In the News: Horse Network

How "Rocket Pony" Ulyssa Found Her Calling When pinto pony Ulyssa was finally confiscated by law enforcement in March 2023

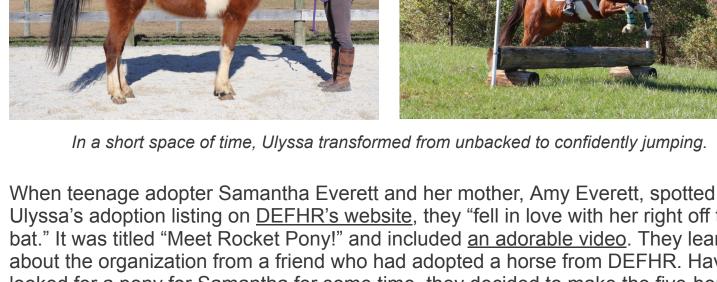
after years of living in less-than-ideal conditions, her future appeared uncertain. The 13-year-old mare had been living alone, intended as a pony for her owner's grandchildren. Animal Control had a history of concerns about the pony's welfare over five years, and when her condition declined, a vet examined her and found she had a body condition score of two out of nine on the Henneke Horse Body Condition Scoring System (depending on the breed, a four or a five is an ideal score), meaning she was significantly malnourished.



under DEFHR's expert care and blossomed into a bright, engaging, and personable pony.

In the summer of 2023, Ulyssa joined DEFHR's training program under the watchful eye of trainer Leigha Schrader. "She had very little to no experience under saddle, so I restarted her from the ground up, beginning with groundwork," said Schrader. "I loved working with Ulyssa and nicknamed her 'Rocket Pony.' She was keen and always down for adventures and

learning new skills. She was forward-thinking, and whenever I start ponies under saddle, I have kids in mind. Safety is my priority, and I always want to give ponies a solid foundation to help them succeed as safe, fun mounts for younger riders."



our family."

from Chesapeake, VA, in December 2023 to see Ulyssa.



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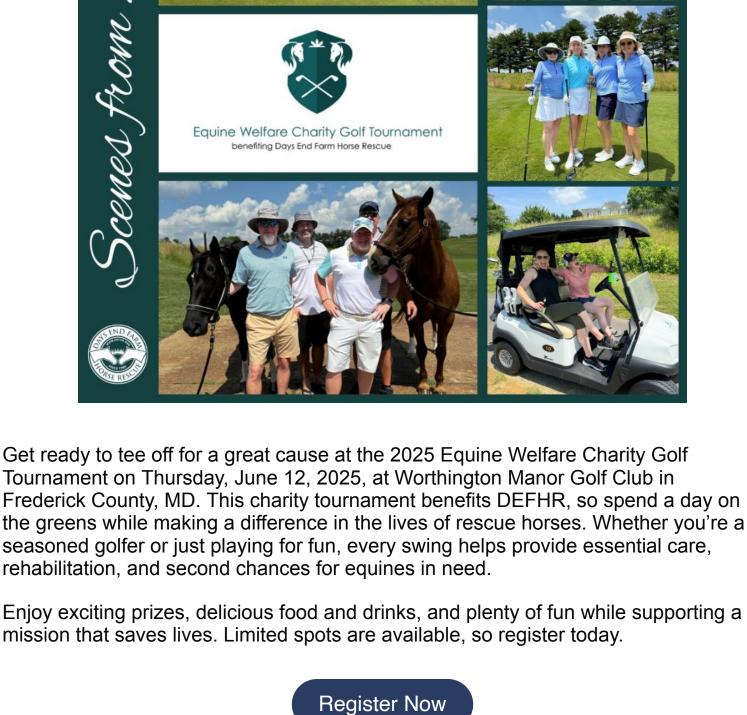
Currently Available Horses

"The search for a perfect horse was a challenge as we looked at many," recalled Amy.

adopted Ulyssa. "When she rode Ulyssa, it was like they were meant to be together. Her size, markings, and disposition were what sold us; she was the perfect pony for

