



Tom and Lois Ames of Spruce Mountain Ranch will host fundraising event to benefit the Angus Foundation and the 2014 National Junior Angus Show.

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The Angus Foundation, the 2014 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, hosted by Tom and Lois Ames at their beautiful Spruce Mountain Ranch on Jan. 15, 2014, is shaping up to be another wonderful event Angus enthusiasts will not want to miss!

Spruce Mountain Ranch 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 leadership, and providing resources that will help add to a stronger Foundation is in the best interest of all Angus breeders.”

As in prior years, the event is free and open to anyone, with transportation provided by Spruce Mountain Ranch.

Starting at 5:30-6:00 p.m., buses will pick up attendees on a “first-come, first-served basis” at the NWSS following the Angus Bull Sale at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel, and will take guests to and from Spruce Mountain Ranch. 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:

- ▶ seven days, five animals trophy hunt safari package in South Africa, by Gary Phillips Hunting Safaris;
- ▶ an advance reproductive technology package, by Trans Ova Genetics and ViaGen;
- ▶ 2014 Angus Foundation Golf Tournament Event Sponsorship, by the Angus Foundation;
- ▶ a weekend vacation package at the Greenbrier Hotel and Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., by Greenbrier Hotel and Resort;
- ▶ five nights, six days get-away package at Crazy K Ranch at Michie, Tenn., by Crazy K Ranch;
- ▶ six- to eight-day cruise for two on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, by the Angus Foundation and Cotter Travel Associates;
- ▶ 2014 NJAS Angus in the Heartland glass bowl, by 2014 NJAS hosts Indiana Angus Association and Indiana Junior Angus Association;



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- ▶ romantic couples golf and spa weekend, by Stallion Angus Ranch; and
- ▶ The Guardian, No. 1 of 50 limited-edition framed image, by Legacy Livestock Imaging.

All confirmed package descriptions can be found online at www.angusfoundation.org.

“Fundraising events the magnitude of Angus Night on the Mountain are only possible because of the generous help from charitable supporters,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “The Angus Foundation is very grateful to our wonderful Angus friends Tom and Lois Ames for their complete financial underwriting of 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 2014 NJAS, the auction will feature several elite lots of Spruce Mountain Ranch’s finest Angus genetics.

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

“Angus Night on the Mountain 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.”

Entertainment will be provided by Spruce Mountain Ranch for their guest’s listening pleasure while enjoying warm Angus fellowship and delicious food. There will be a raffle for all in attendance to have fun and participate in financially supporting the Angus Foundation. This year’s raffle item will be a gallery wrapped digital print giclee No. 1 of the limited-edition artwork, “The Veterans” by artist Amanda Raitel of Show Cattle Art, Falls City, Neb.

“Through their very generous charitable bidding that evening on the packages, guests will have the opportunity to show their genuine appreciation and gratitude to the Ames for hosting and completely underwriting this spectacular event and help the Angus Foundation and 2014 NJAS achieve their collective fundraising goal of \$50,000 for this year’s event,” says Jenkins.

For more information about the event and descriptions of the packages, visit www.angusfoundation.org.



▶ **Left:** One of the items to be auctioned at this year’s Angus Night on the Mountain will be a seven-day, five-animal African Safari by Gary Phillips Hunting Safaris.