WORLD EQUESTRIAN CENTER

In this month's newsletter, you'll find all the information you need to know for both World Equestrian Center and Ocala Stables.

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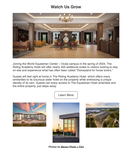

Joining the Winter Equestrian Festival – Ocala Lessons in the spring of 2026, The Equestrian Center at Ocala Stables is a boutique equestrian facility dedicated to personalized care and experience and has often been called "Disneyland for horse books."

Guests will feel at home in our Pine Rating Academy Stalls, which offer a cozy environment with ample space for rest and recovery. The stalls are designed with the dignity of its users. Guests can enjoy access to The Equestrian Hotel amenities and the WEC Equestrian Center, only steps away.

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As showcase at WEC – Ocala moves into the prime of the 2026 season, riders, trainers and spectators are being treated to a venue that blends world-class competition with a vibrant lifestyle. The new Grand at Ocala hub is emerging as a destination for equestrian enthusiasts, offering a seamless blend of sport, wellness and hospitality. The venue's layout is designed to encourage connections as well as offer another experience, whether a relaxed environment with daily training for amateurs and professionals or a day spent watching the sport from the grandstands, guests have come to observed showcase setting.

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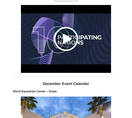
Get Ready for the Longines League of Nations™



The North American qualifier of the Longines League of Nations™ will be held at World Equestrian Center – Ocala from April 16-19, 2026.

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December Event Calendar

World Equestrian Center – Ocala:

Winter Wonderland, November 29-December 31 - With over one million sparkling lights, the Winter Wonderland at WEC – Ocala is the ultimate holiday destination for all ages. Guests can enjoy a walk-in light tunnel, the Grand Lighting Ceremony and spectacular show stopping features for the season, including a walk through Gingerbread Village and a visit with Santa and his reindeer in the Barn.

Meet the team Dubai Duty and admire the spots, tails, and crazy hairdo's at Dalmatian Day, December 6 - Dalmatians are known for their boundless energy, playfulness and cheery personalities. Don't miss the heartwarming and eye-popping breed showcase and Disney guest appearance.

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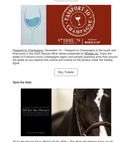
There will be a DJ spinning tracks per vehicle from Noon to through Thursday and a $50 Amazon gift card will be given to the best dressed vehicle. Admission is free and open to all 21+ during the Winter Wonderland event. Additional information can be found on www.worldequestriancenter.com.



WEC Equestrian Sport Horse Stallion Auction and Dressage Sport Horse Auction, December 13 - WEC's Equestrian Center will host an exclusive auction of sport horse stallions and dressage sport horses. Bidding will be open to the public and will take place in the Equestrian Center's Grand Ballroom. Guests will have the opportunity to view the horses in person and place bids on-site or online. Attendees will enjoy a refined atmosphere with light refreshments and complimentary access to the Equestrian Hotel and its amenities. Don't miss the heartwarming and eye-popping breed showcase and Disney guest appearance.

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The last horse, Staff Sergeant Rackley, is owned by World Equestrian Center with proceeds from the auction benefiting the Wounded Warrior Project. Bidding will be open to the public and will take place in the Equestrian Center's Grand Ballroom.

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Flatwood to Christmas, December 6 - Presented by Flatwood to the Church and the Equestrian Club of Ocala, this festive celebration kicks off at 5:00 PM with the ceremonial lighting of Ocala's iconic Christmas tree, followed by a vibrant parade featuring more than 50 floats, marching bands and Santa's sleigh. Flatwood to Christmas is a family-friendly event with a strong focus on community spirit and holiday tradition.

Buy Tickets

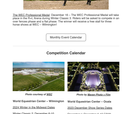
Save the Date:

All for the Horse Expo, March 22-24, 2026 – The All for the Horse Expo, an all-breed equestrian celebration, returns to World Equestrian Center – Ocala for a weekend of horse-focused activities, expert clinics, vendor exhibits and community engagement. Hosted by the Ocala Horse Council, the event brings together horse owners and trainers from across the state for hands-on learning and a day dedicated to the horse and the people who care for them.

Vendors interested in attending in 2026 are encouraged to apply early as space is limited. All vendors must apply, respect and discipline of the equestrian markets are important to the overall experience. For more information and application, contact info@allforthehorseexpo.com.

Vendor Application

World Equestrian Center – Wilmington:



Christmas Train, December 6 - Take the exercise with a turn right of mind.

Holiday Reading Contest, December 6 - Parade your horse into Vendor Village to read a Christmas story.

