



2019 MARYLAND HORSE FORUM AGENDA

Thursday, August 8, 2019
Goucher College, Baltimore, MD

8:00 am	Registration, Light Refreshments in Merrick Lecture Hall		
9:00 am	Opening Remarks in Kraushaar Auditorium		
Location Topics	Merrick Hall Participation, Promotion, Education	Kraushaar Auditorium Horse-keeping and Welfare	Kelley Lecture Hall Land use, Legislature, and Liability
9:30 am	Perception of the Horse Industry <i>What is the current perception of our horse industry? How does that differ from what we know to be true? How do we address this as an industry?</i>	Unwanted Horses in Need of Transition <i>What is in place to help with those horses who can no longer be kept by current owners? What more needs to be done in this area?</i>	Land Use and Availability <i>How can we keep horse farms, horse farms? Discuss land preservation options and how to keep land available for next generations with limited space and increasing development.</i>
10:30 am	Recruiting and Retaining the Next Generation <i>How do we move people from being intrigued to invested in the Horse Industry? What are barriers to participation and how do we overcome them?</i>	Safeguarding our Horses' Health <i>How are infectious disease outbreaks communicated to horse owners and event managers? What else do horse owners need to know?</i>	Existing Regulations Affecting Horse Owners <i>What are the current regulation issues in your area? What are the best ways to address zoning and environmental challenges to horse farms?</i>
11:30 am	Protection and Use of Recreational Riding Spaces <i>How can we drive home the importance of maintaining horse trails and show facilities for the overall community? How do we make horse facilities attractive and well used by horse people?</i>	Doing Better by our Horses <i>Where should we concentrate our efforts regarding welfare concerns? Are we transitioning our horses well? Legislation versus educating welfare: what is the best for our horses?</i>	Legislation Affecting the Industry <i>Discuss what legislation will come up in the next session, what horse owners should be aware of, and how to be involved. What issues do you think should be in front of our legislators?</i>
12:30pm	Lunch and Networking: Cafeteria		
1:30 pm	Education Availability and Impact <i>What is currently available? What kind(s) of education are horse people looking for? How do people want to receive information? Are we educating for the jobs that are out there?</i>	Welfare and Safety of the Race Horse <i>Perception, reality, and moving forward.</i>	Economics, Insurance and Liability for Horse Owners <i>What are the biggest issues involving insurance and liability facing horse owners and businesses? What are the economic challenges with operating a horse business? What help do horse owners and business need from the Maryland Horse Industry?</i>
2:30 pm	Guest Speaker and summary remarks		
3:00-5:00 pm	Reception		