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Lots to Do at the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill
Many Attractions to be Held Alongside World-Class Equestrian Competition

Baltimore, Maryland – October 8, 2021 – The 2021 Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill will have something for everyone with great shopping, demonstrations, live music, kids' activities, and more being held alongside the world-class equestrian competition at the newly constructed Fair Hill Special Event Zone in Elkton, Maryland (Cecil County), October 14-17.

The Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill is one of only two 5 Star level events in the United States and just the seventh worldwide. The event's prestigious 5 Star (CCI5*) designation is the pinnacle of the Olympic sport of Eventing, often described as an equestrian triathlon.

Spectators can watch Olympic medalists and the sport's elite riders while enjoying many featured attractions during all four days. Horse lovers of all ages can learn more about horses and interact with the horses and trainers from Maryland's Horse Discovery Centers at **Horseland at the Maryland 5 Star**, a free exhibit sponsored by the Maryland Horse Industry Board.

Over 75 vendors will have amazing gifts, apparel, décor, and more available throughout the event for some spectacular shopping. The amazing staff at the **BROOKBEND Interiors Arts & Crafts Center** will be showcasing all things Maryland, novelty socks, home décor, whiskey/wine bar accessories and so much more! They'll be offering a unique experience for adults and children during Jolie Home Paint Studio Workshops throughout the entire event.

For those bringing their canine friends to Fair Hill, the **KONG Equine Doggy Daycare** offers off-leash fun and complimentary daycare services every day of the event. There are limited reservations available through the Maryland 5 Star ticket portal, and walk-ins will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. KONG Equine will also have Puppuccinos available from 8:00 to 9:00 each morning at their tent.

Additionally, Fair Hill visitors can check out the featured brands and chocolates at the **MARS VIPet Experience**, while also exploring nine food truck options and eating at an onsite seafood restaurant run by The Wellwood of North East, Md.

Activities over the weekend also include a 21 and over event, the **Maryland 5 Star Beer, Wine & Spirits Showcase Powered by Grow & Fortify** (Saturday, October 16, 12:00-5:00 p.m.) with a variety of craft beer, wine and spirits from local producers, as well as the family-friendly **Maryland 5 Star Fresh Food Fest** (Sunday, October 17, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) with seasonal fruits and vegetables, dairy products, meats and seafood, and much more.

There will also be a Military Horse Show on Saturday from 12:00-1:00 p.m. The **Military Riding Showcase** will include a meet and greet and book signing with the soldiers and horses of The Old Guard Caisson Platoon, demonstrations from a mounted color guard and Maryland's mounted police units, and a mounted drill to music by the Freedom Hills Veterans Drill Team.

On Friday, competitor in our 3 Star (CCI3*-L) division and well-known advocate for the American Mustang, **Elisa Wallace**, will perform a demonstration with two of her mustangs in the main arena during the break between the 3 Star and the 5 Star. The **Chincoteague Pony Drill Team** will perform Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

Land Rover, the Official Vehicle and Presenting Sponsor of Saturday's Cross Country Day of the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill, will have a sales center on-site at the event! Go Above and Beyond with Land Rover at the inaugural Maryland 5 Star by experiencing their luxurious range of vehicles in person in the Land Rover Sales Center October 14-17.

In addition to the 5 Star competition (CCI5*-L), the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill will feature a 3 Star competition (CCI3*-L), which is serving as the USEF CCI3*-L Eventing National Championship, and The Dutta Corp. USEA Young Event Horse East Coast Championships Presented by Dubarry of Ireland. The four days of Eventing competition will feature Dressage (Thu-Fri), Cross-Country (Sat) showcasing the new Ian Stark designed courses, and Show Jumping (Sun).

For ticket information, please visit <https://maryland5star.us/tickets/>.

About the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill:

One of only two 5 Star events in the United States, and just the seventh worldwide, the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill will continue the storied legacy of Eventing at the new Fair Hill Special Event Zone in Elkton, Maryland, located in Cecil County. The prestigious 5 Star (CCI5*-L) designation is the pinnacle of the Olympic sport of Eventing, best described as an equestrian triathlon. The Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill is produced by The Fair Hill Organizing Committee, an affiliate of the Sport and Entertainment Corporation of Maryland, and in partnership with Fair Hill International. The Maryland Food Bank serves as an event beneficiary.

Discover Cecil County, Maryland!:

Located between Philadelphia and Baltimore on I-95, Cecil County, Maryland boasts vibrant small towns, 200 miles of waterfront, foodie destinations, and scenic countryside providing the perfect backdrop for the Maryland 5 Star at Fair Hill. Experience fabulous local food with a Chesapeake Bay flair, local beer and wine, outdoor recreation, family-friendly attractions, and specialty shops, plus discover 80 miles of trails for hiking, biking and horseback riding. Destination Cecil County... Just a Daydream Away!