

# Geography Quiz

**Q** Where can you find 10 Michigan universities?



**A** They're ALL right here.

**NMC  
University  
Center**



- ★
- Central Michigan University**
- Davenport University**
- Eastern Michigan University**
- Ferris State University**
- Grand Valley State University**
- Lawrence Tech University**
- Michigan State University**
- Spring Arbor University**
- University of Michigan**
- Western Michigan University**

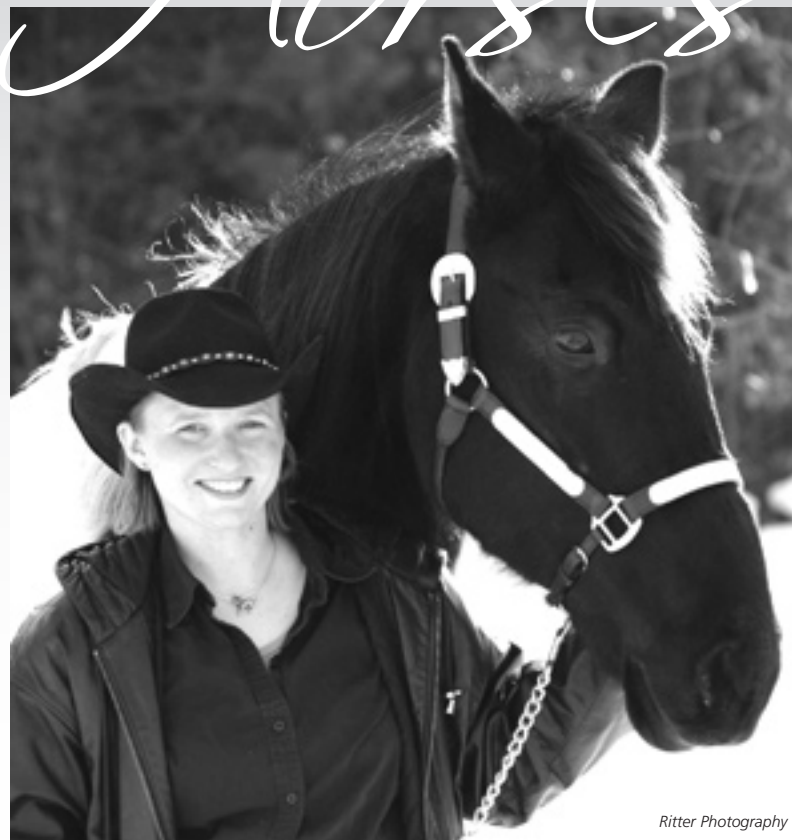
**Extra Credit:** Can you identify 10 programs offered through the NMC University Center?

**Finish the "quiz" online:**  
[www.nmc.edu/quiz](http://www.nmc.edu/quiz)

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# Horses



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*Jennifer Lee and her Tennessee Walking Horse, Dakota. Jennifer adopted Dakota through Horse North five years ago and rode him 240 miles across Michigan in September to raise money for the rescue effort.*

## JENNIFER LEE, HORSE MANAGER, HORSE NORTH RESCUE AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM, FIFE LAKE

**THE PROGRAM:** Horse North, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit rescue and placement program that takes in, rehabilitates, trains and places unwanted horses in approved homes. Our adoption/lease program leases horses for \$25 per year. You can have them as long as you want them as long as you take care of them. If there ever comes a point where you cannot keep them, we will take them back and find a new home.

Horse North is 100 percent volunteer-run. We have placed over 100 area horses in loving homes. We also offer educational classes, clinics and an introductory riding program for kids.

**THE JOB:** My family, volunteers and I provide all the day to day care for the horses. We assess, train or retrain, and rehabilitate them and work to interview anyone who is interested in one of our horses. When a family is approved and matched with a horse, we make arrangements to transport the horse to its new home. We then continue an ongoing mentorship with those who are new to horses and help anyone with our horses when needed.

**THE START:** I met Holly Middaugh, the founder of Horse North Rescue, while she was doing Pony Pack, a class for young horse lovers. I offered to help and set up a website, and it really took off. Holly had been hoping

someone would come along with the same passion she had to pass the program on to, and within six months I was running the program.

**THE BEST PART:** Watching horses flourish and people get excited about horses. I also really enjoy all of the wonderful people I meet and all of our great volunteers. In the last 12 months, we have been able to place 65 horses!

**THE HARDEST PART:** Making the hard decisions about which horses we take in. I am bothered by decisions about which horses are not considered "placeable" due to health or safety issues. I hate seeing the neglect cases, and I feel for the people who have no choice but to give up their horses. I admire them for doing it before things get bad and the animal suffers.

**THE MOST SURPRISING PART:** Seeing the horses transform. It is amazing what nurturing, correct care, training and time can do.

**A DAY ON THE JOB:** A typical day starts with morning chores (feeding, watering, graining, giving supplements, checking the horses over, and turning them out). Then I check fence lines and gates. Next, it's on to office work: checking and returning e-mails and phone calls, processing adoption applications, organizing the never-ending paperwork, working on grants and website updates. Later in the day, I work with specific horses and finish the day with evening chores.

**YEARS ON THE JOB:** Approximately seven years

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To get a grant for an indoor riding arena so we could do more of our work and training year round. If we had an indoor place to work, we could accomplish so much more.

**HRS/WEEK:** If you ask me, I would say an average of 30 to 40. If you ask my husband, he would say 60! Every day and every week varies.

**FAMILY LIFE:** My husband and I have seven children ranging in age from 3 to 15, three of whom we adopted out of foster care. We homeschool, and the horse rescue is our family mission; everyone has a job. We live on the property used for the rescue, so it is our life as a family. Interestingly enough, our adopted children came to us with a lot of issues, and we watched them heal and flourish as they cared for the horses that were healing as well. Our plan as a family is to use the horses in our care to now help other families and individuals heal as the horses do in our care. We recently received our 501(c)3 status for Valley of Refuge Family Ranch. The purpose of the ranch is to mentor families and kids using horses.

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