

Sycamore Creek May Mixer

AHBA Trials

Hosted at

Sycamore Creek Farm

4326 Pleasant Gap Road

Powell, TN 37849

Saturday and Sunday May 30-31 2026

Start Time - 8:00 AM each day

Entry Deadline May 25, 2026

Classes offered both days under judges Tim Allison and Rick Hardin:

One of each level offered for each trial

HTAD (course 5) mixed flock, sheep (2) and goats (2)

HTAD (course 5) sheep (4 head)

Permission has been granted by the American Herding Breed Association (AHBA) to hold the trials under AHBA rules. Open to all dogs of the herding breeds and multi-purpose breeds with herding backgrounds, as listed in the AHBA Breeds List. Dogs must be nine (9) months of age or older on the day of the trial to compete. No dog may be entered in two classes on the same course with the same kind stock under the same judge at any test/trial. Bitches in season will run last.

Stock: Mixed breed Hair Sheep and Mixed Goats.

HTAD mixed sheep and goats \$45 Limited to 20 runs per day.

HTAD sheep classes \$45 limited to 16 runs per day.

ENTRIES AND FEES: Pre-Entries open upon approval and close May 25, 2026. For more information contact Mitzi Claiborne 865-556-9114 or horsewhisper1971@gmail.com Make checks payable to Mitzi Claiborne. Please use attached entry form and mail to You can also fill out entry form, take a picture of it and email it to horsewhisper1971@gmail.com.

Or

Make checks payable to Mitzi Claiborne, Entry Coordinator and mail along with completed AHBA entry form to :

Mitzi Claiborne
9116 Hill Road
Knoxville, TN 37938.

There will be a \$25 service fee charge for any returned checks.

Entries received after 05/25/2026 will be assessed an additional \$10 per run. If trial fills, pre-entry forms take precedence. Entry limits may be adjusted based on pre-entries. Run orders will be drawn prior to trial.

AWARDS: The top dog award will be presented to the team with the highest score for all classes in the trial over the two days. Each day we will present a HIT award as well. Qualifying Ribbons and 1st-3rd placement ribbons will be available for participants. Herding Trial Champion rosette available if you complete your title with us!

Attention Exhibitors:

- All trials will be conducted under the rules and regulations of AHBA. Rules are available at <http://www.ahbaherding.org>
- A registration/tracking number is required for ALL dogs. If your dog is not registered with another organization (ASCA, ABCA, AKC etc.) you must apply for a tracking number with AHBA.
- Entry fees will not be refunded in the event a dog is absent, disqualified, excused or barred from competition by action of the show committee. Entry fees can only be refunded if written request is received before the pre-entry closing date. No entry fee will be refunded if the show cannot be opened or completed by reasons of riots, civil disturbances, fire, acts of God, or public emergencies. Substitutions may be allowed with dogs you own or co-own.
- Host(s) and/or their agents shall assume no responsibility for injury to participant or spectator.
- All dogs must always be leashed or crated except when competing. Please clean up after your dogs.

- All dogs must have current vaccinations against rabies, distemper/parvo. You are asked to bring a copy of documentation with you and have it readily available upon request by host(s) or their agents.
- Bitches in season will run in draw order and run last.
- Judges may be substituted.

At least 1 licensed Veterinarian will be on site. They have graciously agreed to triage in emergencies should the need arise. The Knoxville area has 3 pet emergency clinics. However, we recommend Animal Emergency and Specialty Center open 24/7 and located at 10213 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37922. Phone: 865-693-4440.

Concessions

A light lunch will be provided for handlers, judges, and workers on Saturday and Sunday. Water will be provided throughout the day for judges and workers.

