

Hotel Headquarters and Room Reservations

The Holiday Inn just off Interstate 94 in Alexandria will be our headquarters. This will also be the show site. It has a pool, whirlpool/sauna, kiddie pool, indoor/outdoor volleyball, video arcade, Isabella's Restaurant, Adventures Bar, and a fitness center. The number to call is (320) 763-6577. Please mention the dog show when you call. Another motel in the area that accepts dogs is the Super 8 (307) 886-9891. Reservations should be made by August 1st.

RV's must park in rear. There is a \$25 fee if it stays overnight. There are no hookups available.

Be a Considerate Guest

There will be ample areas to exercise your dog on the grounds. Some areas may be marked off limits but please use your common sense about where to allow your dog to eliminate. Plastic bags, buckets, and scoopers will be provided.

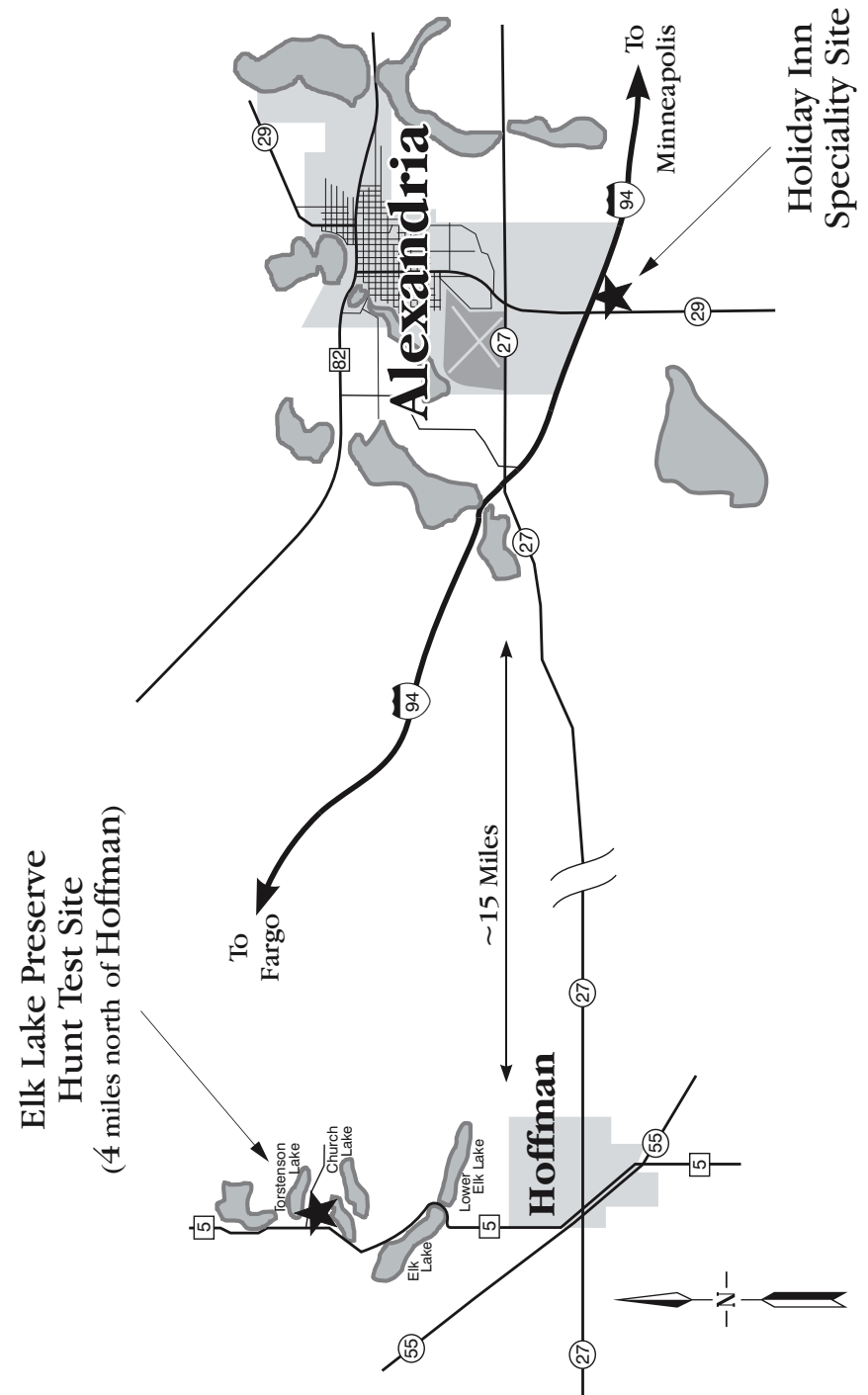
Dogs left in rooms must be crated. Make every effort to see to it that your dog does not disturb other guests. Barking dogs may have to be removed from the hotel. Please remember that AKC allows disciplinary actions against exhibitors who fail to take proper care of dog show sites and hotels.

