



The Mounted Eagles' Mane Tales



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Hoofin' It for Mounted Eagles

Now that the Walk is over, we're gearing up for our first-ever Mounted Eagles Benefit Trail Ride event. For years board members and volunteers, many of them avid trail riders, have dreamed of sponsoring our own trail ride. After considering a couple of different venues for the ride, we decided that our best option was right within our own organization. So on October 4th, Bill and Aggie Stroot will make their wooded property near Motley available for riding, camping and other fun stuff for the whole family. The property offers several miles of well-groomed trails weaving through groves of maple, birch, and oak which will no doubt be sporting their autumn colors. Ride past a lake, ponds, beaver dams and the little critters that build them. For riders who need to travel and would like to stay overnight, there is ample space for camping. We will be supplying non-potable water for horses and bringing in portable toilets. Campers and riders will need to bring their own lunch, drinking water and feed for their horses. There is room for portable stalls and fencing if the riders want to bring their own. Pre-set "Picket Lines" will not be available. Current Coggins tests are required and no stallions are allowed.

Here's how the itinerary will go. Overnight campers can check in as early as Friday, October 3 at 4:00 pm or on Saturday morning from 7:30 to 8:30 am. Non-riders may check in at any time

on Saturday. A light breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning. The ride is scheduled to begin at 9:30 am on Saturday morning. Riders will take a break for lunch at 12:30 at a remote site where we will already have transported their lunches. The return ride leaves the lunch site at approximately 1:30 for the three hour return ride to base camp for the evening festivities.

For those who do not bring their own horse to ride, there will be plenty of other activities. Hay rides will be available from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Parents who bring their children and wish to go on the trail ride on Saturday, can leave them at the Kid's Korral where they can enjoy crafts, games, their own "trail ride," lunch, snacks and more. Evening festivities begin at 5:00 pm and will run for about 2.5 hours. Gather around the bonfire for a delicious Pig Roast. Dinner will be accompanied by live entertainment provided by Tim and Cindy Roggenkamp of the Lonesome Tradition Band performing Country and Bluegrass music.

The registration cost includes the Saturday morning breakfast, pig roast, hay rides and live entertainment. Riders whose registrations are postmarked before September 29th will pay \$40 per horse. Registrations will be accepted the day of the event for a cost of \$50 per horse/one rider. For non-riders, ages 13 and older the cost is \$15; ages 6 to 12 years cost \$10 and children 5 years and under will be admitted free. The Kid's Korral is offered to children 3 to 12 years. All ages pay \$5 per child or \$10 per family.

For more information and registration forms contact Mary Hammer at 218-839-1274, Aggie Stroot at 218-568-5883 or Margaret Bollenbacher at 218-838-2629. You can also register on-line at www.mountedeagles.org.

Directions to the site: If driving north on 371, turn left on Cty Rd 29 to Cty Rd 1. Go right on Cty Rd 1 to Cty Rd 24; go left on 24 for 7 miles until you see signs. If traveling south on 371 turn right on Cty Rd 1 to Cty Rd 24; go right on 24 for 7 miles until you see the signs. If traveling north on State 10 to Motley, turn right on 210 to 64; go left on 64 to Cty. Rd. 24; right on 24 for 7 miles and look for signs.



Rider of the Third Quarter - Jared Demorett

Jared DeMorett has Cru De Chi syndrome. It is most pronounced at birth by a cat like cry. Jared has very loose joints and developmental delays in all areas. Skills have come slowly to him and have been hard fought. He has had school services and outpatient rehab since birth. When he was three years old he entered our program hoping to establish relationships with his volunteers and develop a relationship with his beloved pony, Velvet. Skills supplemented by riding have helped increase his ability to walk, talk, socialize, steer and begin to reason. It has helped increase his focus, strength and mobility. Riding with Mounted Eagles has given Jared his own social outlet and given him an appreciation for animals.

When Jared started riding with us, he tried hard but found it difficult to participate beyond a certain point physically. Until one day 5 years later at the recommendation of his physical therapist and special education teacher from Lindberg School in Little Falls, he donned a "body suit" that compressed his joints and supported his musculature. This enabled him to control his muscles, focus on our requests and what was happening around him. Since that very day he came with his "suit" on he has been able to pick up the reins and pull better to turn and pull back better to stop his horse. His legs "squeeze" his horse to go with more definition than before.

