



## **Essex Horse Trials Set to Begin!**

### ***Peter Chesson Memorial Classic Car Show to Take Place on Saturday***

Far Hills, New Jersey—July 11, 2021— The **Essex Horse Trials**, one of New Jersey’s most popular events, is set to take place **July 17-18** at historic **Moorland Farm** in Far Hills. The Horse Trials features top eventing horses and riders along with family friendly activities, a spectacular car show and fun demonstrations. It is truly a weekend experience not to be missed!

More than 200 horses are expected to compete at the Essex Horse Trials including two-time U.S. National champion and two-time U.S. Olympic team alternate Buck Davidson as well as Holly Payne Caravella, one of the most accomplished eventing competitors in the country. They will be participating in the Running S Open Preliminary division which is offering \$10,000 in prize money with \$5,000 going to the winner. Other divisions being offered include Beginner Novice, Novice, Training and Preliminary.



“The Essex Horse Trials is such a great way for families to enjoy a summer weekend,” said Ralph Jones, President of the Essex Horse Trials. “The event offers something for everyone – exciting competition, shopping, food court and a tremendous car show set on beautiful Moorland Farm.”

This year’s Horse Trials kicks off on Friday evening, July 16, with a concert hosted by Music in the Somerset Hills organization. Stephen Sands conducts an all-star Broadway orchestra led by Jonathan Dinklage, the concertmaster for the show “Hamilton.” Call 973-339-7719 for information.

On Saturday, the **Peter Chesson Memorial Classic Car Show** takes place with more than 100 cars representing a century of mechanical marvels. Also on Saturday, is

the Mars Candy Hunt at noon and a demonstration of the Essex Fox Hounds Parade. On Sunday, animal lovers of all ages will enjoy the antics of the Tewksbury foot bassets.



General admission tickets are now on sale and available [here](#). The cost is just \$10 per person, with children 17 and under admitted free. New this year, spectators can reserve a small, private tent to spend the day ringside at the show jumping arena. Ringside sponsorships are available for \$500 and feature a 10×10 tent with four folding chairs.

Some tailgating spots are still available for the best viewing of the exciting cross-country course. Packages range in cost from \$50 - \$300 depending on location. For more information on tailgate packages and ringside sponsorships, please call 908-234-9115 ext. 13 or email [katherine@essexhorsetrials.org](mailto:katherine@essexhorsetrials.org).

Proceeds from the Essex Horse Trials benefit the **Greater Newark LifeCamp** in nearby Pottersville, which provides an enriching day camp experience for approximately 300 Newark-area youths per day for six weeks during July and August.

Additional information on the Essex Horse Trials is available at [www.EssexHorseTrials.org](http://www.EssexHorseTrials.org).

### **The Sport of Eventing**

Eventing, often referred to as an "equestrian triathlon," combines the elegance of dressage, the thrill of cross-country, and the precision of show jumping. Eventing provides a rare opportunity for spectators of all ages and interests to witness a discipline that highlights the unique trust and bond between horse and rider.



### **About the Essex Horse Trials**

For three decades, the famed Essex Horse Trials was a major highlight on the equestrian calendar, attracting top American and international competitors as well as thousands of fans who enjoyed its social aspects in addition to the thrilling competition. The event was originally conceived in 1968 by the Haller Family at Hoopstick Farm.

**Moorland Farm**, a picturesque 230-acre property, provides the breathtaking setting for the event's current edition. It is the home of the annual Far Hills Race Meeting, a nationally prestigious steeplechase race meeting held each October.