



Double Hearts Ranch (DHR) Evening *Round Up*

March/April 2024

WELCOME TO THE RANCH!

We are so excited to bring you our first edition of Double Hearts Ranch Evening *Round-Up*! Each bi-monthly edition will update you on the Ranch's favorite equine gang, give you up-to-date information on our monthly events, new features and programs, equine tips, downhome recipes, regional fun facts, relaxation opportunities, and much more! This year we are focusing on the Ranch and making it your unique destination spot at Mark Twain Lake. We hope you enjoy! And, as always, your testimonials on our Facebook page and the website, along with referrals are the greatest compliment we could receive, and are the lifeline of our business. Thank you, and we look forward to seeing you on the Ranch!



"THE TRAIL" TO DHR

My gift of one horse, Snickers, received at Christmas of 2020 has grown into a small herd over the past few years. Tom and I did not have property set to have a horse so we found Double Eagle at Ellsberry, MO. My time at Double Eagle was wonderful and extremely educational, with fellow horsemen offering advice and sharing their experiences. Snickers and I grew as a team with riding lessons, trail rides, and long evenings, holidays and weekends of just being together.



***First Day with Snickers, in the quarantine pasture.
December 31, 2020 at Double Eagle, Elsberry, MO***

Our "equine blessings" just kept coming, with Blue joining us on November 25, 2021. As 2021 came to a close, Tom and I knew it was time to find a new home for not only us, but our four legged friends as well. We located a super great real estate agent, Jessica Carroll, who had lots of patience and really got to know who we were and what type of home would be just for us. We walked plenty of properties and traveled crazy backroads throughout Northeast Missouri to find just the right property to become, Double Hearts Ranch. Our plan was that Double Hearts Ranch would be a home where we could be with our special equine partners, Snickers and Blue, and our rescued pup, Grace. Little did we know how much more it would become...



***Blue in the pasture at Double Eagle,
Elsberry, MO***

In July of 2022, we found just the right property. A beautiful 8-acre spread already set with a home, barn and stalls for horses, a fenced-in pasture, campsites and pavilion - located just 3/4 of a mile from Spalding Beach and Boat Ramp and the Joanna Horse Trail at Mark Twain Lake. Double Horse Ranch was established, and we were on our way!

Tom and I knew this property was perfect for not only embracing our passion for horses, but providing the opportunity to share it with others. Over the course of this past year, we recognized that Double Hearts Ranch can host unique educational opportunities for our guests. It is our goal to share our homestead so that others will have the ability to interact with the horses and donkey during their visit, or while having a camping experience at the ranch. Tom and I invite you to join us at Double Hearts Ranch for your next retreat, family reunion, camping getaway, group outing, or just a day in a relaxing and tranquil spot to read a good book or take in the fresh air.

MEET THE GANG



L to R: Ernie, Blue, De Man, and Snickers

CHOCOLATE EXTREME AKA “SNICKERS”

Snickers is a 20-year old Registered Rocky Mountain mare. She is from the founding lineage of “Tobe” for this rare breed developed in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky in the early 20th century. She has a wonderful disposition, but is known as the “Princess of the Pasture” and loves to be pampered. She is always ready for a treat and enjoys being groomed with a good brushing.

CLASSY BLUE COMET AKA “BLUE”

Blue is an 8-year old Registered Paint mare. She has an impeccable pedigree in the “cutting world” for horses with being sired from “Forest Midnight Comet”, a 2-time world working cow horse champion and top ten world-reining champion. She loves people and is extremely curious about what you are up to at the ranch. Blue has a great personality, but can have an attitude of a 5-year old at times.

DE MAYOS SON AKA “DE” OR “DE MAN”

De Mayos is a 14-year old Registered American Quarter Horse gelding who was rescued from the kill pen in Stroud, OK. He came from a huge working ranch in Oklahoma, but was eventually thrown away by his owner - like many of his herd. He most likely was a cutting horse for the ranch which is why we often times catch him watching the cows in the next pasture over. De Mayos has a wonderful sweet personality and will come running to greet you each time you are headed to the pasture or call his name. He has proven to be a good boy and extremely loveable.

ERNIE AKA “ERNALD THE GREAT”

Ernie is an 11-year old standard guard donkey standing 45 inches high who was rescued from the kill pen in Stroud, OK. He was extremely abused and not handled much by his owners. Since June 2023, it has taken a lot of patience and tons of TLC before finally warming up to people. He loves his fellow equine companions and provides round-the-clock protection for the herd. Ernie has a gentle and lovable personality and will steal your heart with his cuteness.