Lodging

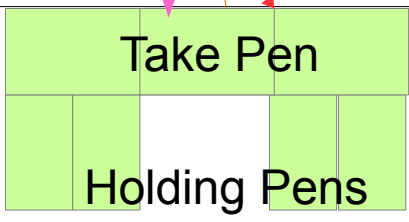
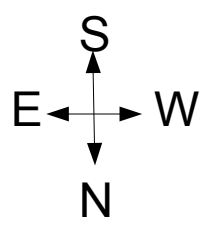
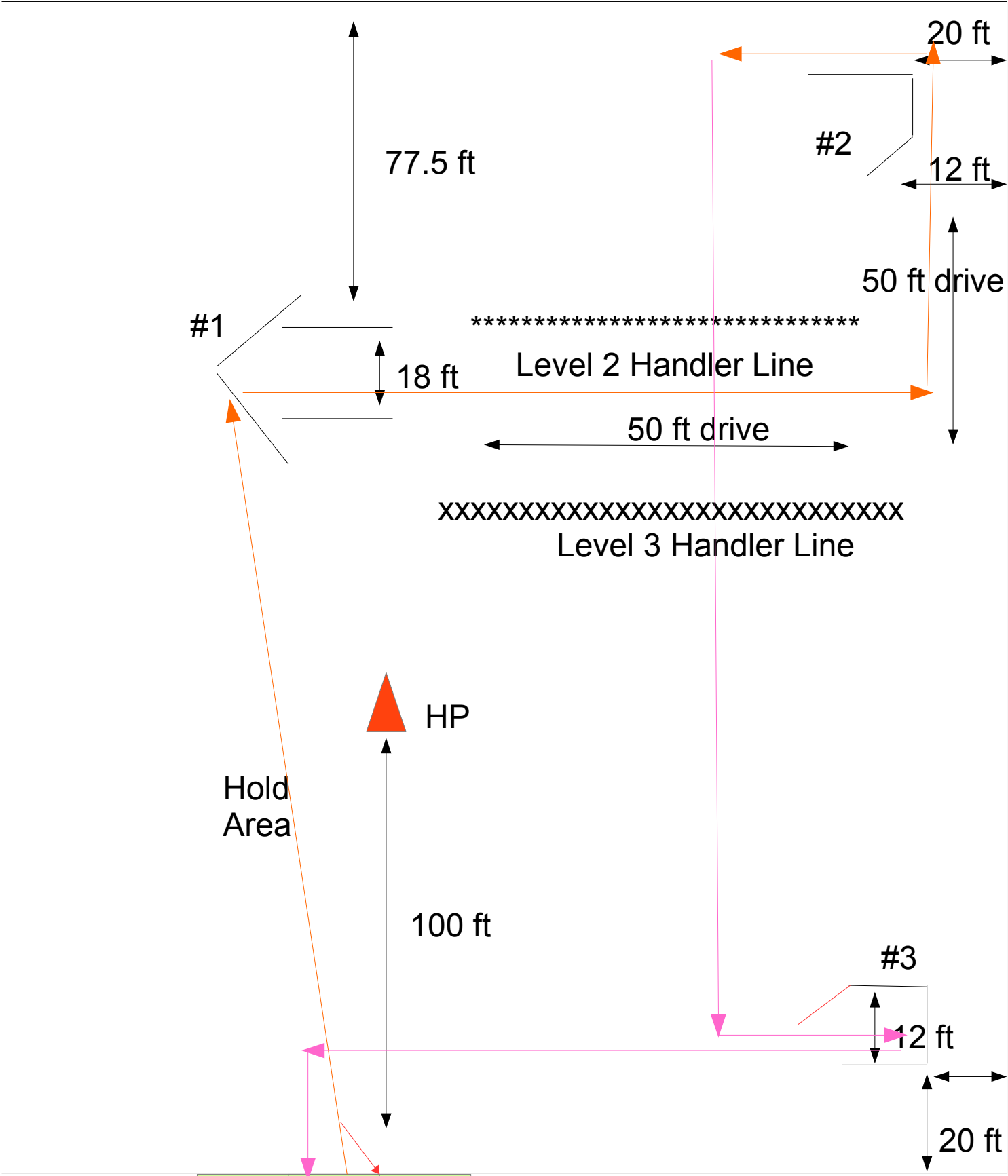
Closest lodging can be found at I-75/Emory Road exit. Other lodging can be found at the I-75/Clinton exit.

Directions

From the west and south take I-75 North to the Emory Road exit. Follow GPS.

From the east take I-40 to I-640 to the Broadway exit. Follow GPS.

From the north take I-75 south to the Emory Road exit. Follow GPS.



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HTAD Course #5 Mixed Flock Course

Allotted Class Time: 10 minutes Level 1 and 2, 12 minutes Level 3

HTAD Course #5 description (mixed flock- 2 sheep, 2 goats)

HTAD course #5 description sheep (4 head)

Course starts with take pen located on the north end of arena. Time starts when take pen gate is opened.

Take Pen: Stock is placed in take pen. All levels open gate to remove stock. Level II and III not allowed to enter the pen. Level I can assist dog by entering pen to remove stock. Gate is closed after last animal exits pen. Stock is taken to handlers post, marked with orange cone.

