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A Monthly Insight into What's Happening at Little Creek

Straight From

HiJinx's Mouth

*From Audubon >>>*

Did you know you can contribute to conservation and science at Little Creek Horse Farm?

eBird, managed by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology "is among the world's largest biodiversity-related science projects logging 100 million bird sightings contributed annually by eBirders around the world". You can participate by logging bird sightings here by clicking:

<https://ebird.org/hotspots>

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A Shadow in the Night

Being the season of Halloween, here is a poem dedicated to the theme.

-By Kapri Meyer

It's All Hallow's Eve, or Halloween if
you please
A time for games to play and tricks to
tease
But how quickly forgotten the truth of
Samhain
That this be the night when the Veil is
thin

It's on this night that rules must be
followed
Uphold rituals sacred and hallowed
Ignore the warnings and go your own
way
And you might meet the darkest of the
Fae

That's what it is; a dark creature from
beyond
Here to hunt for tasty prey with which to
abscond
An entity of evil which you should most
fear
Destroyer of things you should hold
dear

If you're out in field after the sunset
Take caution of actions that lead to
regret
Be wary of spaces untouched by light
Keep your eyes peeled for a shadow in
the night

It may look like a person out on a ride
But should you see it, it's best if you hide
It is not a rider upon the back of his steed
That thing is a monster whose only want is
to feed

The beast is fleshless, it has no skin
Two mouths showing a skeletal grin
Muscle and sinew are attached to white bone
The horse's wide mouth gives an unholy
groan

It's as if the man grew from the horse's back
No legs, but long arms to reach and attack
His two red eyes burn like the sun
The same can be said for the horse's one.

It releases a shriek the rings in your
head
That turns joints into jello and feet
into lead

If it spies you, you'd best start
running for the creek
For the beast has one flaw: fresh
water makes it weak

Running, panting, racing, sprinting
The beast's red eyes a glinting
If you can't outrun its hungry chase
He'll catch you and leave without a
trace

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All About our Pal Jinx!

- Jinx came to me with the name Emmett (show name Breaking Dawn).
 - Jinx flags his tail. He can hit you in the head with it while riding when he flips it over his back.
 - Jinx is around 15h but he can do a 6 stride in 4 strides. He can also make himself very tall (and look over the stall walls at his neighbors).
 - Jinx best friend right now is Big John.
 - Playing What Breed is Jinx? is a really fun game. He was bred at a PMU, a farm in Canada.

Dana

I've ridden Jinx a couple of times off property at Ashland Farm, and he seems to thoroughly enjoy himself on the trails and over the cross country jumps! He likes to be the leader on the trails and always keeps his ears perked up and alert. He always gives me a confidence boost when I ride him because he can take a joke and will jump anything from anywhere regardless of pilot error. I'm glad he is part of the program, despite getting hit in the head with his tail, repeatedly.

-Delia

After taking a 10 year break from riding, Jinx has been such a wonderful and warm welcome back to this sport. His laid back nature has allowed me to enjoy riding again. You would never know that Jinx is a smaller horse at only 15 hands because his huge stride allows him to cover more ground than the bigger horses! He's one of the first faces I see when entering the barn and he's always there happy to greet you. I'm very thankful that Jinx has been a part of my re entry into horseback riding.

-Rachel

Jinx is one of my favorite horses to ride at Little Creek. He is so much fun to ride and there is no doubt he loves to jump. He is also very confident and will take you over any fence you point him at. He is such a sweet horse and has truly touched my heart. -Carol



-Contributors to this article include: Dana McDaniel, Delia Neville and HiJinx himself (as seen above), Rachel Puckett, and Carol Martin



Farewell Everyone...

I have been blessed to get to work at Little Creek for the past year and a half. In my time here I have come to know and love everyone in the barn. I have shared laughs and have built fond memories.

And let's not forget having the immense honor of working with some amazing horses!

But now my life has led me to pursue another adventure. I will miss you all! Best wishes,
 -Cindy Womack

Employee Intro >>>



*Please Welcome our newest member
 Patrick Osborne*

-Enjoys Nature, Travel, and playing Soccer

-Was a Lifeguard

-Has two children

-Frequently visits Africa

-Life goal: to see a Camel and a Horse race!

