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A WEDDING OF SORTS

It's never too late to make dreams a reality

Lake Luzerne, NY – September 12, 2012 – the Double H Ranch is proud to announce the marriage of Arthur, their donkey who thinks he's a horse, to Reeve, a miniature horse. The marriage ceremony took place July 28th (original date July 27 but Arthur got cold hooves causing the delay) during Session 5 of Summer Residential Camp at the Double H Ranch. Mini-horse Destiny served as Maid of Honor, goat Figaro was ring bearer and other goats, rabbits and guinea pigs completed the wedding party. The Assistant Director of Operations officiated over the proceedings and Nurse Troy stood in as father of the bride. All Session 5 Double H campers, staff and volunteers were in attendance. Following the ceremony cake was shared by all. The couple departed for a honeymoon in the front of the barnyard.

This is just one of many stories that continue to be retold by our summer campers dealing with life-threatening illnesses to their family and friends in the afterglow of camp.

Camp may be over but the stories carry on. As do the fundraising efforts to meet a \$3.2 million operating budget by end-of-year. It is never too late to sponsor a Double H camper for their morning (\$125) or week (\$1,800) of Summer Residential Camp. This year a gift of sponsoring a camper is extra special as the Double H Ranch celebrates its 20-year anniversary and works to meet a Challenge presented by the SeriousFun Children's Network—to raise \$90,000 from donors who sponsor a camper *for the very first time*, in return for a \$30,000 grant.

The Summer Residential Camp program hosts 900 campers (seventy percent from New York State) FREE-of-charge who, because of a medical diagnosis, are unable to attend other summer camps. Your sponsorship, 24-hour/on-site medical personnel, a 2:1 camper/counselor ratio and hundreds of volunteer partners bring Double H children their week of never-ending stories and Adirondack adventure.

For more information on sponsoring a Double H camper, call Linda at 518-696-5921 or go to www.doublehbranch.org and click on the Blaze A Trail icon.

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The mission of the Double H Ranch is to provide specialized programs and year-round support for children and their families dealing with life-threatening illnesses. Our purpose is to enrich their lives and provide camp experiences that are memorable, exciting, fun, empowering, physically safe and medically sound. All programs are FREE of charge and capture the magic of the Adirondacks.