Santa Paws, December 13 - Always your one-horse-drawn-sleigh-loving horse, or a gift for the exercise!

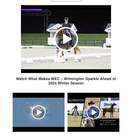
International Horse Shoeing Competition, December 14-16 - Pro or Amateur, this competition is open to all shoeing enthusiasts. Hosted by Ryan Ward, the shoeing tech has devised straightforward hacks to the Platinum Cup on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14 at the Wilmington Equestrian Center. Visit the WEC Pavilion Hours, Exclusive Tasting Hours and Wine Wednesday Tasting Hours are available at the Wilmington Equestrian Center.

El ZED 100 Christmas Special, Dashing Dark Horse Cake Tower, December 13-14 - Stop by the Wilmington Equestrian Center on Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14 to bring Santa's Dashing Dark Horse, a unique and fun use of a 100% horse-and-rider pattern in a cake tower.

The WEC Professional Medal, December 18 - The WEC Professional Medal will take place on Thursday, December 18 at the Wilmington Equestrian Center. Spectators will be able to watch the medal class and pick up the venue's final week of free-ride-in-hand time. Visit the venue's website for more information.

Monthly Event Calendar

Competition Calendar



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World Equestrian Center – Wilmington

2025 Winter-to-Wire Hybrids Dates

Winter Classic 1: December 8-13
Winter Classic 2: December 15-20
Winter Classic 3: January 5-11
Winter Classic 4: January 12-18
Winter Classic 5: January 19-25
Winter Classic 6: January 26-31
Winter Classic 7: February 2-8
Winter Classic 8: February 9-15
Winter Classic 9: February 16-22
Winter Classic 10: February 23-March 1
Winter Classic 11: March 2-8
Winter Classic 12: March 9-15
Winter Classic 13: March 16-22
Winter Classic 14: March 23-29

Winter to the Midwest Prize List

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World Equestrian Center – Ocala

2025 December Show Series Dates

December 1 - December 6: H/J/SJ/P
December 8 - December 13: H/J/SJ/P/Equitation

December Prize List

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Winter Spectacular Prize List

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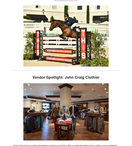
Watch What Makes WEC – Wilmington Sparkle Ahead of 2026 Winter Season



December Grand Prix Dining Experience at World Equestrian Center – Ocala

World Equestrian Center – Ocala invites equestrians to join for a delicious dining experience on the grounds of the Grand Prix ring. Guests will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Wheels Up during the 2025 December Series on December 6-11.

- December 6: 2025 Wheels Up Grand Prix Dinner
- December 10-11: 2025 Ocala Coast Equipment Grand Prix FEI CSI2*

Purchase Tickets

Sponsor of the Month: Taylor, Harris Insurance Services

Taylor, Harris Insurance Services (THIS), has the sponsor of the 1 also. Located outside of WEC – Ocala, was founded in 1987 to provide personal insurance coverage to all types of equine life. THIS places its policies with the highest rated and most secure insurance companies in the industry. Their equine insurance policies are tailored to the specific needs of each horse owner, ensuring comprehensive coverage that aligns with individual requirements. The company's dedication to excellence has earned it a reputation for reliable service and expertise in the equine insurance industry. With a team of professionals, the dedicated to this, and European markets, THIS has policies that cover horses worldwide and deliver personal service.

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Vendor Spotlight: John Craig Clothier

John Craig provides exclusive accessories to the equestrian lover with unmatched quality and attention to detail. Their collection includes premium leather goods and customized to feel at home and comfortable as they ship with associates who become regular shoppers.

UF Veterinary Hospital at World Equestrian Center – Ocala Offers Equine Rehabilitation Services

The equine veterinarians at the UF Veterinary Hospital at World Equestrian Center – Ocala are board-certified specialists in equine medicine, surgery, and rehabilitation. The team includes veterinarians with advanced training in equine orthopedics and sports medicine, ensuring horses receive care from specialists who understand both performance and recovery. The facility is equipped with advanced diagnostic and treatment tools to support precise and effective care.

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World Equestrian Center in the News

The Travel | The Equine Chronicle | Forbes

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About World Equestrian Center

World Equestrian Center Ocala features two permit equestrian and multidisciplinary facilities, including a 200-acre equestrian park.

These exclusive facilities comprise state-of-the-art equine medical facilities, including a cardiac center, gaming fields and well-appointed operation centers. An equestrian park with a variety of amenities, including a boutique equestrian hotel, a spa, dining, and shopping and a 200-acre