

Fellow Equestrians and Friends,

Thank you for your support and/or attendance at the meeting held at Hodges Gardens State Park in regards to the equestrian area. I felt we were a very energizing and enthusiastic group. We let the Office of State Park representatives know how passionate we are about our sport.

Time is of the essence. We need to work with the park system and let our **state representatives** know how important the equestrian area is. Also to let them know that we are willing to support the area with volunteering and how much it will benefit the state park system along with tourism in Louisiana.

The legislature is scheduled to meet in March. So we must **quickly** lay groundwork for trails and over night facilities that we require to bring more riders into Hodges Gardens. This is not only for us, but for future generations as well.

Your emails to the state officials and representatives for the area are very important. We need to write immediately. Ask your friends to write also. In your email, you may want to mention:

- Your interest in the park and how you would utilize the equestrian area.
- If you belong to a riding organization, how many generally attend an event and what amenities your group requires.
- Offer to volunteer your services, if possible, for trail or event work at the park
- .Tell them how often you think that you would patronize the park, thus adding revenue and usage to the park
- Thank them for the recent addition of the shower facility and for their consideration.

I will keep you informed through the Louisiana Equine Council web site [www.laequinecouncil.com](http://www.laequinecouncil.com) of any information that I acquire.

I hope that you will plan a trip to Hodges Gardens soon. We expect over night camping will be allowed within the next month. Check with Hodges Gardens at 318 586 3523 for current overnight information.

PLEASE WRITE THE FOLLOWING AND LET THEM KNOW THAT THERE ARE MANY EQUESTRIANS ANXIOUS TO USE THEIR FACILITIES AND BRING \$\$\$ INTO LOUISIANA

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