"Samantha had been taking riding lessons for three-and-a-half years before we

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All the horses at DEFHR wear colorcoded halters: green, yellow, red, or purple. Each horse is assigned a color based on its handling needs. Horses with a green-coded halter (pictured) are beginner friendly, and new volunteers can handle

them

program

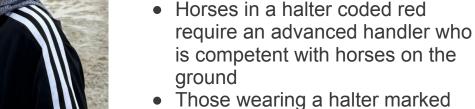
Yellow-marked horses need an intermediate handler since they

purple are for staff only; they are

usually stallions, new arrivals, youngsters, or feral horses

might still be learning or participating in a training

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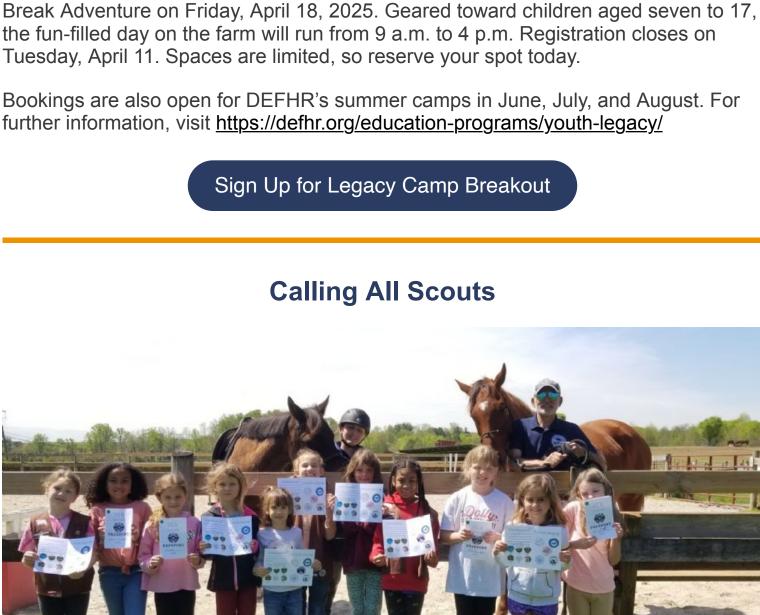






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around horses or have years of experience. Scouts rotate through multiple stations, which include topics like grooming, leading horses, and how DEFHR rehabilitates horses. A farm tour and riding demonstration are also on the docket. All Scouts will get a patch for participation and completion of all stations. Our second Scout Day will

Register for Scout Day

Featured Horse of the Month: Jesting Jax

be on October 25.

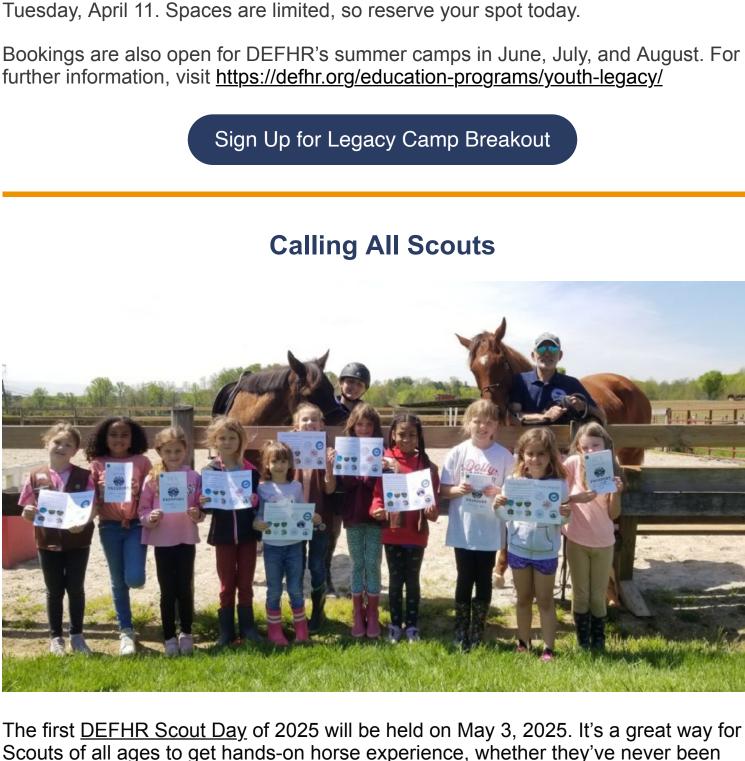
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There's still time to sign up for DEFHR's one-day Legacy Camp Breakout: A Spring



15.2hh Thoroughbred gelding

Jesting Jax is a 15.2hh 13-year-old off-the-track Thoroughbred (OTTB) gelding available for adoption at DEFHR. He is missing one eye, but it does not adversely

affect him. He has been given training from the ground up while at DEFHR and is going nicely under saddle in walk, trot, and canter, and has started pole work and jumping small cross rails. He is a very straightforward guy and is extremely comfortable to ride. Jax will make an excellent partner for dabbling in just about any equestrian activity! For more information, visit https://defhr.org/horses/jesting-jax/, email adopt@DEFHR.org, or

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