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Chateau Morrisette Presents A Mountain Adventure Weekend

Floyd, Virginia - The 2013 Mountain Adventure Weekend takes place from **April 19-21** at the Chateau Morrisette Winery and the Rocky Knob Recreational Area off the Blue Ridge Parkway. "We are thrilled to be able to offer a new event that takes advantage of the natural resources both on the grounds and in the vicinity," said David Morrisette, President of Chateau Morrisette. The Adventure Weekend kicks off the annual Chateau Morrisette Wine Sale which lasts until April 30th. One and two-night travel packages are available on the website.

The event includes Skeet and Trap Shooting with celebrities from the Sportsman Channel's *Muddy's Midwest Whitetail* with *Bill Winke*, *Southeast Show*. Ronny Dalton, Willie Bryant and Dwayne Burnette spend time with participants helping them improve their shooting abilities or matching skills with the more experienced shooters. Skeet and Trap is offered on Saturday from 10-2 and costs start at \$7.50 for 25 clays.

Reagan and Sheila Miles, owners of Winterfrost Farms in Radford, Virginia, will also be on hand to provide trail rides on horseback. These two local celebrities are known for their efforts to rescue and care for abused, neglected and surrendered horses. They will bring their *Ride-A-Rescue* program to the Winery for the day and offer guests the opportunity for 20 minute and hour-long trail rides around the estate. Prices range from \$10-\$30 depending on the length of the ride. Horseback riding is available from 11-5 and proceeds benefit the rescue efforts.

Other exciting events include a choice of hikes, from the easy Buffalo Mountain, to the moderate Black Ridge Trail in Rocky Knob, and for the experienced hiker, the 11-mile Rock Castle Gorge Loop Trail. Guides escort guests on the easy and moderate hikes and maps are provided for the strenuous 11-miler. A \$5 fee applies to cover the cost of transportation. Additionally, local Falconer, Lee Chichester, will be at the Winery with two of her falcons. Co-authors of a new children's book about re-integrating the gray wolf into Yellowstone Park will also be on hand. Marilyn McGee and Gail McDiarmid spent seven years studying the gray wolf of Yellowstone and the Red Wolf of North Carolina before writing *Running for Home*. Finally, for those interested in fishing, Darin Gillenwater, a New River Valley fishing guide and owner of Greasy Creek Outfitters provides insights on fishing in the region, fly tying, cost-effective gear purchases, and a variety of tricks-of-the-trade gleaned from his many years fishing the region.

The Mountain Adventure Weekend features receptions on Friday and Saturday afternoons, a special Wild Game dinner menu at the Chateau Restaurant, and a closing brunch on Sunday. Wine tastings are complimentary at the receptions and a cash bar is available. All cases of wine are marked down 20% and select wines cases are 30% off. The wine sale lasts through the end of April and free shipping is offered on purchases exceeding \$150.

For complete event information, an Activity Guide is available at www.thedogs.com/media/mountain_adventure_weekend.pdf or from a link on thedogs.com homepage. Reservations are highly recommended for all events and meals.

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