



Thomson-McDuffie

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Tally-ho!



The Belle Meade Fox Hunt opens on the first Saturday in November, with the **Blessing of Hounds**. Then, hunts are held each Wednesday and Saturday through March.

Belle Meade hosts what is likely the largest opening day meet of any foxhunt in the world. A hundred or so riders from more than fifteen states converge with more than five hundred on-lookers to create a uniquely Southern version of opening day for a sport that started in England some four hundred years ago.

Ride along on a Tally-ho wagon through historic sites and beautiful rolling countryside of McDuffie County, following scarlet-coated hunters and well-trained hounds on a simulated fox hunt. This is truly an unforgettable McDuffie County tradition!

As horses and riders thunder over the 20,000 lush green acres of hunt country, spectators snap pictures and passers-by slow or stop their cars to see the fabulous scene. Belle Meade not only draws viewers and visitors from as far away as Canada, Switzerland, and Australia; it also accounts for many who arrive for a hunt or a season, then return to live and retire in Thomson.

For more information, call the **Thomson-McDuffie Chamber of Commerce at 706-597-1000**.

43rd Annual Blessing of the Hounds

When: Saturday, November 7, 2009

Where: Wrightsboro Rd., just off Highway 78, north of Thomson, GA.

Tickets: \$50, sold in advance only

Attendance: 100+ riders, 500+ spectators

What To Bring: Cooler, beverages, picnic lunch.