*Patrick is a Fulltime Employee with LCF!!



Project Idea -by Todd Lattuga

Hello everyone, Todd here!

I'm a sculptor and enjoy metal-working. That being said, I'd like to purpose an art piece that will be on display at Little Creek Horse Farm!

If you would like to participate please bring in, or save in the future, a horseshoe.

I look forward to creating with them!

Sincerely,

Todd

WANTED



HORSESHOES

BRING IN A HORSESHOE TO BE INCLUDED
IN AN ART PIECE

THERE WILL BE A BUCKET OUTSIDE OF THE BREAK ROOM
-TODD BELMONT LATTUGA

A Shadow In The Night Continued....

To save yourself from a gruesome
fate
Be smart and remember to shut the
gate
The hollow metal may give it pause
But will not deter it from it's cause

Yet that's all you'll need, a little more
time
To keep from becoming a tragic
crime
Be sure to be mindful of all you
perceive
Especially on the night of All
Hallow's Eve

-Poem by Kapri Meyer

REMINDERS/UPDATES:

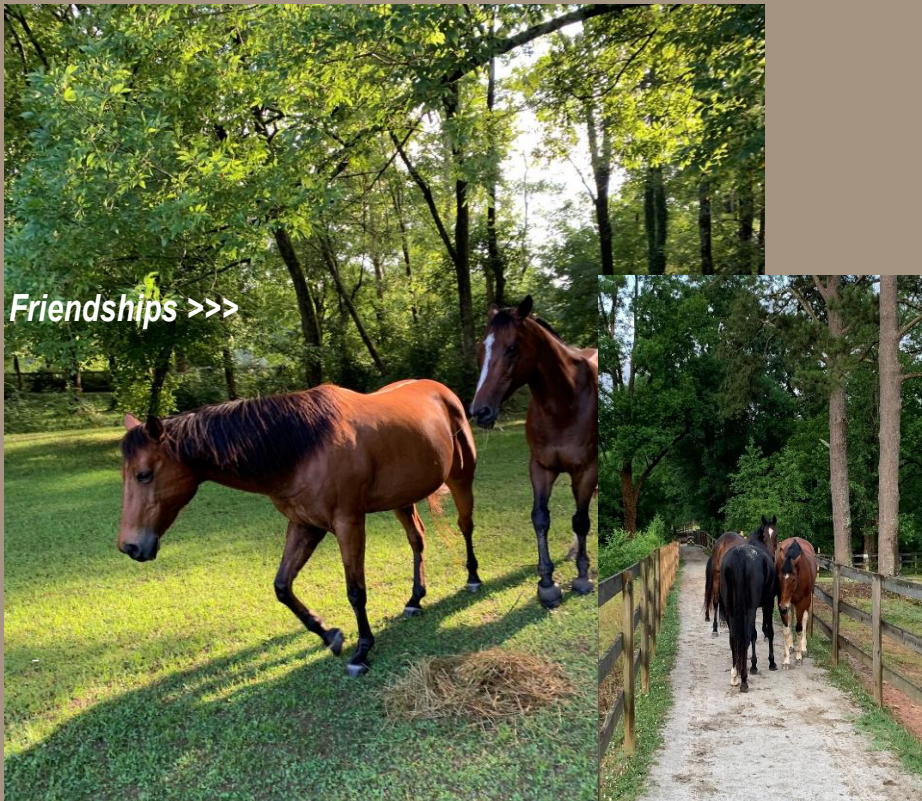
Pick up of Poop- any time your horse goes to the bathroom in an area or in the barn it is your responsibility to pick it up after your ride.

Muck Bucket Removal: Management has decided to get rid of muck buckets from the aisles. Please use a wheel barrow provided in the center of the outer aisles for your cleanup. If you are feeling extra helpful you can dump it and return it.

Large Hay in Washstalls: Hay is put in wash stalls only on days we expect horses to be in due to rain. This will not be the case in the winter months.

Toro Out of Comission: the vehicle we use is currently out of comission and in need of mechanical repair. This is our source to drag the arenas as well as haul out hay. Our replacement can't do as much. If we have to do things manually, we may ask for volunteer help, or will ask for your patience as we figure things out. Thank you.

