



The Colorado Horse Park Jumps to Honor Military Families and would like to invite you to join us for our first ever Military Appreciation Day honoring veterans of all branches and their families.

Horses will fly and children will giggle with delight on Saturday, July 23 when the international equestrian complex, [The Colorado Horse Park](#) honors veterans and their families with its first ever Military Appreciation Day. The free event is open to the public and will offer fun and entertainment for families and horse lovers. One of the highlights of the event is the Parker Adventist Grand Prix Jumping Equestrian competition, the grand finale of the newly expanded six week Colorado summer circuit.

For 20 years, the [Colorado Horse Park](#) has been an active community partner as passionate about their neighbors and the land around them as they are about supporting world class equestrian amateurs. The park has raised money for charities such as Children's Hospital and Make a Wish; actively worked to preserve open space in Douglas County and created family traditions such as Halloween with Horses. Military Appreciation Day was introduced to honor veterans of all branches and their families, and provides the park with another opportunity to invite the community into the ring of competition.

“We wanted to support and recognize our local military families, and this event allows us to show them how valued they are to our community and to our country, “ says Helen Kriebel, The Colorado Horse Park’s founder and president. “Community and service has always been a cornerstone of our values and this event is one more way for us to embrace the community and share our passion.”

Entertainment starts at 2:30 p.m. and the \$50,000 Parker Adventist Grand Prix competition begins at 4:30 p.m. Families will also be able to enjoy pony rides, face

painting, children's show jumps jumping competition, bouncy houses and of course snacks, sodas, and water all compliments of The Colorado Horse Park.

Comments Krieble, "We are so proud to honor our military families as we cap off the inaugural edition of the expanded summer circuit. With more prize money, new jumps and of course some of the continent's best hunter and jumper competitors, it will be an exciting and fun day."

Military Appreciation Day will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at The Colorado Horse Park, 7522 S. Pinery Drive. Entertainment starts at 2:30 p.m., and the Parker Adventist Grand Prix competition will begin at 4:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

About The Colorado Horse Park

The Colorado Horse Park, an international equestrian complex, is the largest horse park west of the Mississippi with 11 arenas, 300 permanent stalls and enough portable stalls for 1000 competing horses. With a mission to support and promote amateur athletics, the Colorado Horse Park has established opportunities for young equestrians to develop their Olympic dreams by hosting qualifying events and competitions.

An active community partner, The Colorado Horse Park hosts clinics and educational events annually for all ages, including Olympians as clinicians, works to preserve open space in Douglas County, and fundraises and supports local non-profits and charities.

Please RSVP to Vivien Van Buren

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