Campgrounds

Campgrounds in the area include Bigfoot Resort on State Highway 114 (320) 283-5533 or (888) 239-2512 (www.bigfootresort.com) and Lake Reno Resorts 10583 State Highway 29 (866) 775-7366, (328) 283-5667, (www.lakerenoresort.net). Please call for additional information. Elk Lake Preserve near Hoffman, MN has RV hookups (320) 986-2200 (www.elklakepreserve.com).

Air Travel

Air service is available into Fargo, ND (110 miles - Northwest Airlines United and Frontier) or Minneapolis, MN (131 miles - all major airlines). Car rental is available at all these airports.



Schedule

Wednesday, August 5th

After 3:00 p.m. Check in
7:00 p.m. Seminar at the Holiday Inn
Reproduction and Health Presentation

Thursday, August 6th

8:00 a.m. Specialty at the Holiday Inn - see
..... Judging Program for exact times.
Noon time Lunch on your own - restaurant on site
6:30 p.m. Social Hour - Cash Bar
7:30 p.m. Awards Banquet at the Holiday Inn
..... Followed by - Awards and Brown Bag Raffle

Friday, August 7th at Elk Lake Preserve

7:30 a.m. Roustabout check-in
8:00 a.m. Roustabout
10:00 a.m. Water Derby
12:00 p.m. Scheduled Lunch
1:00 -4:00 pm .. CHIC blood draw
1:00 p.m. Junior/Youth Field Handling
Water Derby
..... Supper on your own
7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn

Saturday, August 8th at Elk Lake Preserve

7:00 a.m. Hunt Test check-in
7:30 a.m. Mandatory Judges' Meeting
8:00 a.m. Hunt Tests
12:00 p.m. Scheduled Lunch

Saturday, August 8th at Holiday Inn

6:30 p.m. Social Hour - Cash Bar
7:30 p.m. Buffet dinner at the Holiday Inn
..... followed by Annual Auction

Sunday, August 9th at Elk Lake Preserve

7:00 a.m. Hunt Test check-in
7:30 a.m. Mandatory Judges' Meeting
8:00 a.m. Hunt Tests
11:00 a.m. Scheduled Lunch

Events

Opening - Wednesday, August 5

Welcome table after 3 p.m.

Reproduction and Health Seminar - August 5

Everyone is welcome to this educational evening presentation by Drs Jim and Ann Winsor, co-owners of Inver Grove Heights Animal Hospital, since 1987. They have a large, vibrant practice and both have a professional interest in veterinary reproduction. The Winsors are featured speakers at many breed clubs in the Midwest and have a mobile sperm-collection unit to support their AKC-approved canine sperm bank storage facility. You will be sure to learn a lot and enjoy their presentation.

Event underwritten by H&G Calendar-sales funds.

Specialty - August 6

The show will be held indoors at the Holiday Inn. Indoor grooming space and electrical outlets will be available. Our judges are: Marsha Hall Brown - conformation; Ms. Diane L Malenfant-junior showmanship and sweepstakes; Mr. Dan Herald - obedience and rally.

The tentative plan for judging is to start with obedience, followed by rally and then puppy sweepstakes. We will then break for lunch. Junior showmanship will start off the afternoon with conformation to follow. Schedule with starting times will be in the judging schedule and on the web site. Our show secretary is: Ariell Works LLC, James Hardin, sec, 2603 Ridge Rd., Custer, WI 54423-4910 phone: 715-592-4618 ariellworks@wi-net.com. If you do not receive a premium list by the end of June, please contact him by mail. The closing date is July 15, 2009.

Social Hour and Awards Event - August 6

The Annual Awards Event will be held Thursday night, August 6th at 7:30 P.M. at the Holiday Inn. The Social Hour will start at 6:30 P.M. See meal form for choices and prices. Fill out the reservation form, indicate dinner desired, and send with your check to Teresa Marley by July 10th.

Brown Bag Raffle - August 6

The Brown Bag Raffle will be held the night of the Awards Dinner - Thursday, August 6th. Tickets will be sold during the social hour. The

club solicits from commercial concerns and we need your contribution, too. Contact some of the businesses that you frequent and ask them to make a contribution.

All contributors will be listed in the fall issue of the AWS Review. To pledge your contribution, send the Raffle and Auction Donation Pledge Form to Janice Heck by July 29th. The auction of larger items will be held in conjunction with different events. Please make your donation to the general fund of the club by contributing items for this event.

