



NAEBA's 17th Annual March Mingle

March 8-9, 2024

Courtyard Marriott Lafayette

150 Fairington Avenue

Lafayette, IN 47905

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Friday, March 8

1:00 - 6:30 pm Ranch Tours - Hosted by Rick Matthys, Valmere Farms AND Brandon Fannin, Fannin's Elk Ridge!

8:00 pm Hospitality Room

Saturday, March 9

7:45 - 9:30 am Continental Hot Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 am NAEBA Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 - 10:45 am **SEMINAR:** Overview of USDA Livestock Indemnity Program
By Susan Houston, Chief Specialist, USDA & Samantha Garrison, Disaster Specialist, USDA

10:45 - 11:00 am Morning Break

11:00 - 11:45 am **PANEL SEMINAR:** Learn From Our Mistakes
By Ken Anderson, Anderson Elk Ranch; Jon Reed, Bar Rocking R Ranch

12:00 - 12:45 pm Provided Lunch

1:00 - 1:45 pm **SEMINAR:** Preparing for the Calving Season
By Darryl Ragland, DVM, Ph.D., Purdue University

1:45 - 2:30 pm **SEMINAR:** Managing Antler Damage
By Darryl Ragland, DVM, Ph.D., Purdue University

2:30 - 3:00 pm Afternoon Break

3:00 - 3:45 pm **SEMINAR:** Elk Nutrition
By Rick Balsbaugh, Ph.D.

3:45 - 4:15 pm **SEMINAR:** Elk Genome Update & Future Discussion
By Travis Lowe, NAEBA Executive Director

4:15 - 5:00 pm **PANEL SEMINAR:** Processing and Selling Dog Antler Chews
By Morgan Cummons, ElkUSA; Chris Thuerauf, Antler Ridge Elk Ranch; Jade Noble, Noble Elk Farm

5:00 - 6:00 pm Cash Bar & Social Networking

6:00 - 7:00 pm Dinner Served

7:00 - 8:00 pm NAEBA Benefit Auction

8:15 pm Check Out & Exhibitor Tear Down

8:30 pm Hospitality Room

Optional Friday Ranch Tours!

There are TWO host ranches this year. You may either attend BOTH or just one - it's up to you!

Please note that these two ranches are in different time zones - Valmere Farms is Central Time and Fannin's Elk Ridge is in the Eastern Time Zone.

Please plan to arrange your own transportation to and from the ranch. Please wear comfortable shoes and dress accordingly - it might be chilly! Additionally, please plan to eat meals on your own as they will not be provided.

Below is an outline of the schedule if you plan to do both tours.

Ranch #1 - Central Time: Rick Matthys, Valmere Farms
Address: 641 St Rd. 2, Westville, IN 46391

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 PM (CST) / 1:00 - 3:00 (EST)
**Ranch is 1 hr and 45 minutes from hotel.*

Drive: It is a 1 hr and 20 minute drive from Valmere Farms to Fannin's Elk Ridge.

Ranch #2 - EST Time: Brandon Fannin, Fannin's Elk Ridge

Address: 8582 E 300 N - Rochester, IN 46975

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 PM (EST) / 3:30 - 5:30 (CST)

Drive: It is a 1 hr and 30 minute drive back to the hotel from Fannin's Elk Ridge.