



## ***Ft Valley 16 mile Introductory Endurance Ride***

Saturday, October 20, 2018

Ft. Valley, Virginia

Interested in endurance riding but not sure you or your horse is ready for 30 or 50 miles? No problem! Come and ride our 16 mile Introductory Ride. A great way to ease into the sport in a relaxed, fun division geared just for you.

**All the pre and post ride events, including camping, vetting, and meals, takes place at the Ridecamp site.** Your horse will be vetted in either the day before, or the morning of, the ride, and you will ride one loop, come back to basecamp, and get a completion vetting to see how you fared! If you are unable to arrive until Saturday morning, please alert us in advance; we can arrange for vet-in Saturday morning between 8:00 and 8:30 am.

**Plan to camp overnight with your horse.** If you need more info about camping with your horse, email the ride manager, Claire Godwin DVM at [crgdvm@aol.com](mailto:crgdvm@aol.com). Your entry includes dinner and ride briefing on Friday night, and a completion award.

**We will be starting the intro ride at 9:30 am on Saturday.** The other distances are starting earlier in the morning so you won't be over-run by a lot of horses on trail.

The trail is mountainous and rocky so **your horse will need shoes or secure boots** to comfortably negotiate the trail. Any type of saddle and bridle are acceptable; endurance riders are not snobs about that sort of thing! **Helmets are required.**

We will have an experienced endurance rider going out with the Intro riders. They are there for support and encouragement and to answer your questions. You do not have to ride with them but they will be there if you would like to ride with them. There is no time limit for the Intro Ride and **this is not a race**, so plan on going your own speed but you should easily be able to finish within 4 hours.

Expect brisk fall weather; it often frosts overnight at this time of year in the valley, so pack a blanket for your horse and warm clothing for yourself.

General information for all riders of all the divisions is on the next page, so be sure to read it.

Please get your entry in as soon as you can, so we can plan. Hope to see you there!  
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## FORT VALLEY ENDURANCE RIDE GENERAL INFORMATION

Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Fort Valley, Virginia

*Third leg of the Old Dominion Endurance Triple Crown*

We hope you'll join us this year for the third and last of this year's Triple-Crown endurance events. The Fort Valley ride is distinguished by its challenging Old Dominion trail, its beautiful fall foliage, and its warm, casual camaraderie. This year the base camp again will be Fitchett's field, a primitive grassy venue located on Many Waters Road just a half mile down Seven Fountains Road in Detrick at the central point in Fort Valley, VA.

1. **Base camp is held on private property. Please respect the landowner who has rented their field to the ODEEO for competition basecamp to open on Wednesday, October 17th at 2 pm, and close at 6 pm on Sunday, October 21st.** NO early entry, and all vehicles must be out of field by the deadline on Sunday. Camping needs outside of these times can be met by the nearby Fort Valley Stables (FortValleyStable.com). Email them at [fvs@shentel.net](mailto:fvs@shentel.net).
2. There is a useable, wide clear running stream on the property for horses, plus we will have horse water troughs available; however, you must bring your own drinking water for rider and crew.
3. **All vet checks will be at base camp.**
4. Note that all competition will be held **on Friday and Saturday**.
5. There will be a 30 mile LD ride and a 50 mile endurance ride each day, and an Intro Ride on Saturday. The ride is sanctioned by AERC, SERA and ECTRA. **AERC rules are primary, ODEEO rules are secondary.** All other organizations rules are subordinate to the above two organizations. There is also a **Ride & Tie competition on Friday and Saturday** as well, run under the rules of the Ride & Tie Organization. Runners will be sharing the trail with endurance riders, so please be courteous to any runner you may meet.
6. Pot Luck dinner Thursday night – we'll have some soup, you bring a side dish or dessert.
7. Coffee will be served Friday and Saturday mornings. Dinner will be served Friday and Saturday nights. Meal ticket for the rider **ONLY** are included as part of the entry fee. Additional tickets may be purchased on your ride entry form, or with the Ride Secretary on site.
8. **Registration will start at 2 p.m. and Vet-in will start at 3 p.m. the day before each ride.**
9. A meeting will be held at approximately 7:00 p.m. each evening before the ride to review current trail conditions and markings. Questions from participants will be answered at these times.
10. On Saturday night, we will draw the winning ticket for the 2018 Asgard Arabian Raffle Horse. Raffle tickets will be on sale all weekend (just see the Ride Secretary), and proceeds benefit the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, Inc. (a 501c3 organization).

11. **Approved ASTM helmets are required at all times when mounted.**
12. Current negative Coggins certificate, within 12 months, must be presented at check-in or mailed with entry.
13. **Dogs must be confined/on leash at all times, for the safety and enjoyment of all.**
14. **Horse shoes or boots are required in all Old Dominion rides**; pads will be helpful for some horses. *Please note (this is a word to the wise) that strap on boots may/will/absolutely without question encounter difficulty staying on due to the extremely rocky and/or trappy conditions (and that's putting it mildly) on sections of this trail. Glue on boots have a much higher success rate of remaining on the hoof for this trail, and results in lower stress rates in riders. If you can glue on your boots, please do so.*
15. Pre-registration is extremely helpful to ride management. **Please try to get your entry postmarked by October 8<sup>th</sup>** to take advantage of the discount available.
16. Cancellations received before October 18th will get a full refund minus a \$25 per ride nonrefundable deposit. Cancellations received on or after October 18th will receive a partial refund. Any rider that declines to go out the second day on the same horse will receive a full refund.
17. You will be able to either change your horse or your rider on your entry up until the day before the ride starts.
18. **All riders explicitly agree, by entering, that they will not leave the grounds without veterinary approval, in the event that their horse is pulled for metabolic reasons.**

### **Directions:**

- **From I-81 (north or south)** - At EXIT 279 turn east on Hwy 675 for 1 mile to Hwy 11, turn left on Hwy 11 for 1/2 mile to the Jeep car dealer, turn right on Hwy 675 over the mountain for 5 1/2 miles to the Kings Crossing Junction, then turn left on Hwy 678 and go approximately 8 miles to Seven Fountains Road opposite Detrick store and adjacent to the Fire Station. Turn on SEVEN FOUNTAINS ROAD, go 6/10th of a mile and just before the concrete bridge over the creek TURN RIGHT onto the graveled MANY WATERS ROAD. Base camp is on the right in a wide, flat field.
- **From I-66** - Take Exit 6 toward Front Royal, turn right onto Hwy 55 to Waterlick. TAKE Hwy 678 (to Fort Valley) for 11 miles, past Seven Fountains Road. GO TO the second (south) entrance of Seven Fountains Road in Detrick just before the Fire Station (opposite Detrick store). TURN LEFT on the south entrance of SEVEN FOUNTAINS ROAD, drive for 6/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile. Just before the concrete bridge over the creek TURN RIGHT onto the graveled MANY WATERS ROAD. Ridecamp is on the right in a wide, flat field.

### **Ride Manager:**

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