



# AERC Convention 2024

February 23 & 24, 2024

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque • Albuquerque, New Mexico**

We're thrilled to be heading to New Mexico for the 2024 AERC convention! The host hotel is a perfect venue for an action-packed two days of all things endurance. Hope you will join in the fun on February 23 & 24, 2024, at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque.

There will be in-person shopping with the always-fabulous trade show, and seminars to appeal to both your scientific and sentimental sides. The 2024 convention will feature both new and favorite returning speakers. Friday afternoon we'll honor the regional award winners, followed by a dance party on Friday night. The convention will culminate in the national awards banquet on Saturday night.

## [Easy online registration with this link!](#)

Sign up by February 10 to receive the lowest seminar prices  
and to reserve your banquet tickets.

Reserve your hotel room by JANUARY 28, 2024 to receive the AERC group discount.  
Call to reserve: 800-362-2779 (be sure to ask for the American Endurance Ride rate)  
or make your **reservation online**.

See [AERC.org/Convention](https://AERC.org/Convention) for more information about hotel dates and rates.

Thanks! Hope to see you there! Kathleen, Troy and Giulia



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# 2024 Convention Seminars

*Tentative Schedule • Subject to change*

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**Friday, February 23, 2024**

**9:00-10:30 am: Langdon Fielding, DVM,  
MBA, DACVECC, DACVSMR**

Dr. Fielding, of Loomis Basin Equine Medical Center in California, will be speaking on **common trail emergencies relating to endurance horses.**

**10:45-11:45 am: Trisha Dowling, DVM, MSc, DACVIM, DACVCP**

Dr. Dowling is a professor in the Western College of Veterinary Medicine in the Department of Veterinary Biomedical Sciences. She specializes in **equine pharmacology issues.** (Exact topic TBA.)

**1:30-2:30 pm: Greg Doctor, MD**

A basic knowledge of wilderness first aid is a necessity for endurance riders – a lot can happen on the trail! Learn from current wilderness Medicine Fellow and Emergency Medicine Physician Greg Doctor, MD, of the University of New Mexico School of Medicine's International Mountain Medicine Center.

**3:00-4:00 pm: Deirdre Monroe**

What can you do to build and preserve trails and **get a seat at the trails planning table**? Deirdre Monroe has worked extensively in New Mexico to plan, map, and expand trails; she and Marsha Hayes of Kansas will discuss how to build relationships that put equestrians at the table on trails issues.

**Saturday, February 24, 2024**

**8:30-10:00 am: Jeanette Mero, DVM**

Co-chair of AERC's Veterinary Committee, Dr. Jay Mero will be speaking on **tying up aka exertional rhabdomyolysis** — severe cramping that may happen after exercise. Learn the latest information for prevention and treatment. .

**11:00 am-12:20 pm • General Session**

**1:00-2:30 pm: Katrin Silva**

A trainer for 30 years, Katrin Silva will discuss **dressage for endurance.** She is the author of "Dressage for All of Us" and "Ride With Feel: A Guide for the Rest of Us" and competes and coaches various dressage disciplines.

**3:00-4:30 pm**

**Susan Garlinghouse, DVM**

**"Beating the Hitch in the Giddyup"** will focus on managing arthritis in distance horses. Learn how to proactively manage the effects of inflammation and concussion before they turn into career-ending arthritis.

**HOT TOPICS 7:00-8:30 am both mornings (free!)**

# **But wait . . . there's more!**

## **Shopping opportunities**

### **Vendors galore at the trade show!**

One of the main highlights of the convention is seeing the latest in endurance and related gear, presented by a wide variety of vendors. We've built in plenty of time in between sessions so you can peruse each booth and visit and shop, so you can deck yourself and your horse out in grand style this season!

### **The Tack Swap!**

A favorite of convention attendees, this is a great way to scoop up bargain gear and sell items you no longer need. Each sale benefits AERC, as 10% or \$1, whichever is greater, goes to the organization. Bring your endurance-related items to convention, set your price, and be sure to spend your earnings at the trade show!

### **Friday Night Dance**

The Friday night dance is just for fun and all ages are welcome. The music is always danceable – we're still checking out local bands and DJs and will let everyone know soon who will be providing the musical entertainment.

### **Raffles – National & Regional**

Your raffle tickets can be put towards the nine regional raffles and the mega-fabulous national raffle — tickets are \$1 each. Buy plenty and you'll have a chance to win great prizes and even AERC ride entries!

## **Award Ceremonies**

### **Regional Awards**

We'll all be whooping and hollering for regional award winners on Friday evening at this fun, casual ceremony. (And the cheering gets REALLY loud when there are junior riders announced!) Come for this exuberant exhibition of endurance celebration after the seminars close on Friday night and before the dance party begins.

### **National Awards**

The convention culminates with the national awards banquet on Saturday evening. All national award winners, both endurance and limited distance, are recognized and high-mileage equines and riders are honored. There are breed association awards and, of course, the highlight of the evening is the bestowing of top honors including Pard'ners Award and the Hall of Fame honors.

## **NATRC**

The North American Trail Ride Conference is hosting its 2024 convention the same weekend as AERC's at a different Albuquerque hotel, but expect to see some trail-riding folks at the trade show and at other AERC happenings.

## **Just for Juniors and Young Riders**

Sign up for the Friday get-together (11am to 2pm) for all riders under 22! The JR/YR Committee has a fun session just for you! There will be a panel discussion with guest speakers, a pizza lunch, a movie and free raffle prizes, all for \$10. Sign up on the registration form and we'll see you on February 23!

## **About the hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton**



The Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque, renovated in 2023, is centrally located in Albuquerque and has 261 spacious two-room suites that include a microwave, refrigerator, two televisions, and a coffeemaker. Enjoy a free made-to-order breakfast and complimentary evening reception at this all-suites, non-smoking hotel with an indoor pool. The hotel is just two miles from the Albuquerque airport (sorry, no shuttle) and a half-mile from the city center. Parking is free for those who register as AERC guests.

Link to:

[Embassy Suites by Hilton Albuquerque room reservations](#)

## **See you in Albuquerque! Questions? Call 866-271-2372**