

NO FRILLS RIDE CAMP INFORMATION

April 21st and 22nd, 2017

The Old Dominion Endurance Rides, Inc. fosters and encourages the use and development of the working horse through various efforts. The Old Dominion seeks to provide the opportunity to participate in a challenging sport, and at the same time to provide the rider with the knowledge to make it both safe and enjoyable.

Entries: Entries must be postmarked by **April 10th** (the Monday after Foxcatcher) to receive the early entry discount; a \$25 non-refundable deposit will hold your place until the day before the event. For pre-paid entries, a full refund less \$25 will be **given until the horse is presented for the pre-ride vet-in**. To receive a refund, you must advise ride management that you will not be riding before the vet in. Please include a copy of current Coggins (within 12 months of ride date) with your entry **and only bring horses that are entered in the ride.**

Basecamp: Basecamp is located at John Crandell and Ann Mebane's farm in Star Tannery, VA. There is limited water available, so please bring water for both you and your horse. Please do not run generators after 10 p.m.

DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASHES AT ALL TIMES or confined in your camp site area. NO DOGS INSIDE THE BARN AT ANY TIME. NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE!

Directions: Take I-81 to Exit 296 (located about 4 miles south of the interchange of I-81 and I-66) and turn west on Route 55 for approximately 12 miles. The road has some steep grades and curves, so be careful. Go through Star Tannery and look for Trails End Rd on the right. After passing Trails Ends you come down a long straightaway, watch your speed and look for horse trailers on the hill to your right, along with turn ribbons just past this hill. Turn sharp right onto Capon Springs Road, a dirt road, and come uphill about 200 yards, then turn right at the old farmhouse and follow signs to park. (Please enter at the SECOND driveway)

Schedule: Please contact ride management if you plan to arrive before 9am Thursday, April 20th. The vet-in will be from 3pm until dark on Thursday and Friday nights. The ride briefing will be held at 6:30 pm each night in conjunction with a POT LUCK dinner. Please bring a SIDE DISH to share BOTH Friday and SATURDAY NIGHT. (remember this is NO FRILLS). Some kind of warm soup or chili will be served at the rider briefing, but all the sides are coming from the riders. Ride management will respond to questions at this time. We will review trail conditions, trail markings, etc. at the ride briefing. Coffee and a light fare will be available ride mornings for riders and volunteers up in the farmhouse.

Crewing: Due to restrictions in the George Washington National Forest, there will be NO rider crews and only a limited number of vehicles allowed at the Vet Check. Ride Management will transport riders' supplies to the vet check and provide a team of crew personnel to assist with crewing activities. Ride management will also provide lunch and snacks to everyone at the vet check during the ride. We can offer volunteer positions that will enable a limited number of riders crew personnel to staff the vet check (and be available to assist their riders) in addition to other volunteer duties. **They MUST COMMIT to staying at the vet check for the duration** of the ride. **Please e-mail the ride manager Diane Connolly, if you have crew willing to serve in this capacity.**

Riding the trail: HELMETS ARE REQUIRED! Shoes or hoof protection for your horse are REQUIRED as well. Once the event has begun, you are free to choose your own pace as long as P&R criteria into the Vet Check are reached before the cut-off times, which will be provided at the ride briefing. The terrain is rocky and challenging, so plan to ride accordingly. **No smoking on the trail.**

Awards: In keeping with our philosophy that "To Finish is to Win", each team whose horse passes the final veterinary examination after crossing the finish line will receive a completion award. In addition, the ride will provide "Top Ten" and "Best Condition" awards for both the 30 and 55 mile distances.

AERC Ride Management: For more information, contact Ride Manager Diane Connolly at **DCConnolly24@gmail.com or phone at 703 505-7132**

Introductory Ride Information

The introductory ride mirrors an actual endurance ride but is of a lesser distance (approximately 18 miles). You must arrive the day before, in order to vet in, and camp with your horse, to enjoy the full ride experience. Vetting in your horse before the ride is now a requirement for an Intro ride. The vets leave for the away vet check at 7:30 Saturday morning so will not have time to vet in Intro riders the day of the ride.

Pre-registration and full payment postmarked on or before April 10th is required, so we can plan for the Intro ride.

Karen Wade, your group leader, will **meet with ALL Intro riders on Saturday morning at 9:30AM** to discuss the details of the trail, explain vet checks and other requirements of an endurance ride

You will then head back to your trailer to tack up your horse and warm up.

The Intro ride will begin at 11 AM.

Helmets are required, and horses **must have hoof protection (shoes or boots) ON ALL FOUR FEET.**

Shoes are preferred by ride management. But if you chose to use boots, **you must have used them prior to the ride**, to make sure they fit properly and will stay on your horse.

When you arrive at the away vet check you'll be shown crewing techniques and how to present your horse to the vets. Your horse will be vetted and cleared to continue at which point you will have a short 20 minute hold time.

Hay and feed will be provided for your horse and a sandwich and water for you.

You will probably be required to unsaddle and re-saddle your horse at the vet check so be prepared. At this point you will return to basecamp and receive a final vet check followed by a post ride meeting to answer any questions you might have.

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For questions about the Introductory Ride, you may contact Karen Wade at kew@shentel.net or (540) 877-2371.