



## Tom and Lois Ames of Spruce Mountain Ranch will host fundraising event to benefit the Angus Foundation and 2013 National Junior Angus Show.

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**T**he Angus Foundation, the 2013 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) host committee and Spruce Mountain Ranch of Larkspur, Colo., invite you to once again take part in an evening of fun while raising money to benefit the future of the Angus breed. Angus Night on the Mountain II, hosted and underwritten by Tom and Lois Ames at their beautiful Spruce Mountain Ranch on Jan. 16, 2013, is shaping up to be another wonderful event Angus enthusiasts will not want to miss!

Spruce Mountain Ranch, located in Larkspur, is just a short drive south of Denver and provides a great location to host an event during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS).

“Lois and I are extremely excited to be a part of raising funds that will go toward the future leadership of the Angus breed,” says Tom Ames, Spruce Mountain Ranch owner. “The future generations of the Angus breed will carry on the torch that has come this far with outstanding leadership, and providing resources that will help add to a stronger Foundation is in the best interest of all Angus breeders.”

The event is free and open to anyone, with transportation provided by Spruce Mountain Ranch. Buses will pick up attendees at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel and NWSS starting at 5:30 p.m., and following the NWSS Angus Bull Sale. Spruce Mountain Ranch will provide the bus transportation to and from the ranch; however, the ranch will be open beginning at 3 p.m. for those who would like to drive out early and see the ranch and cattle before dinner begins at 7 p.m.

Following dinner, the Angus Foundation will offer at auction a limited number of items to benefit Angus youth, education and research programs. Packages include

- ▶ trout fishing by Riverbend Ranch of Idaho Falls, Idaho;
- ▶ pheasant hunting by Omega Farms, Williamston, Mich.;
- ▶ beach house vacation by Teixeira Ranch, Pismo Beach, Calif.;
- ▶ escape to The Ahwahnee in Yosemite National Park by Schnoor Sisters, Chowchilla, Calif.;
- ▶ vacation to one of two locations in Mexico by Mirapaso Angus, Lewisburg, W.Va.;
- ▶ an *in vitro* fertilization package by Trans Ova Genetics and Bovance, Sioux Center, Iowa;

- ▶ 2013 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament Event Sponsorship; and
  - ▶ a heifer calf offering, Spruce Mountain Estina 2900, to benefit the 2013 NJAS, provided by Spruce Mountain Ranch.
- All confirmed package descriptions can be found online at [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).

“Fundraising events the magnitude of Angus Night on the

Mountain II are only possible because of the generous help from charitable supporters,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “The Angus Foundation is very grateful to Tom and Lois Ames for their completely financially underwriting this fundraiser, and, likewise, we’re very appreciative of the Angus breeders and allied industry interests who have donated experiences and packages for our live auction.”

In addition to the packages offered at auction to benefit the Angus Foundation’s education, youth and research programs and the 2013 NJAS, the auction also will feature an elite 15 lots of Spruce Mountain Ranch’s finest Angus genetics.

“It is an honor to be a part of Angus Night on the Mountain II and to provide a venue of Angus cattle, fellowship and support the Angus Foundation,” says Mitch Rohr, Spruce Mountain

Ranch general manager. “I feel it is a responsibility of the Angus membership to be the continued leaders of tomorrow. With events like this, we can assure ourselves that the next generation of leaders will have the tools to lead our breed to another level of progress.”

Assisting the Angus Foundation in event management is Larry Cotton and his team at Cotton & Associates.

“Angus Night on the Mountain II will be a fun and enjoyable event that serves a wonderful cause,” Cotton says. “Tom and Lois are great hosts and have an outstanding, progressive Angus program at Spruce Mountain.”

The event will conclude with socializing and entertainment provided by Spruce Mountain Ranch. Those who wish to attend the event can look for signs at the NWSS that will detail bus information.

For more information visit [www.angusfoundation.org](http://www.angusfoundation.org).



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