**Double Hearts Ranch is a proud member of the
Back Country Horsemen of Missouri (BCHMO)
Northeast Missouri Chapter, along with the
Missouri Horse Council.**

HAPPY CAMPER

Wanting to escape the hustle and bustle? Want to spend quality time with family or friends, develop a newfound appreciation for Mother Nature, or perhaps you would like to meet new people? Then our 8-acre tranquil and relaxing setting at Double Hearts Ranch is just the place for you! We strive to offer a personal touch, much like a "Camping B&B". At DHR, we also offer a unique and interactive equine experience for you to enjoy during your stay. HR is ideally located close to the Mark Twain Lake. Jellystone Water Zone is just across the street, and we are just half a mile from the Johanna Horse Trails and Spalding Beach area. This is truly a quiet and charming spot to refresh and relax, or even host an event.

Camping Rates:

- \$45/night for full hook-ups (electric, sewer & water)
- \$25/night for tent camping

Amenities:

- Free Wi-Fi
- Access to BBQ Grill
- Pavilion Usage - Picnic Tables, Full Bathroom, Seating Area & 5-Speaker Surround Sound Movie Theater System
- Equine Round Pen
- Fire Ring for each Full Hook-Up Site
- Yard Games - Cornhole, Bocce, Yard Darts, Frisbees, Badminton, and more!

Rentals:

- \$20/person/per stay - **Fish Poles and Supplies** - Includes fishing net, tackle box, and stringer. Lures and weights must be purchased separately.
- \$45/person/6 hours, must depart before noon - **Kayak** - Includes shuttle to and from the river/lake area, the paddle and life jacket.
- \$10/person/ per day - **Bicycles** - male and female styles.
- \$25/night - **Camping Tent** - 6-person tent includes sleeping bed and bedding. Must have 24-hour notice for set up.
- \$10/hr or \$30 per day - **Arena Riding**
- Additional Opportunities are still to come in 2024!

Use the QR Code
to visit our
website &
learn more!!



Double Hearts Ranch is listed on several camping sites:

- **Harvest Host:** <https://harvesthosts.com/host-locations/>
- **Hipcamp:** <https://www.hipcamp.com/en-US/land/missouri-double-hearts-ranch-ozxhwlpz?adults=1&children=0>

PROGRAMS

DHR offers unique and interactive experiences for educational learning and professional development opportunities for your group or business. Each program is tailored to your group's interests and needs. Call for pricing! Pricing is based on the size of each group, length of time and accommodations need for the program.

- **Equine Leadership/Corporate Team Building Retreats:** A dynamic process of building leadership and self-awareness skills through horse-human interactions. It allows managers and leaders to effectively incorporate skills that impact an organization's bottom line, since successful team building, interpersonal communication, and conflict resolution efforts are crucial in today's work environment.
- **Equine Assisted Learning/Interventions:** Review the history and breeds of horses and donkeys, touching upon how they have made such an impact on our own societal development. Observe and develop an understanding of equine behavior and how it relates to humans. Develop the techniques for effectively interacting with a horse for grooming, leading, and feeding while learning about their anatomy and nutritional intake.

*If you are looking for the perfect tranquil and unique experience for your event (wedding, family picnic/reunion, team building adventure, organization/business retreat, etc.) camping experience, or equine educational opportunity, then **Double Hearts Ranch is your destination!***



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RANCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS & PROGRAMS

MARCH 2024

**1st----March/April Issue of
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Round-Up**

APRIL 2024

**1st----Camping Season Opens On
The Ranch**



*“Double Hearts Ranch
provides a tranquil,
educational setting for you or
your group to experience
during your visit. Come away
with peace of mind, relaxation
in your soul and a new found
knowledge and respect for our
equine partners.”*

MAY 2024

17th-19th — Cowgirl Getaway Weekend: Whether it's mother-daughter time, a sisters' get-together, or just friends catching up,; grabbing that much-needed “girl time” will be the priority. So kick your boots off and let your daily worries and stress fade away in front of a roaring, mesmerizing campfire, good company, generous hospitality, great horseback riding, fun equine-assisted learning (for those that don't horseback ride), and much more.

JUNE 2024

21st-23rd — Cowboy Cookout Weekend: Whether it's father-son time, a brother's get-together, or just friends catching up, grabbing that much-needed “outdoor bonding time” - this weekend will be the perfect outing. So be ready to fire up some good BBQ, kick your boots off, and let your daily worries and stress fade away. This weekend is all about the boys - with campfires, good company, generous hospitality, great horseback riding and much more.

**Watch our Facebook Page and Website for more details and
sign up.**