



2004 F.E.I. CHILDREN'S INTERNATIONAL JUMPING FINAL

A Week of Excitement, Fun & World Class Sport! November 22 - 28, 2004 At Hummingbird Nest, Simi Valley, California.

California Here We Come!

Simi Valley, California, July 6, 2004.— For the first time in the history of the International Equestrian Federation's world wide jumping competition for children, the final will take place in sunny California—the same US state which was also chosen by the United States Equestrian Federation to host both Olympic selection trials for dressage and jumping in 2004.

Twenty five qualifiers are being staged this year throughout North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, India and Australia, involving hundreds of children aged between 12 and 14, to decide the 32 finalists who will make their way to one of the most impressive venues the international sport has to offer.

Hummingbird Nest Ranch

Hummingbird Nest is a 140 acre world class equestrian facility located within the Simi Valley Park District in southern California. With its breathtaking mountain views, beautiful landscaping and spectacular clubhouse overlooking an international size Grand Prix arena, it is the perfect setting for this prestigious competition which annually showcases the talents of the future generation of Olympians.

But sport is not the only thing on the agenda during the week the finalists have to prepare their horses and compete. The philosophy of the Children's Final extends far beyond the realms of the competition arena. Camaraderie and sportsmanship are valued as is the opportunity for these children to visit a new land and make new friends and have a bucket load of fun!

And everyone can rest assured that no stone has been left unturned in this department thanks to the efforts of organizers David and Suzanne Saperstein and their team who have arranged Theme Park tours, a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, barbecues, discos and visits to Beverly Hills and Hollywood.

10,000 Visitors Expected for Opening and Closing Day Ceremonies

On November 27 and 28 Hummingbird Nest will open its gates to the public to join in the opening and closing ceremonies of the FEI Children's Final which will include performances by the world renowned UCLA marching band. Countless activities have been planned for the whole family on both days. Visitors can enjoy wagon rides, rodeo displays, sky-diving shows, games, art classes, an art exhibition and craft

fair, vintage cars, live music from jazz to Beatles and much more.

Also planned is an appreciation barbeque in honor of the firemen who fought the bush fires which threatened to destroy so much of the area around Los Angeles last summer.

Children's Hospital to Benefit

The FEI 2004 Children's International Jumping Final is a charity event benefiting the Mattel Children's Hospital at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA).

Sponsors

To reflect the world wide interest in this event sponsors include HBO, Deutsche Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Goldman Sachs and Credit Suisse.

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