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21st Annual Music Country Grand Prix set for May 31, 2009

What: The **2009 Tractor Supply Co. Music Country Grand Prix** is one of the highest rated equestrian show jumping competitions in the state featuring top riders and horses from across the nation and benefits Saddle Up!. Riders negotiate a professionally set course of 5' + fences in one of the area's top show jumping competitions. A "jump-off" will test the day's top riders in a specially set, twisted course. The rider with the fastest time and least faults (refusals, rails knocked down) will be crowned Grand Champion and take home a \$30,000 prize.

Date: Sunday, May 31, 2009
11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Gates open – 11 a.m.; Junior/ Amateur Classic – 11:30 a.m.; Music Country Grand Prix – 2 p.m. (Lead line and Saddle Up! exhibition before Grand Prix); Patron lunch buffet by the Wild Iris and Nero's Grill from 1 – 3 p.m.

Where: Brownland Farm
1155 Hillsboro Road
Franklin, Tennessee

Beneficiary: Saddle Up!, a recreational and therapeutic horseback riding program for children with mental and physical disabilities.

Cost: General Admission is \$10 (children under 10 are free)
A patron's tent including catered meal, beverages and silent auction is also available. Call 794-1150 for more details.

More:

The two partners of local Grand Prix rider David Q. Wright – Step Right Up (2006 Music Country Grand Prix Champion) and Campari – will be honored in an official but albeit bittersweet retirement ceremony which will take place before the Music Country Grand Prix.

The third annual "People Prix" will take place from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Children (and the young at heart) can try their hand at jumping a miniature-sized grand prix course on their own two feet.

Saddle Up! (www.saddleupnashville.org) is a recreational horseback riding program for children with disabilities. It is the oldest non-profit organization of its kind in Middle Tennessee and serves more than 100 children. It exists exclusively on charitable contributions and operates with the help of dedicated volunteers. Call 615-794-1150 for more information.