

**2008 Annual Meeting
Horse of the Americas Registry
Rainbow's End Farm, Suffolk, Virginia
October 10th, 11th, and 12th.**

Schedule of Events: This is still a bit tentative. We hope to have some riding demos also but don't have them listed as of yet.

Friday, October 10th.

Folks arrive and check in. Those with horses can get them settled in. Dinner should be available on site for purchase if desired. Food is being provided by Ricky's Catering for the duration of the weekend and should be on site for those interested from Friday dinner to Sunday lunch. You will have to pay for all but Saturday evening's meal. There are lots of local restaurants and we can help steer you to some good places to eat if you are interested in that option.

Tours of Corolla's Wild Colonial Spanish horses will also be available on Friday for those who wish to travel down to the Outer Banks area to see them. The drive is about 2.5 hours from Rainbow's End farm and we'll try and carpool as many folks as possible. More info. on schedules and logistics will be available as we get closer.

Saturday, October 11th

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:30 Modern Breeding Options for Colonial Spanish horses...Classroom Discussion, Stallion Collection demo and Wet Lab by Sharon Sluss and the Colonial Spanish stallions of Rainbow's End Farm.

11:00-12:00 Jeanette Beranger & Marjie Bender, American Livestock Breeds Conservancy Presentation.

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-2:00 Side By Side Presentation and Discussion of the Eastern Strains of the Colonial Spanish Horses by Vik or Tom Norush...Bankers, Marsh Tackies and Florida Cracker Horses.

2:00-3:30 Steve Edwards and Mill Swamp Indian Ponies Corolla Spanish Mustang Training Demonstration.

3:30 to 6:00 Mounted Activities. Trail riding will be limited by hunting season off of our property on Saturday. We have some riding here on our 26 acre farm as well as plan to host a "versatility challenge" for those interested in a fun and informal competition where we can show off the versatility of our Colonial Spanish horses.

6:30-8:00 Dinner provided by the HOA followed by the Business meeting and HOA Benefit Auction around the campfire.

Sunday, October 12th.

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast

Activities for Sunday will be informal. There will be a tour of Corolla offered again by the Corolla

Wild Horse Fund. Folks can ride, visit and hang out as long as desired. There are lots of activities in this area from the Ocean and beaches, Colonial Williamsburg, Busch Gardens, and Jamestown to name a few.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch.

7:00-8:00 Dinner will be on us for those who stay over.

General Information:

Area Motels:

Hilton Garden Inn Suffolk
100 E Constance Road
Suffolk, VA 23434

Local:

757-925-1300

Toll Free:

877-782-9444

Website: <http://www.hiltongardeninnsuffolk.com>

Best Western Suffolk ** Closest to farm but is closed due to fire repairs...should be open by October

1503 Holland Rd
Suffolk, VA 23434

Local:

757-539-3600

Days Inn Suffolk **Second closest to farm

1526 Holland Rd
Suffolk, VA 23434

Local:

757-539-5111

Econo Lodge

1017 N Main St

Suffolk, VA 23434-4316

Local:

757-539-3451

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites (brand new and very nice)

1018 Centerbrooke Ln
Suffolk, VA 23434-8289

Local:

757-923-1010

Super 8 Motel

633 N Main St

Suffolk, VA

Local:

757-925-0992

Camping

We are going to be limited on hookups...there is no getting around it. We might be able to

accommodate 6-8 campers off of our 110 power around our farm (with converters) but that will probably be it. There is a local campground about 9 miles or so from our farm for those who would rather stay there and shuttle back and forth. I doubt they'd allow horses though and of course, we can keep horses at our farm. Primitive camping or use of generators is fine for those who are able and willing. October is usually a very pleasant month here in Virginia with cool nights and days in the 70's and 80's.

This campground does have a septic dump facility also and it costs \$12 to dump tanks. You can drive up and dump Mon-Sat and just have to stop in the main office first.

Davis Lakes & Campgrounds
200 Byrd St
Suffolk, VA 23434
(757) 539-1191

Stabling

We will have some stabling in the barn available as well as portable panels. Those of you who have panels or pens that you can bring, I encourage you to do so. Please call ahead to reserve a space and we'll do our best to find a spot for your horse. Coggins tests, current within a year, are mandatory for all horses coming onto our farm. Coggins may be mailed in advance or brought along.

Contact

If you plan to come, please let us know. It is not necessary to do so but, it will be very helpful to have some idea ahead of time how many people and horses are coming. I can be emailed or called. My email is rbefarm@mac.com and my phones: Cell (757)870-7329 and Home (757)986-2124.

Our address: Rainbow's End Farm, 4755 Deer Forest Rd., Suffolk, Virginia.

Directions

Some General Tips: We did a lot of long hauls last year with a very heavy loaded trailer and I still haven't found a really good way across the Appalachian Mountains from West to East (or vice versa). I would suggest avoiding West Virginia if you can if you have a heavy rig. I 77 (toll) to I 64 looks good on a map but it has very steep grades and is a tough haul. I 68 through W. VA and MD is a little better but not great either. So far, I prefer the Pennsylvania Turnpike, then I 70 to I 81 as a route south toward us...it does not take significantly longer to go that way than the shorter direct route through WV. I 81 from Tennessee is a good route also as is I 85 and I 95 from NC. Please don't hesitate to contact me and ask about a route. I've tried nearly all of the roads in now and can give you some idea of what to expect. Whatever you do, avoid Washington DC and Baltimore. I can give you a route around those cities if you are coming down from the North.

From the North: From I95 take 460 from Petersburg to Suffolk. 58 West, go two exits and take 13-32 South. Go to stoplight and make a right...stay on 32 South. Go about 1-2 miles and left on 32 or Carolina Rd. Go exactly 8 miles and left on route 678 or Deer Forest Rd. Farm is a mile on the right.

From the South or West: 58 East from I 95. As you enter outskirts of Suffolk, watch closely for 13 & 32 south. Entrance ramp is on right just before underpass. Take 13 and 32 south and follow as above.

From the East: If coming from Chesapeake Bay Bridge, follow 13 to 64. Follow 64 South around Norfolk. Take 664 to 58 East to Suffolk. Take 13 to 32 South exit and follow directions as above

From **Norfolk International Airport**...same as from the East. Take 64 around Norfolk (don't go through) Take 664 to 58 East to Suffolk. Take 13 to 32 South exit and follow directions as above.

Amtrak Service is available to Newport News, Virginia, about an hour from our farm. If anyone desires to come in that way, let me know and I'll see if we can get specific directions or arrange someone to pick you up.