

You're Invited to...
VALOR NATIONALS 2012



Mission: To bring together people who have participated in The Virtual Agility League, or who are new to the Virtual Agility League. Unlike other National-type events, this is **not** a competition – but more of a “family gathering” of VALOR participants. This event will essentially be a “Mega VALOR Days” event over 3 days:

Friday, April 27th, Saturday, April 28th, & Sunday, April 29th 2012

**at Teamworks Dog Training
195 Robbins Road
Youngsville, NC 27596**

True to the spirit of VALOR, each dog will have an individually scheduled time in the ring, with minimized distractions to maximize the team’s success and create the best possible experience for the dog. There will be one new nested Standard course and one new nested Jumpers course each day, set up in two different rings.

- Each team can sign up for one Standard timeslot and one Jumpers timeslot per day and should do so online at: <http://216.154.216.175/cgi-bin/classes.pl?PAGE=1&TEMPLATE=115>
- The cost for using the ring for the first annual VALOR NATIONALS is zero dollars, although the website demands that a price be put in the registration form. Thus, the price is listed as \$1 and you may put that you have a \$1 coupon, so the cost is zero.
- The cost for having each run processed is the same as it usually is (\$15 for Standard & \$10 for Jumpers) and online sign-ups will be available on site.
- Each timeslot is 30 minutes, so it is highly recommended that each spot be shared by at least two dogs – either belonging to the same handler, or by teaming up with a friend.
- Each participant will be asked to bring their own video camera and if possible, also pair up with someone to film their run, as the links to these runs will also be put up on our website.
- Any remaining time on a 30 minute timeslot can be shared with another participant who needs more time in the ring. There will be a waiting list each day for additional ring time.
- There will be instant judge’s video-review available on site – as well as the option of live judging, as long as the dog is comfortable with a judge outside of the ring
- Ribbons and prizes will be given out for all qualifying runs. Teams may immediately move to the next level of competition when a title is earned.

There will also be individual timeslots available at the fully-fenced **Teamworks Doggie Swimming Pond** and in the **Teamworks Off-Leash Dog Run**. The cost for using these amenities is zero dollars, but again, the registration form will list them as \$1. Participants can put a \$1 coupon in as well. We ask that each person limit themselves to one timeslot for each per day, just to give everyone a chance to enjoy.

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Sign-ups for the Doggie Swimming Pond can be found at <http://216.154.216.175/cgi-bin/classes.pl?PAGE=1&TEMPLATE=116>.

Sign-ups for the Off-Leash Dog Run (which includes at Treibball set-up) are at <http://216.154.216.175/cgi-bin/classes.pl?PAGE=1&TEMPLATE=117>



Local hotels that accept dogs are:

Comfort Inn Suites, The LaQuinta and The Best Western in Raleigh, and the Hampton Inn in Wake Forest

RV parking and tent camping are also available on site. On-site camping sign-ups are at: <http://216.154.216.175/cgi-bin/classes.pl?PAGE=1&TEMPLATE=33>

For the humans, we have several fun activities planned:

- **Friday night at 7pm** there will be a **pot-luck picnic** at Teamworks Youngsville at the Pavillion. (Thunderstorm plan: Teamworks Raleigh location at 8411-129 Garvey Dr, Raleigh, NC 27616). Please choose a favorite dish and post what you will be bringing on the VALOR Yahoo Group. Teamworks will provide beverages, plates, utensils. There is a refridgerator, microwave, and grill on site.
- **Saturday night at 7pm** there will be a **dinner at the Mellow Mushroom restaurant** at 2125 South Main Street, Wake Forest. We will celebrate titles and awards given out during the past year and give each person a chance to toast their dog's accomplishments & behavioral milestones.
- **Monday**, there will be a beach trip to the **Outer Banks** for anyone who would like to visit a very dog-friendly beach. The Outer Banks is a 3.5 hour drive east, but is just off of highway 64, which links to other major East Coast routes back home. We will visit Jockey's Ridge State Park in Kill Devils Hills, and the beaches south of Nags Head, both of which tend to have lots of room to really spread out and take a walk.

I hope you and your dog can join us for this "family gathering" of the Virtual Agility League.

I'm really looking forward to meeting everyone in person!

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