New This Year - The Auctions of the larger donated items will be held in conjunction with each days' listed events. Don't miss these events; there will be some great items.

Lunches

Lunches will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the hunt test site (Elk Lake Preserve). Reservations and prepayment for each lunch are required. Send your reservation to:
Teresa Marley by July 10th.

Roustabout - August 7

The Roustabout will start at 8:00 A.M. Friday, August 7th (7:30 check in). It is a fun event that simulates an upland game hunt. It is a 20 minute hunt consisting of two gunners who each have only 3 shells, one AWS and 3 planted birds. It is a timed event that gives you credit for unused time and shells, and for birds flushed, shot, and retrieved. Pre-entry is required by July 15th. NO gate entries allowed. Entry fee is \$55.

Water Derby - August 7

Water Derby begins 2 hours after the Roustabout starts and continues until 1 hour after the Roustabout ends. Teams of 2 dogs will make timed water retrieves. The fastest team wins. Entry fee is \$5.00 collected at the time of the event. You may enter multiple times with anyone the day of the event to find the fastest team.

CHIC Blood Draw - August 7

The Health and Genetics Committee is sponsoring a blood draw to add DNA samples from AWS dogs to the Canine Health Information Center (CHIC) DNA Repository. Low cost - only \$10 per dog!!

Please participate in the CHIC DNA repository. It is a centralized location for all breeds and can store enough DNA so that researchers

and breeders will have it when they need it in the future. Every dog is important because even if a dog has no health problems, it might be related to another dog in a study someday. In familial studies, each sample increases the value of the others.

More info at AWSC website, the May AWS Review and booklet page 11.

Youth / Junior Field Handling - August 7

This event will be for juniors 16 and under. The test will be the same as the Started Dog Test using pigeons instead of chukars. There is no entry fee for this event, but you must pre-enter by July 15th to be listed in the catalog. Prizes will be awarded.

Annual Meeting - August 7

The Annual meeting will be held on Friday, August 7th at the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN.

AWSC, Inc. Hunt Tests and Retrieving Certification Tests- August 8 and 9

The AWSC Hunt Tests and Retrieving Certification Tests will be held on Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th at the Elk Lake Preserve in Hoffman, MN. Starting time is 8:00 A.M. with a mandatory judges meeting at 7:30 A.M. Check-in starts at 7:00 A.M.

Single copies of the latest editions of the 'Rules and Regulations for AWSC, Inc. Hunt Tests' or the 'Retrieving Certification Tests' may be obtained by sending a check made out to AWSC, Inc. for \$2.00 to cover shipping and handling charge (total for either one or both books) to: Steve O'Neal, 2324 Baum Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23322 or you may download these from the AWSC, Inc. web site: <http://www.american-waterspanielclub.org>

Limited gate entries may be available depending on bird supply, weather, and time limitations. We strongly encourage you to register by the closing date of July 15th to be assured a spot and to be listed in the catalog. Any entry received after the closing date will be considered a gate entry and an additional \$5.00 fee will be added. The drawing for running order will be held July 15th at 7:00 P.M. at the home of Patricia St. Onge.

Canine Good Citizen

Check the club web site or the July Review for updates. At the time of printing this was not finalized.

Other Information

Shirts Will Be Available

Pre-order your 2009 National Specialty shirts to get the special pricing. Only a very limited number will be available at the Nationals. Complete your order form and mail to Sharon Mann by July 8, 2009.

Catalog Advertising

Ads may be placed in either the Specialty or Hunt Test Catalog. To place your ads, please use the enclosed form. The deadline for receiving ads is July 8th. For further information contact Jim Hardin at (715) 592-4618. To insure the placement you want, send your form in early.

Trophy Donations

The trophies this year are by Chimes Of Your Life with a beautiful bronze silhouette of an AWS. To make a donation, fill out the Trophy Donation form and send it, along with your check made out to the AWSC, to Linda Hattrem, 7375 Bayport Ave, Sparta, WI 54656, by July 15th. If you need more information, call Linda Hattrem at 608-272-3908. Please choose your level of donation.

Veterinarian

Lake Region Veterinary Center, LTD, 1210 East Highway 79, Elbow Lake, MN 56531 1-800-585-5782 - closest to hunt test site.

Douglas Co. Animal Hospital, 3201 Hwy 29 S., Alexandria, MN 320-762-1575 and Nordic Veterinary Service, Hwy 55 - PO Box 52, Hoffman, MN 320-986-2073 - closest to motel & show site.

Kennels

If you plan to vacation in the area and want a place to board your dog, Douglas County Animal Hospital is also a boarding kennel. (See above) It is located just 1/2 mile north of the Holiday Inn on Hwy 29 on the east side of the road.

Hospital

Douglas County Hospital, 111 17 Ave. E. Alexandria, MN 320-762-1511. Emergency Room 320-762-6000.

Show Photographer

Greg Vieregge of Images Forever, 5448 Rockwood Ln SW, Alexandria, MN. 320-763-7265 <http://www.images-forever.com>.

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Forms Deadlines

Shirt & Sweatshirt orders	July 8th
Advertisement Form	July 8th
Meal Reservations	July 10th
CHIC	July 15th
Hunt Test Entries	July 15th
Photo Contest Pre-entries	July 15th
Specialty (not in this brochure)	July 15th
Trophy Form	July 15th
Roustabout	July 15th
Youth / Jr. Field Handler	July 15th
Water Derby	July 15th
Brown Bag Raffle and Auction	July 29th
State Basket Auction	July 29th

Note about forms

The pages that follow contain the forms that you will need to fill out to enter the various events planned for the 2009 AWSC Nationals. Please make copies of these forms; there is only one of each in this brochure or visit www.americanwaterspanielclub.org for extra copies. Be sure that you have a copy of the Agreement on the back of each hunt test form and send it with your entry.

Club Officers

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Area Attractions

Recreation and Lifestyle

Over 31,000 people now call the Alexandria Lakes Area home, making it one of the largest communities in West Central Minnesota. With over 300 lakes formed by receding glaciers, the Alexandria Lakes Area offers a scenic contrast of lakes, rivers, forests, meadows and rolling hills.

Lake Carlos State Park

Lake Carlos State Park is located only a few miles North of Alexandria on Highway 29. The 1305-acre park, located on Lake Carlos, offers year round opportunities to experience nature. It offers visitors a beautiful setting of rolling hills, hardwood forests, grassy meadows, prairies and a nice beach. Lake Carlos State Park includes several miles of hiking trails, horseback riding trails, cross-country ski and snowmobile trails.

Inspiration Peak

One of the most outstanding views in the lakes area is from the top of Inspiration Peak, north west of Alexandria. "The Peak", the highest point in North Central Minnesota, rewards those who hike to her top with an outstanding view of area lakes and the rolling countryside. It is located four miles North of Millerville on County Road 5.

The Kensington Runestone

Controversy has surrounded the Kensington Runestone since its discovery in 1898. The Runestone is a written record of 8 Goths (Swedes) and 22 Norsemen (Norwegians) on a "journey of exploration" in 1362 AD. Ever since its discovery in 1898 by homesteader, Olaf Ohman, the Kensington Runestone has been an enigma. Greeted initially with skepticism, the stone with Old Norse runes (an ancient alphabet used since before Viking times) was not fully understood by experts at the time and, therefore, considered a contemporary forgery. Enough is now known to prove the Kensington Runestone is an authentic record of Norsemen journeying through present-day Minnesota in 1362 AD - 130 years before Columbus! Come see this amazing artifact called by the Smithsonian Institution, "Probably the most significant archeological find in America." The Runestone Museum also houses a History of Alexandria display, traveling exhibits and a North American wildlife exhibit.

Area Attractions cont.

Fort Alexandria

Adjacent to Runestone Museum, Fort Alexandria offers visitors a glimpse into life in simpler times. The fort is complete with a log general store, township schoolhouse and other buildings.

Alexandria Farms

The Farm located on the Carlos Creek Winery has full bred, Arabian horses. This is the largest farm of its type in Minnesota. The wonderful facilities allow these horses to show all of their worth.

Knute Nelson Historical Home

Knute Nelson came to Alexandria in 1871 and climbed the political ranks serving 28 years in the Senate. His restored residence is now home to the Douglas County Historical Society. It features interesting exhibits on the area and the Senator's life.

Golf

As the hometown of PGA professional Tom Lehman, Alexandria is in love with the game. Whether you are hitting par or picking up divots, there's a course to fit your style and level of play. The player's bonus is of course, the beautiful scenery in the lakes area.

Lakes

With over 300 lakes on the area there is no doubt that they are the focal point of our recreational activities. If fishing is your hot button, Alexandria lakes are well stocked with walleye, bass, northern, sunfish and an occasional muskie. In fact, several of our lakes are on the state's top producer list.

Shopping

The Alexandria area is a regional shopping destination. That means we offer a diverse shopping experience to our visitors. Our Downtown is charming and remains a vital and diversified retail district, while the Viking Plaza with its 40 stores, offers an attractive shopping environment complete with regional department and specialty stores.

Dining

Minnesotans love to dine out and Alexandria is the place to do it. Our diversity keeps dining out interesting. From fast food to wonderful romantic dining, you will discover just what you are looking for in Alexandria. Plan for a lunch with friends at one of our many restaurants, several of which offer outdoor dining in the summer months.