

Lakeside Equestrian Park to serve East County Equestrians.

San Diego County is working with the East County Equestrian Foundation, a 501 C3 non-profit organization, to build a premier equestrian facility on a 14-acre parcel at 11055 Moreno Ave. The conceptual layout includes a covered arena, which is the planned showpiece of the facility. The facility will host junior, high school, and senior pro rodeo; cattle events; barrel racing; gymkhanas; western and english horse shows; clinics and trail events.



Plus it will be open to other types of equestrian and non-equestrian events to serve the East San Diego County community.

The county is paying for the construction of the facility and the ECEF is helping the project by raising funds to cover management and maintenance of the equestrian park. The target date for

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breaking ground is this coming November, but that is subject to change due to county project scheduling.

ECEF encourages supporters to become members of the Friends of the East County Equestrian Foundation at \$10/person. The organization will be hosting fundraisers and creating sponsorship opportunities to support the Lakeside Equestrian Park.

Thursday evening on July 20 is a fundraiser at Boll Weevil in Lakeside where 20 percent of the restaurant bill will go to ECEF. Everyone that wants to help in ECEF in its efforts to promote and preserve equestrian and agricultural activities in East San Diego County is encouraged to come out and meet the board members, enjoy a nice meal, and help this organization grow and fulfill its mission.

Marty Barnard, owner of East County Feed is sponsoring the ECEF Cowboy Challenge Oct. 14. The event is in memory of her husband George Barnard and original founding member of ECEF. The challenge will be held on the future park's site and will offer classes in youth / \$35; novice / \$40; amateur / \$50; and open \$75. Buckles will be awarded for first place in all classes. There is a 50 percent payback going to the amateur and open class winners. Info for the Cowboy Challenge is available at www.Chadwaldhauser.com or call 760-505-2334.

Everyone is invited to share this article and spread the word about the Lakeside Equestrian Park. For more information please visit the Facebook page or call the ECEF president Michelle deVries at 619-993-1382 or email ecef@att.net . Memberships fees or donations can be sent to East County Equestrian Foundation, PO Box 1878, Lakeside, CA 92040. Donations can also be made to through their GoFundMe page <https://www.gofundme.com/w9j55c>

Please include your name, address, phone numbers, emails and equestrian affiliations and any suggestions.