

Entry Form

Donkey and Mule Days at the Ozark Folk Center

870-269-3851, www.ozarkfolkcenter.com

Monday July 4th, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Drover name _____

Donkey _____ or Mule Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Emergency contact name _____ Phone number _____

Entering –

(entry fee \$10.00 per team, covers all 3 classes, entry fees are non-refundable)

_____ Mail Trail Course _____ Endurance Run _____ Talent Competition

Event description and rules –

Mail Trail – One person and one mule or donkey make up the team. It begins with the Handler and the saddled critter at the starting line. After the time keeper starts their watch, the “Postmaster” will hand the handler a bag of items. The handler then must lead the animal through a trail course of six obstacles picking up and dropping off the correct item at each obstacle. A helper is allowed to assist the handler at the starting line but may not venture out on to the course. The mule or donkey must complete each obstacle, which may involve going through gates, stepping over logs, walking through water, or backing around an item. Each obstacle is worth 10 points, finishing the course with the correct items in the pack is worth 10 points, general donkey or mule attitude is worth 10 points, handler attitude is worth 10 points and crossing the finish line without cussing is worth 10 points. There is a 5 minute limit on the course.

Endurance run - The handlers and animals start saddled and lined up at the starting line. Donkey or mule headgear will consist of a halter that fits properly and a lead rope of no more than 15 feet. Handlers must have control of their animals. Animals that kick will be disqualified. Each team will walk or run from the starting line in the lower parking lot at the Ozark Folk Center around the circle and to the finish line in front of the General Store. Critter and handler must cross the finish line connected by the lead rope.

Talent competition – Show off what you and your long-eared critter do best. Sing together, look beautiful, plow a furrow or pull a cart. Judging will be based on audience response and judge’s opinion. Judges decisions are final.

Your critter’s talent _____.

Bribing your critters, by use of treats, grain, or any other reasonable means to acquire cooperation of your critter, is not only encouraged, but expected, in order to keep the show moving. This rule also applies to the human handlers.

Photo and Publicity Release

I, _____ permit the Ozark Folk Center to use my picture or likeness and the picture or likeness of my donkey or mule, my name, and biography for purposes of promoting the Ozark Folk Center and its programs.

Warning - Under Arkansas law, an equine activity sponsor is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities.