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Tour of Southern Pines Horse Farms and NCSU School of Veterinary Medicine to Kick off National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium

The 2008 National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium, which will take place February 29 –March 2, 2008 in Raleigh, NC, will provide a limited opportunity for registrants to participate in two pre-conference tours.

The first tour is a full day tour horse country in Southern Pines, North Carolina and is sponsored by the Animal Welfare Council. The tour will begin with a scenic drive to beautiful Southern Pines and a stop at North Carolina State University's picturesque Southern Pines Equine Health Center. The Equine Health Center is a world-class facility that brings together horse owners, veterinarians and faculty on issues, research and advancements concerning equine health in North Carolina. Attendees will attend brief educational sessions by prominent equine health experts on issues handled at this facility. A tasty North Carolina BBQ in a wonderful historic location is included in the tour. After lunch the tour will take attendees to some of the most beautiful horse farms in the United States.

The second tour will be a ½ day tour in the Raleigh Area featuring a tour of the College of Veterinary Medicine and Equine Science Unit at North Carolina State University and is sponsored by the American Association of Equine Practitioners Foundation. Attendees will receive brief educational sessions from experts while touring the facilities. This tour will also feature a stop at MacNair's Country Acres, a top-notch 200 acre local equestrian facility that offers boarding, lessons, horse shows, 4-H clubs, indoor and outdoor riding facilities and a tack shop.

Those wishing to attend the 2008 National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium and the pre-conference tours can register online at www.ayhc.com. Early bird discounted registration ends January 29, 2008.

**2008 National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium Hosted by: North Carolina State
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