

Dear Friends:

The North Carolina Horse Council, in conjunction with the Eastern North Carolina Trail Riders Association and Carolina Hoofbeats TV, are sponsoring the Howell Woods Hunter Pace on April 1, 2017. This event is an equine trail ride for all levels of riders and an important fundraiser to benefit trail expansion in Howell Woods Learning Center.

Howell Woods is located at 6601 Devil's Racetrack Road, Four Oaks, in the Bentonville community of southeastern Johnston County. Howell Woods is easily accessed by I-40 (Newton Grove), I-95, and Hwy 701. This property is open to the public and centrally located between Raleigh, Wilmington, Goldsboro and Fayetteville (<http://www.johnstoncc.edu/howellwoods>). The trail system in Howell Woods is presently over 20 miles long and work is progressing on increasing foot trail length and multi-use-cycling/horseback rider trails this year. There is also a lake under construction on this property; gravel, sand and equipment are already on-site.

Carolina Hoofbeats TV (<http://carolinahoofbeatstv.com>) will be on location filming this event offering businesses and professionals a large audience and an extended advertising opportunity. There will also be educational demonstrations throughout the day by expert equine professionals attending and supporting this event.

Horseback riders and other volunteers are working to extend this beautiful and unique trail system near Newton Grove, NC and your support is needed. Please consider volunteering or sponsoring this event and encourage fellow horse owners to ride in the Howell Woods Hunter Pace event (all riders welcome regardless of breed or discipline). Check out ways you can help:

- Register to ride with the NC Horse Council: <https://www.nchorsecouncil.com>. Adult Rider registration is \$50; Youth Rider registration is \$25/under 16 years old. You can also sponsor a rider.
- Business card advertisement: \$20
- Business banner advertisement: \$30
- Donate items for the raffle
- Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to: Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center/Johnston Community College.

This is a very unique fundraising opportunity because Howell Woods Learning Center will match our total donation by helping provide equipment and labor. For additional information or questions, please contact Ann Donaldson at 910-470-3291. Thank you for your support.

I made a donation to Howell Woods Environmental Learning Center, Johnston Community College, 6601 Devils Racetrack Road, Four Oaks, NC 27524 on: _____, 2017.

My Donation: _____.