

# FORT VALLEY ENDURANCE RIDE

Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017  
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 the Triple-Crown endurance events for 2017. 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.

1. **Base camp will open on Wednesday, October 18th at 2 pm, and close at 6 pm on Sunday, October 22nd.** 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. We will have horse water available, but bring your own drinking water for rider and crew.
3. **All vet checks will be at base camp.**
4. Note that the **rides are on Friday and Saturday.**
5. There will be a 30 mile LD ride and a 50 mile endurance ride each day. The ride is sanctioned by AERC, SERA and ECTRA. **AERC rules will apply.**
6. Pot Luck dinner Thursday night – we'll have some soup, you bring a side dish or dessert.
7. Coffee will be served on Friday and Saturday mornings. Dinner will be served Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets for the rider are included as part of the entry fee. Additional tickets for crew and extra nights' stay will be available for purchase.
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 Asgard Arabian Raffle for 2017. Raffle tickets will be on sale all weekend, and proceeds benefit the Old Dominion Endurance Rides.
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 14<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the discount available.**

16. Cancellations received before October 20th will get a full refund minus a \$25 per ride nonrefundable deposit. Cancellations received on or after October 20th 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 the second Seven Fountains Road opposite Dietrick store, turn on Seven Fountains Road. Travel for 6/10th miles, turn right onto Many Waters Road just before the concrete bridge. Base camp is on the right.
- **From I-66** - Take Exit 6 toward Front Royal, turn right onto Hwy 55. At Waterlick turn south onto Hwy 678 (to Fort Valley) for 11 miles to Seven Fountains Road opposite Dietrick store, turn left on Seven Fountains Road for 6/10th miles, turn right onto Many Waters Road just before the concrete bridge, base camp is on the right.

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