

Gather for an Angus Night on the Mountain

Spruce Mountain Ranch hosts Jan. 13 event to support Angus Foundation and 2016 National Junior Angus Show.

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Spruce Mountain Ranch, Larkspur, Colo., and the Angus Foundation are partnering to host Angus Night on the Mountain Jan. 13 during the National Western Stock Show (NWSS).

Angus Night on the Mountain, hosted and underwritten by Tom and Lois Ames, is an entertaining evening in an incredible location just a short drive south from Denver, Colo. Now in its fifth year, the event is an NWSS highlight that boasts fundraising activities that greatly benefit the future of the Angus breed, including the 2016 National Junior Angus Show (NJAS) and its host states Nebraska and South Dakota.

“What a blessing it is for the Angus Foundation to have the opportunity to join forces with Spruce Mountain Ranch once again. Our sincere thanks to Tom and Lois for complete financial underwriting of this fundraiser,” says Milford Jenkins, Angus Foundation president. “In addition, we are grateful to the Angus breeders and industry partners who have donated experiences and packages for the auction. It’s going to be a tremendous event.”

Free and open to the public, Spruce Mountain Ranch will provide bus transportation to and from the ranch. Two buses will pick up attendees on a first-come, first-served basis at the Denver Marriott City Center Hotel and NWSS from 5:30-5:45 p.m. Following dinner, the 2016 NJAS and Angus Foundation will auction a limited number of packages to benefit Angus youth, education and research programs.

Packages available for auction are:

- ▶ Advanced reproductive technology package by Trans Ova Genetics and its cloning division, ViaGen, Sioux Center, Iowa;
- ▶ Angus Foundation Golf Tournament Sponsorship at the 2016 NJAS in Grand Island, Neb., by the Angus Foundation;
- ▶ Weekend package at The Greenbrier Hotel and Resort in White Sulphur

Springs, W.Va., by The Greenbrier Hotel and Resort;

- ▶ Exquisite cruise for two on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines by the Angus Foundation and Cotter Travel Associates, Saint Joseph, Mo.;
- ▶ Get-away package at Crazy K Ranch, Michie, Tenn., by Crazy K Ranch;
- ▶ Exclusive two-night stay at the Inn on the Biltmore Estate, Asheville, N.C., by the Inn on the Biltmore Estate;
- ▶ Transportation for three lots by Lathrop Livestock Transportation, Dundee, Ill.;
- ▶ Elite Angus heifer, granddaughter of Blackbird 8809, by Whispering Pines Ranch, Scottsdale, Ariz.;
- ▶ Artwork, *The Good Life*, donated by artist Amanda Raitchel. Proceeds to the 2016 NJAS hosts Nebraska Angus Association and the South Dakota Angus Association;
- ▶ One-day ranch photo shoot, by Legacy Livestock Imaging, Topeka, Kan.; and
- ▶ Week of beach relaxation in California by Teixeira Cattle Co., Pismo Beach, Calif.

Confirmed packages and descriptions are online at www.angusfoundation.org. In addition, Spruce Mountain Ranch will offer several featured lots of their Angus genetics. One lucky participant will win a raffle drawing for a personalized engraved 12-inch (in.)×12-in. granite paver in the new Building an Angus Legacy entrance walkway at the American Angus Association headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

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

“Angus Night on the Mountain is always a unique and delightful event where we are honored to work with the Angus Foundation to raise funds for their efforts and the 2016 NJAS, along with auctioning elite lots from Spruce Mountain Ranch,” Cotton says.



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