



~ Powhatan's Celebration of the Horse ~ 2015 in Review

About a year ago, several like-minded residents got together to discuss how they could bring more agriculture-related educational activities to this rural community. One thing led to another and the Powhatan Farm Bureau board was voting to host an event named Celebration of the Horse.

The first annual Celebration took place in the spring of 2015 complete with a ***Horse Show featuring 19 classes in Western, English, Hunter and Dressage, a Parade of Breeds, Pony Rides, Vendors, Great Food and Silent Auction!***

Along with bringing family-friendly agricultural activities to Powhatan, the steering committee wanted the event to bring awareness and support for the local FFA and 4-H programs. "It's so important to keep our youth engaged in programs like FFA and 4-H," said local Farm Bureau president, Max Timberlake. "It's also crucial to continue increasing our residents' awareness of agriculture in Powhatan." The event grossed \$15,000 and proceeds from last spring's event supported the Powhatan 4-H and FFA youth programs as well as FrancisEmma. Volunteers – both youth and adults – from Powhatan's FFA Alumni and Powhatan 4-H gave their time before, during and after the event. ***More than 800 individuals attended the 2015 event!***

Coordinators of the Celebration of the Horse fundraiser have already set a date for the 2nd annual event – **Saturday, May 7, 2016**. The event will take place at 2693 Rocky Oak Farm off Route 60 near Flat Rock. The proceeds again will benefit all of the FFA and 4-H youth programs. Many individuals in attendance said they had never attended a horse show, much less been around horses.

New in 2016: Children's area with livestock petting zoo, educational workshops and a corn hole tournament

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