

# **LUSSCROFT FARM HOSTS NJQHA OVERNIGHT RIDE**

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IT'S GOING TO BE A BUSY WEEKEND AT LUSSCROFT FARM ON SEPT. 13-14. NOT ONLY IS THE HERITAGE AND AGRICULTURE ASSOCIATION HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL WINE AND CHEESE, BUT THE NEW JERSEY QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION IS BRINGING THEIR ANNUAL OVERNIGHT CHARITY RIDE TO LUSSCROFT FARM'S NEWLY RENOVATED EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES.

THE AQHA IS THE LARGEST BREED ASSOCIATION IN THE WORLD, WITH MORE THAN 5 MILLION REGISTERED QUARTER HORSES AND 350,000 MEMBERS. EVERY YEAR, STATE AFFILIATES HOST ALL BREED CHARITY TRAIL RIDES TO PROMOTE RECREATIONAL RIDING IN THEIR STATE WHILE BENEFITTING DESIGNATED CHARITIES. THE AQHA STEP PROGRAM'S MISSION IS TO PROMOTE EQUESTRIAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE RESTORATION, REPAIR AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAILS. THIS RIDE WILL BENEFIT LUSSCROFT FARM AND THEIR TRAILS.

ON SATURDAY, THE NJQHA RIDE WILL SPEND THE DAY EXPLORING TRAILS ON THE FARM AND IN HIGH POINT STATE PARK. RIDERS WILL RETURN TO THE STABLES IN TIME TO ATTEND THE HA&A WINE & CHEESE AT THE TURNER MANSION AND MEET MORE OF LUSSCROFT'S FRIENDS. PARTICIPANTS, AFTER BEDDING DOWN THEIR HORSES, WILL HAVE DINNER AT THE HOMESTEAD RESTAURANT IN SPARTA. THE HOMESTEAD IS OWNED BY THE COFRANCESCO FAMILY, WELL KNOWN BREEDERS OF AMERICAN QUARTER HORSES IN NEW JERSEY.

AFTER OVERNIGHTING IN THE STABLE, RIDERS WILL HEAD OUT FOR ONE MORE RIDE SUNDAY MORNING BEFORE LEAVING FOR HOME.

THE OVERNIGHT RIDE IS POSSIBLE BECAUSE JANICE ELSISHANS AND EQUESTRIAN VOLUNTEERS UNDER THE HA&A AND IN COOPERATION WITH HIGH POINT STATE PARK SUPERINTENDENT JOHN KEATOR HAVE SPENT THE LAST TWO YEARS RENOVATING THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES ON THE FARM SO IT COULD BE USED FOR OVERNIGHT STABLING AS IT WAS IN THE PAST. THE PROJECT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST, RANGED FROM MARKING AND CLEARING TRAILS, REMOVING AND REPLACING FENCING IN THE STABLE AREA, CLEARING OUT AND REPAIRING STALLS, RENOVATING THE BARN ROOF AND EVEN INSTALLING A FIRE RING FOR CAMPFIRES.