Mom said when she says it is time to go to the barn he goes right out to the car and gets excited as they near the driveway. He comes in and willingly accepts his helmet and goes right to

the arena door - pressing his little face to the glass to watch and wait for his turn. These days he has graduated to a larger horse. As he stands on the block, he flails his arms and moves around with excitement as he waits for his horse to come into the block to mount. He warms up, does his exercises, and goes into the track to work on his skills with the help of his sidewalker and horse leader. He enjoys playing "Simon Says" with the other riders. He looks to the others to make sure of what Simon did say and how he should respond. He has even led the others in the game and is so pleased with himself.



Just recently after 6 years of riding with us, his family has made a move to Tower, Minnesota. He will be entering the third grade with his daddy as the principle of his school. When he is not with us, he enjoys playing with his hot wheel cars and riding next to daddy in their specially adapted bike. Jared's little enquiring eyes and eagerness to be with us are missed and we wish them a wonderful life up north in their new home.

Congratulations, Jared. We are so proud of you!

Walk-N-Roll

So they can ride

Sixty eight walk and rollers turned out on September 6th to make the 6 mile trek down the Paul Bunyan trail from Nisswa to Pequot Lakes. While participants were assembling and getting their t-shirts on at the Nisswa Gazebo, Elvis crooned and joked his way to the countdown. With Hank Mykkanen leading the charge, the walkers, runners and riders hit the trail at 3:00 pm. There were walkers, bicyclists, wheel chairs and a couple of lucky participants got to ride in some pretty snazzy carts pulled by bicycles. When they arrived at the Trailside Center in Pequot Lakes, Elvis was already hamming it up on stage with MC David Allen Pundt. While people ate spaghetti and made the rounds at the silent auction, the CC Chips Country Western Band took the stage and played for the rest of the afternoon.

A total of 68 people participated in the walk; 73 people collected and turned in pledges and 89 spaghetti dinners were sold. While attendance at the Silent Auction and Spaghetti Dinner was not as brisk as we would have liked, we met and even exceeded our fundraising goals. Major sponsors contributed a total of \$7,100. Donations totaled \$655.06. Pledges totaled \$5509.98. Spaghetti Dinner sales totaled \$673 and the Silent Auction brought in \$2704.25. This brings the total amount raised to \$16,642.29 as of this printing.

We are sincerely grateful to the major sponsors who donated \$500 or more: Baxter Lions Club, Brainerd Lakes Surgery Center, Crow Wing Recycling, CTC-Consolidated Telephone Company, Grand Casino Mille Lacs, Grattan Healthcare, NorthStar Kigers and Thrivent Lutheran Financial Services

We are also happy about the \$200 - \$400 donations we received from St Joseph's Medical Center, Lakeland Agency and Pequot Lakes Physical Therapy Services.

Many thanks to all who donated for Mile Markers and Silent Auction Items and to those who came to Walk N Roll So They Can Ride.

Special thanks go to Lynn Fairbanks, Committee Chair, and to all of the volunteers who worked to make the event a success.



Welcome to Our Family

Riders: Nathad D, Zachary E, Charles K, Staphanie K., Nathan G, Sammy M

New Horse: Tacoma – Paint Gelding – donated for our use by a friend of the program

Still collecting cans so drop them off at the barn or at Jack's House.

Still collecting phones so bring them to the barn or call to make arrangements to have them picked up. 568.5883

2008 Calendar of Events

Oct. 4 Hoofin-It for Mounted Eagles (Benefit Trail Ride)
 Oct. 11-12 Participant Horse Show
 Oct. 29-Nov. 1 NARHA National Conference
 Oct. 30 Volunteer Training
 Nov. 20 Last Day of Riding

Watch www.mountedeagles.org for updated 2008 Calendar of Events



Happy Birthday

July

Don W Zac L
 Toni W Charlie W
 Anshel B Kris W
 Shae J Malissa M
 Shari S Derek O
 Kate L Sam W

August

Karlee S Cullin C
 Abigail K Cherry L
 Blazek T Levi R
 Jared D Rosae W
 Gary S Brittini T
 Natalya N Robyn B
 Tiffany C Sarah F
 Nick B Howard M
 Jenny A Wendy N
 Katie R

September

Nathan L Kelly W
 Steve L Tammy B
 Laura S Laura Z
 Kayla C Bonnie B
 Sandy S Missy P
 Mary H

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