid ACHA dues, visit [ACHA Membership](#) to submit forms and mail dues payment to Dr. Cerny at address provided online.

**Early Registration Fee of \$250 Per Person Due by Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.** Late registration after Feb 15<sup>th</sup> is \$275 per person. Registration fees are non-refundable. *Note: ACHA National Officers and Advisors attend for free, but you do need to register with your school.*

### **To Register:**

**Step 1: Submit one registration for your school and all attendees here: [Registration](#).** *Helpful tip: See information needed to complete the registration form on the last page of this packet before you start the Registration Form.*

**Step 2: Submit one check payable to 'TAMU Horsemen's Association' for each school's registration (all students + advisor).**

**Step 3: Mail payment and a copy of the completed registration form to:**

Dr. Erica Macon

2471 TAMU

Kleberg Animal and Food Sciences Center, Department of Animal Science

College Station, TX, 77843-2471

### **Don't Forget:**

*\*Bring one tee-shirt per member for the annual tee-shirt swap!*

**Gather This Information Before You Submit Your Online for each advisor and student attending convention.**

**It will make completing the form a breeze!**

**School/Advisor Info**

Name of School:

Advisor Name:

Advisor Email:

Advisor Phone:

Tee Shirt Size: S, M, L, XL, or 2XL (Unisex Tees)

Dietary Restrictions: Vegetarian, Gluten Free or None

ACHA National Officers/Advisors in Your Delegation:

**Student Info**

Name:

Email:

Phone Number:

Tee Shirt Size: S, M, L, XL, or 2XL (Unisex Tees)

Dietary Restrictions: Vegetarian, Gluten Free or None

Saddlebred Test Ride: Yes or No

CYOAdventure Top Two Choices: Select First and Second Choice