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Hello MAPFHA Members;

High summer is upon us with the Fourth of July past and hot, humid weather here! I hope you've been out riding a few times this season, or more, and that we'll see you soon!

MAPFHA Camping/Trail Ride event at Jim and Susan Bartels' farm August 26-28, 2022: The weekend event with the gregarious and gracious Bartels is on the calendar, and we hope the weather is half as friendly this year! Located on the actual site of a former Stagecoach stop, their historic farm in the Zumbro River valley is a treasure to explore and ride. Jim grooms the trails up and down the wooded hills, around the pastoral corn and bean fields and to the top of the scenic farmland vistas. Two Zumbro River crossings are easy for the horses. The riding is classic Minnesota style! They are delightful hosts, and we always have fun socializing there, too.

Their farm is located just south of Rochester a few miles, and they offer a few electric hook-ups for LQ trailers. Their large pole barn works well for gathering, eating meals, and playing games; it has a refrigerator and kitchen area for crock-pots. Their farm presents its heritage with an old Wild West storefront "village" complete with outhouse. One building serves as a cabin for one party who needs sleeping arrangements; it is already reserved, but you can get on a waiting list if needed. Horses can be secured in various paddocks or small pastures according to who gets along with whom. Bring your own hay, feed, water buckets, supplies, etc.

We do ask that you "donate" to defray their costs and to thank them for their generous hospitality! The equivalent of state park camping rates is appropriate. This opportunity is an **outstanding member perk**, for sure! We've been rained out the past few years, so start visualizing, sending good energy or just crossing your fingers for good weather this year!

Susan has posted a message on the MAPFHA Facebook page asking for **RSVPs** for trailer parking and horse accommodation purposes. You can either post in the comments of her message or if you're not on Facebook, please contact her directly through her phone number or email below, noting your trailer needs and number of horses you will bring. I'm also including their address for your driving directions.

Jim and Susan Bartels
5008 60th St. SW
Rochester, MN 55902
Sbartels50@gmail.com

Home 507-282-8315 (landline)
Mobile 507-269-7189

Annual Meeting

Rather than scheduling a separate event, we will hold our Annual Meeting at the Bartels' camping weekend. It will be brief, but elections are one agenda item. MAPFHA will provide the Saturday night meal in place of the usual potluck. More details to come.

We often eat meals together in the pole barn kitchen or porch, unplanned and informal, to take advantage of the social opportunity. My suggestion is to bring your own food with a thought of sharing. It's just a good old-fashioned get together among horse-loving friends! Riding occurs usually twice a day weather permitting, and we can break into a couple groups depending on the number of horses and riders.

Please be sure to RSVP to Susan one way or another, and we look forward to seeing you there!

*Lynda Zimmerman, President
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