Horse Friendships >>>



Equine thoughts...

"Gotta take a load off guys...." -Norman after a hard days work (as seen on right)

"Horses lend us the wings we lack" -Pam Brown

"There is no better place to heal then on the back of a horse"- Missy Lyons



Pony Playtime

By now, I don't think there is a heart at Little Creek which has not been stolen by our miniature resident, Sprinkles, or the total charm of Keegan and Sprinkles together. This delightful pair brings to mind for each of us, our first love of horses and ponies. Due to Jamie's willingness to share Sprinkles the Conservancy is making plans for pony parties, and a new Hands on Horses starring our miniature friend. Soon our updated website will reflect these plans so stay tuned. The Conservancy is also pleased to share some pony updates. We are working in partnership with the County to create a new home for Sprinkles. Her very own Pony Palace. Until it is created, you may see her move around a bit as she finds a temporary abode in a renovated wash stall, or stall on hold for a resident temporarily out of the barn. The new Pony Palace and Playground is planned to take the place of the old shed over on the side of the barn which used to house Wally. Unfortunately, there was a problem with this concept. Sprinkles would get lonely, and a lonely pony is not good. We all recognized she needs a friend. Enter another wonderful partner for our Pony Palooza... Dr. Elizabeth Morgan (Lizzie). Our very own Lizzie has agreed to bring a new small friend into our equine community to work with the Conservancy programs, and bring smiles to all of our faces. There will be more updates to come, but for now the Conservancy wanted to give you all a little something to look forward to... if the timing works it might be a pony for Christmas!

-Lynn L. and Conservancy

STAFF: Remember to let staff know how much you appreciate them.



A shout out this month to Habeeb and Arlee who have spent years with us and have a dedication and love for these horses that is rare, and should never be taken for granted. You are both wonderful and appreciated!

And to all staff members : I have never worked with a harder working staff. Thank you for all you do!

-LCF Management

Understanding a Horse's Senses: Smell

By Audrey Pavia, Janice Posnikoff, D.V.M.



Like most non-human animals, horses have an acute sense of smell that they regularly employ to provide them with information on what is going on around them. Horses use their sense of smell in a number of different and important ways.

Nature equipped the equine with a strong olfactory sense that can tell the animal whether a predator is nearby. All it takes is a strong upwind breeze to bring a dangerous scent to the attention of a wild herd. After getting a whiff of the predator, the herd literally high-tails it (their tails stick way up in the air as they flee) out of there in a flash.

Horses also use smell as part of their complicated social structure. Horses typically greet each other nose to nose, each taking in the odor of the other. Horses also come to recognize each other by scent as well as by sight. Mares and foals quickly memorize each other's scents and use this information to help locate each other in a crowd of horses.

When your horse stops to smell some poop, consider that he is “collecting data” about his world and his herd members.

-Sent over by Nancy Scott

**Sanctuary UPDATE:**

"The LCHF Audubon Sanctuary Area is going into the dormant season, according to Gabe Andrle | Habitat Program Manager at Georgia Audubon.

"The purple flowers on the ironweed are almost done blooming and the pollinator-loving joe-pye weed has already gone to seed. Some of the patches of the non-native bermuda grass that were treated recently also looked as if they were dying, which is good news. As restoration is an ongoing process, there are still non-native plants that need to be addressed. The best step forward would be to do a treatment in the later winter/spring, which I believe is when we would recommend mowing to be done. The mowing will have to be planned out to use it to our advantage when treating the non-native vegetation. Once that has been done, we feel it would be a better time to plan out and establish paths/sitting areas. There would be less vegetation making it easier to work/plan".

The Conservancy plans to install benches and place educational signs on the outside fence of the sanctuary that has some of the plants pictured with their expected bloom times along with any other appropriate information. Gabe suggests "Potentially laminated sheets that can be stored in a small container on the fence. The guide could be something that people could take with them as they walk around or through the space to help ID plants they might be seeing" as they enjoy the plant and wildlife in the sanctuary.

Volunteer work days and guided Bird Walks to be scheduled throughout the year.

Stay tuned!

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A Big....



.....To ALL of you!

-From Little Creek Staff



THAT'S ALL FOLKS.....!