

IRISH RUN FARMS
August 2015 News

A hearty “hello” from Irish Run! Our Iowa summer is bringing its customary heat and humidity, but the rivers have returned to their banks and your equine friends are anxious to see you! Stop by the barn to ride, visit with friends or graze a horse – we are anxious to see you all.

Show season is heating up and you can watch some superb riding at **Maffitt Lake Equestrian Center** through August 9th. Make a trip out to this beautiful facility in Cumming and cheer **Kendrick LaPrade and Rain** on!

Irish Run Pony Clubbers have been enjoying some outings away from the barn this summer. Last month they had an opportunity to ride the property of our own Alison Herr and had a splendid time. On **August 14th** they are headed to the **Lauridsen Rustic Retreat** to practice riding trails, hills and creek crossings. Let us know if anyone else would like to tag along!

The barn is looking fabulous! **Daniela, Gilberto and Dago** and been putting in long hours scrubbing stalls, weeding gardens and organizing supplies. Thank you troops! We also have a **new manure bunker** on the north side of the studio barn. Please put any manure in the bunker. We will cover it with a tarp and haul it out when the bunker is full. This should keep things more sanitary. If you notice anything that needs attention at the facility, please let us know!

We are planning a casual **barn celebration for this Wednesday, August 5 at 5:30 p.m.** Bring a dish or drinks to share and enjoy some IRF camaraderie. See Daniela for more info.

Anyone up for a ride in the park? We would like to organize some group trail rides. Maybe a Sunday morning or weekday evening? If you would like to ride with a few friends, let Daniela know what days and times would be good for you.

Does your horse get bored standing in the stall? We are exploring some types of *enrichment* for the horses: hay bags, hanging toys, etc. Please let us know if you are interested in getting something for your horse. Perhaps we can get a price reduction if we buy in bulk!

Thank you Dago for **spraying mosquito repellent** around the property and thank you all for not grazing afterwards. Watch your email and the board for updates – we may need to do it again!

It is a pleasure to spend time at the barn and I am so grateful for the kindness and encouragement of our barn family. Thank you!!! I hope to see you at Irish Run soon!

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