



The 88th Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration 2026 Events and Activities At-A-Glance

Wednesday, August 26

Kickoff of the 88th Annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration

Blue Ribbon Circle Club

Open daily from 6:00 PM until one hour after horse show ends.

Friday, August 28

First-Time Exhibitors Group Photo - Ribbon & group photo for all first-time show participants
6:30 PM in Center Ring

Wild West Celebration

Dress-up contests: Cowboy, Cowgirl, Youth, and Youth Farm Hands Group

Sponsors and prizes from Double B Boots, Twisted X and Brittany Hoaglin

Submit photos by 10:00 PM with hashtag #wildwestcelebration

Saturday, August 29

Corporate Sponsors Party (By Invitation Only)

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Blue Ribbon Circle Club

Celebration Hat Night

Wear your best derby hat to win the “Best in Show Hat” Award

Winner will receive a gift certificate by J. Jordan Boutique

Submit photos by 10:00 PM with hashtag #hatnightcelebration

Live Entertainment After the Show: Singer/Songwriter Duo – Jessie Wilson & Timothy Baker

Blue Ribbon Circle Club (*Membership required*)

Sunday, August 30

Celebration Shootout Golf Tournament

9:00 AM Shotgun Start at Riverbend Country Club, Shelbyville, TN

Contact Jessica Wells: (931) 212-3791

Stable Judging Contest

9:00 AM - Drive around the grounds and see all the beautiful barns and creative decorating!

Awards are sponsored by K & B Acres, Bryce and Kala Burgett



Sunday, August 30 (Continued)

TWHBEA Lunch with the Legends

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Hall of Fame Club

FREE and open to all youth

WHT Auxiliary Dog Show

1:00 PM - Champions Arena

Celebration Worship Service

5:30 PM – Celebration Arena, North Turn

Presented by the Bedford County Ministerial Association with Pastor Dan Asche

Singing by The Huffer Brothers

Monday, August 31

Fan Appreciation Dollar Night

\$1 General Admission tickets and select \$1 items at concession stands

Tuesday, September 1

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Wednesday, September 2

Pink Night – World Champions Wear Pink in support of Bedford Cancer Foundation

Best Dressed wins a gift certificate to the Palomino Hat Bar

Submit photos by 10:00 PM with hashtag #PinkCelebration

Thursday, September 3

Throwback Thursday – Championship Night

Trivia & old-time music and WGC rider recognition

Sponsored by ServPro "Team Ridner" serving Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore, Franklin and Warren Counties

Friday, September 4

Youth "Behind the Scenes" Experience

12:30 PM – Sponsored by TWHYA

Registration is encouraged at www.TWHBEA.com/backstage or calling 931/359-1574



Friday, September 4 (Continued)

Patriotic Night, Celebrating America 250 – Championship Night Military & First Responders Appreciation Night

Wear patriotic colors to honor country, military, and first responders as we celebrate America's 250 Birthday

Special guest performers – Singer/songwriter Jody McBrayer and Trick Rider, Emma Jo Eversole

Live Entertainment After the Show: Entice Band

Blue Ribbon Circle Club (*Membership required*)

Saturday, September 5

Stick Horse Championship for ages 7 and under - First class of the final night!

Entry Deadline: Wednesday, Sept. 2 @ 8:00 PM

All participants receive a ribbon and prize

Stick Horse Sponsors: Sugar Creek Farm and Creek View Stables

Crowning of the 2026 World Grand Champion