

WELCOME TO WICHITA FALLS!

The hard-working (but fun-loving) members of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metro Golden Retriever Club, and many people across the country (and Canada!) who have worked hard to present this National Specialty, are pleased to be your hosts for the 2013 GRCA National Specialty. After three years of planning, the big event is here! We hope everyone has a great time catching up with old friends, meeting new ones, soaking up information and, most important, showing off your beautiful and talented dogs.

When we announced the 2013 was going to be in Wichita Falls, we got a lot of, “Huh?” “Wichita, Kansas?” “Where the %^& is that?” We think everyone will know all about how wonderful Wichita Falls, Texas is once they visit and enjoy all the amenities available.

The BEST amenity they have to offer is the MPEC (Multi-Purpose Event Center)! What a fabulous site for a National Specialty the size of ours! Everything is indoors – inside a beautiful campus of buildings. There is LOTS of grooming space, LOTS of crating space for all the performance events, and lots of meeting rooms. There’s the incredible Kay Yeager Coliseum for the conformation rings. The vendors get to not only be inside, but on the same floor as the conformation rings. We can also have some vendors in the Agility and Rally/Obedience areas. There are over 500 RV spots with water and electric hookups! Everything we could ever want! It’s truly a fabulous facility!

The maps included in this guide will provide further details about the MPEC and the City of Wichita Falls.

As a little trivia, Wichita Falls, Texas is within 10 miles of the exact centerline of the United States! So, neither coast can say we’re playing favorites!

There is a lot to do in Wichita Falls – lots of restaurants, parks, and shopping... Plus there are two casinos about 15 minutes away over the Oklahoma border.

We had a very slight change in our tracking and field events (WC/WCX and Field Trial) locations. We are still less than 30 minutes away from the MPEC, but we are now at Jeff and Sharon Fitts’ property just outside of Henrietta, TX. Tracking will be 2.5 miles north of Henrietta. The Field Events (WC/WCX and Field Trial) will be 4.5 miles south of Henrietta. We truly appreciate Sharon and Jeff Fitts for allowing us to invade their property for the better part of a week. We promise to be respectful and leave it the same as we find it.

We’re sincerely appreciative of the City of Wichita Falls, the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Macon Boddy and Charles Bearden for the use of their facilities. We thank all the judges of the numerous events for giving their time and expertise to evaluate our dogs. We are exceedingly grateful to all the volunteers who help make National Week run smoothly. And thanks to you, the exhibitors, for coming with your dogs. We wish you every success!

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