

NC-ANA 2023 FARM TOUR

Monday, February 20, 2023

Farms we will be visiting.....



Sweetwater Farms ~ Huntersville, NC

sweetwaterfarmsnc.org

Sweetwater Farms is an extraordinary place designed to nurture one's soul. Come and explore nature, engage with remarkable animals, increase the daily intake of physical activity for your whole family, discover more about who you are and what you love and your natural instincts to extend love and kindness to others. The land that is now home to Sweetwater Farms, was purchased in 2016 by Susan Lurz, co-founder of Proudtree Empowered Learning—a company that develops products which empower the whole child with brands that focus on social and emotional development, physical activity, and healthy nutrition. In 2017, Proudtree established Sweetwater Farms as an empowerment incubator to refine and practice wellness concepts for children. Today this teaching farm offers children and their families an amazing outdoor experience for social, emotional, and physical well-being.

Misty Meadows ~ Weddington, NC

mityriders.org

Mitey Riders was built on the belief that children's lives could be strengthened through horses. Four guiding principles shaped the program that would become Mitey Riders: 1) A belief in the power of horses to change lives 2) A belief in the value of community 3) A belief that therapeutic riding can help riders achieve life goals both on and off the farm 4) A belief in high standards of service for our riders and care for our horses. These principles shape all they do at Mitey Riders. Mitey Rider participants range in age from 5 to 18. They manage conditions such as autism, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy and Down syndrome, among others. Without the inspiration of their amazing riders, their program would not have reason to exist. It is because of these kids that Mitey Rider has over 200 dedicated volunteers, 14+ wonderful horses and a passionate staff of instructors and directors; and it is because of these kids that motivate them to do what they do, ever day. Feel the magic that happens when horse and rider connect.

The Hunter Farm ~ Weddington, NC

thehunterfarm.com

The Hunter Farm is family owned and operated, working farm offering seasonal experiences for their community to enjoy. The Hunter Farm has been in the same family since 1868. Farmer Nancy's great grandmother was raised here, and the farm has been passed down on her mother's side since. While the operations of the farm have certainly changed over the years – from cash crops to dairy cattle to small scale agritourism – it has always existed as a place its community could call home. Today the Hunter Farm serves as a small scale agritourism business, offering a space for the community to reconnect with the land and its animals, and experience a seasonal, working farm. The remaining acreage has been placed in a conservation easement, protecting it from any future commercial or residential development thanks to our valuable partnership with Catawba Lands Conservancy. Truly a forever farm!

Aw Shucks Farms ~ Monroe, NC

awshucksfarms.com

Aw Shucks is a fall destination but opens on select dates in the Spring and Summer. Aw Shucks offers a wide variety of fun for all ages. A 6-acre corn maze, pumpkins, hayrides, haunted trail, giant grain bin slide, fossil mining, fishing, target shooting, pony rides, and more are all part of the fall experience. Other months are by appointment for educational field trips, birthday parties, weddings, and other special events. For history buffs, check out the old passenger railroad car from the 1800's and a general store built in 1910.

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Treehouse Vineyards ~ Monroe, NC

treehousevineyards.com

Treehouse Vineyards, a family-run winery on a 200-year-old farm in Monroe, is a gem of a weekend getaway for wine-lovers! The Nordan family has been growing organic muscadine grapes and producing wine for personal use for 50 years. They opened the grounds to the public back in 2010. Today, they also source regional grapes from the Yadkin Valley to produce merlot and cabernet sauvignon along with their award-winning native muscadine wines. The vineyard's standout feature — three gorgeous treehouses available for hourly and overnight rentals — are the main draw for visitors. The overnight treehouses are extremely comfortable and are equipped with heating, AC, bathrooms, running water, kitchenettes, linens and electricity. You're not exactly roughing it. Treehouse Vineyards is open all year.

Wise Acres ~ Indian Trail, NC

wiseacresorganic.com

Wise Acres is a family-owned u-pick USDA-certified organic farm in Indian Trail, NC, just outside of Charlotte. They grow the best products using only natural methods to ensure the healthiest and most delicious produce for family, friends, and the environment. Starting in early spring Wise Acres open their farm for nursery plants starts and then follow with u-pick organic strawberries, organic blueberries, sunflowers, and end with pumpkins in the fall. They are always trying new ways to engage and entertain you and your family. Wise Acres is a place to unplug, play, and relax. When you need a break from picking, playing, activities, and visiting the animals, head to the barn for slushies and other delicious real treats. Wise Acres is very excited for the future and for new opportunities to engage, support, and grow with the land and community they love.

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