All levels can fetch or drive. Level I handlers can move anywhere on course but may not enter obstacles. Once stock passes the handlers post: level III handlers can move no further than north corner of green shed and handlers' line, marked with cone.; level II handlers can move to the south corner of green shed for obstacle 1.

Obstacle 1

The stock are taken from handlers post clockwise through the free-standing green shed. Level III handlers must remain 25' from the west corner of shed and can move toward the south perimeter fence. Level II handlers can move toward the south corner. Once stock exits green shed, level III handlers will remain in area north of green shed and drive toward the west side fence. The drive will continue south towards the L chute on south side of arena (total 100'). Level II will drive min 50' towards L chute with majority 20' off the fence. Level I may accompany stock to the entry of L chute. Level II handlers may not pass handlers line marked with cone.

L Chute

The stock are taken counter clockwise through the L chute at the north entrance and exit at the west end. Level I may accompany stock but not enter chute. Level 2 and 3 must remain behind designated handlers lines. When last animal exits the L chute, handlers may start walking to the free standing pen located at north end of arena.

Free standing 3 sided pen

Stock are penned and settled and wait for the judge to give “ok” to remove stock. All handlers may assist dog but not enter the pen.

Stock are then removed from pen and taken to hold area, located just north of handlers post.

Hold/sort

Stock are taken to hold area and settled. Judge will signal the end of hold for level 1 and 2. Level 1 and 2 will proceed to pen and re-pen stock. Level 3 will perform a ribbon pull and once pulled, will proceed to pen and re-pen stock. Run ends when the re-pen gate is closed after last animal enters pen.

IMPORTANT. READ THIS BEFORE SIGNING.

In consideration for participation in an event sanctioned by the American Herding Breed Association (AHBA), I agree to assume all responsibility for any claim, loss or damage, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, which may be caused at or near this event, either directly or indirectly, by me or the dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event. I further agree that I will hold the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents and members, Sycamore Creek Farm and Mitzi Claiborne harmless and defend them from any and all liability for any injury, claim, damage or loss, of whatever kind or nature, whether to person or property, caused at or near this event, whether directly or indirectly, by me or any dog I have entered in or brought to this event. I agree to indemnify the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents and members for any loss, cost or expense including attorneys' fees and costs, to which the AHBA, its officers, directors, agents or members might be subject as a result of any claim, suit, loss or damage caused in any way by any act or negligence on my part or on the part of any dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event. I acknowledge that while the AHBA may provide sanctioning for this event with regard to the issuing of titles, it does not have and does not exercise control over the conduct of the event or those present.

I CERTIFY and represent that the dog or dogs I have entered in or brought to this event is/are not a hazard to other dogs, other animals, or to people.

I CERTIFY that I am the actual owner of the dog or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owners whose name I have entered. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I (we) agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the AHBA in effect at the time of this Herding Test or Trial or both, and further agree to be bound by the agreement printed above. The entry is submitted on the foregoing representation and agreement.

Reimbursement of Livestock Agreement: I agree to pay the FULL cost of the current market value for any livestock who is terminated because of the actions of me or my dog(s) whether intentional or accidental. I agree to pay the FULL veterinary bill for any livestock injured resulting from the actions of me or my dog(s) whether intentional or accidental, up to the full cost of the current market value of the animal. (FULL MARKET VALUES: \$350.00 Sheep and \$450.00 Goats). **Please initial that you have read and understand this paragraph**_____

Signature of Owner &/or Agent:

Please enter one dog per Entry Form. **Please circle the trial and class and level you wish to enter.**

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Saturday: Mixed Sheep/Goats	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45
Saturday: Sheep	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45
Sunday: Mixed Sheep/Goats	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45
Sunday: Sheep	Class: HTAD	Level: 1 2 3	Fee: \$45

NOTE: A dog must be entered in the name of the person(s) who actually owns it at the time entries are made for the Herding Test or Trial.
A Registration and Registration number or Tracking Number must be included.

Actual owner(s):			
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
Country:			
Phone:		Email:	
Agent's name (if applicable):		Telephone (Agent only):	
Email (Agent only):			
Emergency Contact Name and Number:			
Full name of Dog:			
Registration Number OR Tracking Number:		Registry:	Date of Birth:
Place of Birth {} USA {} Canada Other			
Breed:		Variety:	Sex:
Breeder:			
Call Name:			