

Welcome!

2009 is a year of change for the Northeastern Welsh Pony Association. We are leaving our longtime home of the 4-H facility at the New York State Fairgrounds. It's a sad transition as we have been there for 20 years! However, we are VERY excited about our new location. The HITS on the Hudson facility in Saugerties NY is one of the very best show facilities anywhere in the country! It's an absolutely gorgeous show grounds with state of the art footing, immaculate huge 12 x 12 stalls, plenty of space for schooling and GREAT FOOD!

However, as with any change, I'm sure we will have a few kinks to work out. I wanted to share some pertinent information with you ahead of time.

First of all please note that all electrical cords must be 12-gauge, 3-wire, negative ground type (no inexpensive household white cords for your fans). Also no gas, electric or propane heaters, tanks or hot plates are allowed in the stabling areas. Seems like common sense, but I'm required to write it ☺

Secondly, please be advised that all campers must be parked in the camper area. The Health department does not allow any campers in the barn area. Trailers will also not be able to be left in the barn area, but can be parked not too far away. Unfortunately, the camper area is a good ½ mile from the barns, so please plan accordingly. Bring a bike or rent a golf cart if you will be traveling back and forth. They can be rented from www.deverinc.com, but do remember that you must have a valid driver's license to drive a golf cart. Also please be advised that there is only one public shower. The good news is there are lots of hotel rooms close by.

We also want to be sure you understand that you may not use the paddocks at the facility. We have not paid to rent them and we will have to charge anyone who puts a horse out \$300 apiece!

If your schedule allows, plan to spend some time exploring the town of Saugerties. It's a wonderful quaint town with lots of antique shops and cafes. The town also has a great 4th of July festival. On Friday there are carnival rides and a battle of the bands at 6:00 pm. And on Saturday, don't miss the parade at 11:00, Jazz concert at 6:00 and fireworks at dusk!

And as always please join us for our own special events. On Thursday evening, join us for our \$150 Versatility challenge. In addition, we will be having our first annual Mini Golf tournament! This should be a fun time with great prizes! Friday night is filled with our hunter and jumpers classics with a wonderful dinner of cold cuts and salads. Saturdays highlights include the ridden classics, a guided trail ride for exhibitors, and a buffet dinner, all topped off with 4th of July Fireworks!

If there is anything we can do to help you out please let us know. Also Carol Wilkinson will be acting as the shows official Concierge. Please see her if there is anything she can do to help make your stay in Saugerties more enjoyable.