#### WHISTLE CREEK LIVESTOCK PRESERVE...



#### FARM ANIMAL HISTORY

For thousands of years, farm animals have quietly served, sustained, enhanced and impressed humanity all over the world. 15,000 year-old cave paintings in France, religious sculptures in Egypt and stone-carved cattle adoming ancient buildings in India exist as evidence of this statement.

Schools in America teach us about the arrival of the pilgrims, but rarely teach us about the farm animals they brought with them. America's early settlers regarded farm animals with respect for their ability, muscle and temperament. They gave us their power to grow a nation, served us in wars and disasters, and provided food for our tables. After more than 200 years of American history, we still depend on them for milk, meat, draft, leather goods and many other products we use daily.



Our Preserve is just one tiny place on earth that recognizes their tremendous contributions to humanity and tries to give a lucky few not only a home, but also deserved respect for their existence. These remarkably patient and intelligent service animals are loyal, reliable, teachable, giving and forgiving. They can reason, understand, experience emotions and recognize words. They can also bond with us and provide us with comfort and companionship, much the same as house pets. Like some lucky house pets, most of the animals here have been rescued.

#### AN INVITATION: History, Education, the Fine Arts, Food and Fun!

If you are one who enjoys learning, likes animals, wants to rekindle happy memories of childhood visits to the farm or just do something a little different to relax, there is an enjoyable experience waiting for you at Whistle Creek Livestock Preserve.

Our unique animal collection has become the subject of our "HERITAGE LIVESTOCK TOURS." Dubbed a "Living Livestock Museum," the breeds represented here are linked to such things a Biblical stories, European knights in armor, the rugged Swiss Alps and the Conquistadors of Spain!



Since we are food-lovers who support history, the arts and good times, we have created options for guests to have a memorable visit. Education, history, the fine arts and food can be combined, or enjoyed separately. Visitor choices (catering to seniors), include the following:

#### **HERITAGE LIVESTOCK TOURS:**

Ride on a low-bed hay trailer while you see different colors, types, shapes and sizes of live farm animals. You'll learn the countries where breeds originated, their character traits, some farm animal facts and amazing livestock stories!

During the "Great Westward Migration," of the mid 1800's, St. Joseph was one of America's three major "jumping off" cities. Hundreds of thousands of pioneers camped here as they prepared for their 4-6 month journey. St. Joseph's area farmers experienced a tremendous demand for farm animals, feed and supplies. We are very proud to share this legacy with you! Tour trailers are pulled by antique John Deere tractors. Allow 30-60 minutes.

#### **PIONEER CAMP SUPPERS:**

Meals are held in our air-conditioned and heated **49er Miners' Diner**. Enjoy a casual, "lip lickin" supper after, before or instead of a tour. Our menu includes typical foods eaten by America's migrating pioneers of the 1800's. Or, you may bring



your own food, picnic or cookout. Allow 60 minutes.

#### PIONEER ENTERTAINMENT:

Following your pioneer camp supper, you may sit back, "take'er easy" and listen to a live musical

performance based on **Music**of the **Pioneers**. Other
programs include such things as
a heritage play, a readers' theatre,
educational presentation or a
demonstration linked with the
extraordinary heritage of the
St. Joseph area, Allow 45-60 minutes.





Hayrides, casual campfires, camping, job-shadowing, volunteering and other activities are also available. Company suppers, family reunions, picnics and various other gatherings are welcome.

Reservations required.

#### WAYS TO HELP

**Visits:** 100% of the contributions from visits and tours help the rescued farm animals. Reservations required.

**Donations of Feed or Supplies:** Donations of any size make a difference! There is always a need for health care, quality hay and feed, watering equipment, water heaters, shelters, fencing and more. If you desire to designate your gift for specific supplies or animals, a list of items and/or animal needs can be sent to you.

**Volunteering:** Earnest volunteers for short or long term projects are appreciated. Volunteers provide a wide variety of tasks from grooming and fence building to record keeping and mailers. If you would like a list of volunteer opportunities, please request one!

**Bovine Breed Representatives:** Animals given to the care of the Preserve must meet certain criteria. Call.

Donations, Honorariums, Endowments, Trusts, Memorials, Company Sponsorships:

Gratefully accepted. Naming rights granted.

Please check our website or call for more information:

www.whistlecreekpreserve.org

816-232-6141 or 816-233-0079

All donations are tax-deductible, whether monetary, animals, supplies, equipment or labor, and are sincerely appreciated!

We are registered with the state of Missouri and are a non-profit organization designated by the IRS. Personal and business checks accepted. Send to:

Whistle Creek Livestock Preserve 8006 SE Saxton-Easton Road, St. Joseph, MO 64507



THANK YOU for your interest on behalf of the Board of Directors, the staff – and the animals!

There are literally thousands of farm animals in America who are special individuals and true blessings to humanity, but will not be fortunate enough to live at Whistle Creek Livestock Preserve. It is in their honor we strive to save those we can.

#### TO VISIT

#### WHISTLE CREEK LIVESTOCK PRESERVE

is conveniently located in the middle of America, just 50 miles north of Kansas City and 2.5 miles from the city limits of St. Joseph, MO. Interstate 29 and State Hwy. 36 are only 4.1 miles from the Preserve, making hotels, restaurants and shopping within 5-10 minutes.

From I-29: Take Exit #44 at Hwy. I69 S., turn east toward Gower. At the first stoplight east of I-29, turn north onto Leonard Road. Cross the RR tracks and take the first turn east onto Saxton-Easton Road. Stay on this road for 5 miles to the first landscaped 90-degree turn, across from the silver shed.



## Reservations are required for all visits. Groups and families are individually hosted.

Managers are retired Grade A dairymen and owners of a registered dairy herd. **Members** Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), Tillers International and American Livestock Breeders Conservancy (ALBC).





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### LIVESTOCK PRESERVE

Pedicated to the preservation of farm Livestock and to recognizing their contributions now and throughout American history.

# PIONEER CAMP SUPPERS ENTERTAINMENT DEMONSTRATIONS & PROGRAMS

Accommodating Adults and Seniors



Located on a working, historical farm in St. Joseph, Missouri

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