

**17TH ANNUAL MILLBROOK HORSE TRIALS
TO BE HELD AUGUST 3-6 AT COOLE PARK FARM**

***Competition Features Olympic and Local Riders
And a Weekend of Festivities For All***

MILLBROOK, N.Y. (July 19, 2017) – The 17th Millbrook Horse Trials (MHT) will be held Aug. 3rd through 6th at Coole Park Farm, marking an annual weekend of festivities in a spectacular Dutchess County country setting.

The horse trials are considered the triathlon of equestrian sports because they include the disciplines of dressage, stadium and cross-country jumping. MHT has come to attract Olympic-level competitors from around the country as well as lower level local riders, with over 500 horse-rider pairs participating and attracting nearly 4,000 spectators.

Each year MHT has expanded to offer more events and activities for equestrians, horse lovers and spectators, both those new to Eventing and those already familiar with the sport, and this year is no exception. Among this year's highlights:

- Upper level riders in the Advanced, Intermediate and Preliminary divisions will compete for \$25,000. in prize money.
- WaterView, located above the complex of exciting water jumps and open on Saturday, Aug. 5th for the upper-level cross-country competition, will feature live commentary by professional riders. This year's tent is sponsored by Fresh Gourmet. Tickets for WaterView include transportation to the tent, breakfast and a box lunch.
- A Benefit Luncheon will be held from noon to 2 pm Sunday, Aug. 6th, during the Intermediate and Advanced show jumping competition. U.S. Equestrian Team Selection Committee member Marcia Kulak will provide professional commentary.
- Debuting this year will be an electronic scoreboard in the show jumping arena which displays the horse and rider name, score, placing and penalties as riders compete, and final scores and placings upon completion.

More information about the event and tickets for WaterView and the Benefit Luncheon can be purchased at www.millbrookhorsetrials.com. The MHT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, so all contributions are tax-deductible to donors.

MHT is held at Coole Park Farm on Bangall-Amenia Road in Millbrook, N.Y. Food is available on site, and there is a trade fair with multiple vendors offering horsewares. There is no admission fee, and parking is free.

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