



Battlefield Equestrian Society

Fall Judged Pleasure Ride Sunday, September 26, 2021

General Information on Ride

We are looking forward to another wonderful Judged Pleasure Ride on Sunday, September 26th. This ride will be held in the historical Manassas National Battlefield Park and cover 8 to 10 miles of gently rolling terrain. The trails are a mix of gravel and dirt roads/paths. Water is available onsite or you may also choose to bring your own. A portable restroom will be available. Ride times will be pre-assigned with first riders scheduled to head out about 9:00 AM. You will be notified of your ride time by email (or phone if no email) about 3 days prior to the event. On the day of the ride, Check-In will open at 8:00 AM. Upon your arrival, it is critical that you check in to receive your rider packet. Please plan accordingly to arrive, check in, and be tacked up and ready to go by your assigned start time.

Safety for our riders, spectators, and volunteers is paramount. Approved hard hats are recommended for all riders. All junior riders 17 and under must wear an approved hard hat and be accompanied by an adult. Horses known to kick should be identified with red tail ribbons and green horses with green ones. Please leave your dog(s) at home for the safety of your dog(s) as well as event participants.

Due to liability, BES does not allow non-registered friends/riders to ride along, participate at obstacles, or park their trailer at the event site. In addition, bareback riding (obstacles may require dropping/picking up your stirrups) and “ponying” horses (in training or otherwise) are not allowed during this event.

COVID-19 Precautions

Currently, the Park requires people who are not fully vaccinated to wear masks indoors and in crowded outdoor spaces. To comply with CDC guidelines and protect our riders and volunteers, masks are required at the registration table and at the lunch/beverage tent for anyone not fully vaccinated. These requirements may change, so please be diligent in following Federal COVID-19 guidance.

Riders will not be given separate scorecards to carry for this ride – all scores will be kept on the judges’ scoresheets. Riders may keep track of their own scores while riding but will not be required to hand in a scorecard at the finish.

Riders and volunteers will not have any physical contact and social distancing will be maintained at all obstacles. Obstacles will be “no touch” wherever possible and any obstacles that require touching will be disinfected between each rider.

Late entries and “day of” entries will not be accepted. Payment and paperwork will not be accepted on the day of the ride. All payment and paperwork must be completed in advance in order to minimize rider/volunteer contact at the registration desk.

Lunches will be boxed or bagged for take-away. Participants are encouraged to bring their own seating and enjoy lunch at their trailer area. BES will not be providing any extra seating.

Registration/Cost

Pre-registration is required for all riders. No late entries or walk-ins will be accepted. Incomplete entries (missing paperwork or payment) will not be accepted. Entries must be received with all

required documentation and be paid in full no later than Wednesday, September 22nd. Entry fees are non-refundable unless the ride is cancelled. If you are planning to ride in a group, please submit all applications together. Groups of 5 or more are generally placed in the later time slots.

Online registration as well as an optional electronic payment via PayPal invoice is available for this ride and is the preferred method of registration and payment! Please see [BES JPR Fall 2021 Online Form](#) for the online registration form. The liability waiver, breed papers, and Coggins may be submitted electronically via the online registration form or mailed in with your payment. All payments must be provided via PayPal invoice or mailed and received by Wednesday, September 22nd. The registration form and liability waiver are attached and also available on the BES website (<http://battlefeldequestriansociety.org>).

One lunch and bottled water are included in your entry fee.

- BES Members → \$45
- Non BES Members → \$50
- All Juniors (17 & under) Members and Non-Members → \$20
- Additional Lunches → \$10 (your rider fee only includes your lunch)

Your registration must be complete including application, liability waiver, Coggins, any applicable breed papers, and full payment before your registration is accepted.
Should the ride reach the maximum number of riders (150), priority shall be given based on date/time of receipt of all completed documents and payment.

BES Membership

Note that BES has established a new membership year which runs from April 1 to March 31. If you are not already a member, join or renew your membership now and take advantage of the lower cost Members ride entry fee! Your membership also supports our trail maintenance efforts. Our membership form is available at: <http://battlefeldequestriansociety.org/Membership/MembershipApp.pdf>.

Treatment of Judges, Ground Volunteers and/or Your Horse

Any act of disrespect or unsportsmanlike conduct, whether verbal or physical, toward judges, event volunteers or your horse will result in loss of points on the particular obstacle and may be grounds for immediate disqualification. If disqualification occurs, the rider shall forfeit all entry fees and prizes and must immediately leave the premises.

Judging and Ribbons/Awards

The course will consist of natural and man-made obstacles. Horse and rider will be judged on ability to negotiate these obstacles safely as well as on trail manners and general horsemanship. Riders will have one minute to complete the obstacle unless otherwise directed. Decisions of the onsite judges are final.

All scores will be tabulated after the event. Results will be emailed to participants and posted on the BES website. Ribbons and awards will be mailed within 3-4 weeks of the event date. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons and awards (\$100 for the Grand Champion and \$50 for the Reserve Champion) will be awarded to the high point winners. In addition, up to six ribbons will be awarded in the following categories:

- Breed awards will be given for breed categories having at least 6 participants. Breed registration papers are required. Breeds with less than 6 entries will be placed in the “other registered” division. Horses without breed registration papers will be placed in the grade category.
- Age categories will be determined based on the number of riders.

- Novice Horse and Novice Rider divisions are open to horses or riders that have competed in 3 or less judged pleasure rides prior to this ride.

****Note**** The cost of ribbons and mailing them to participants is a large expense. You have the option to forego receiving ribbons and donate the cost of the ribbons and postage to BES for trail maintenance.

Directions

From I-66, take Exit 47 onto Route 234 North. Travel ~1.4 miles and turn right at the light onto Route 29 North (Stone House is on the corner). Travel less than a mile and look for signs on the right. Ride base is located between the Stone House and the Stone Bridge on Route 29.

Inclement Weather Policy

The event will be held rain or shine but may be cancelled if weather or trail conditions are considered to be hazardous. If the event is cancelled, you will be notified by email (by phone if no email available) by 8:00 PM the evening prior to the ride. If field conditions prevent parking in the Park, an alternative parking site may be used. Again, any parking changes will be communicated by email (phone if no email) by 8:00 PM the night prior to the ride.

Extras!

Photos of this event may be taken and available online after the ride and additional “extras” may be added for the event.

Contact Information

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:

Rain Montes, Ride Secretary at bes.manassas@gmail.com or 703-772-1753 (email or text preferred),
Dewey Brown, BES President at 540-272-6368 or gohrsecrzy@aol.com
BES Website: www.battlefieldequestriansociety.org

We look forward to you joining us for a great experience for you and your horse that benefits the equestrian trails at Manassas National Battlefield Park. BES thanks you for your support.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the ride, just let Dewey know. Volunteers are critical to the success of our organization and rides. Thanks to all volunteers!!

BES also acknowledges over 10 years of gravel donations from Luck Stone in support of trail maintenance on the hiking and bridle trails of the Manassas National Battlefield Park.



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Register Online at [BES JPR Fall 2021 Online Form](#)

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, September 22, 2021

RIDE REGISTRATION

(Please Print Clearly)

Name of Rider _____ Rider's Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name of Horse (use Registered Name if applicable) _____

Registered Breed of Horse: _____ Gaited: Yes No

Novice Horse: Yes No Novice Rider: Yes No

(Novice = Participated in 3 or less Judged Obstacle Rides or Competitions)

I wish to ride with the following people (please submit applications together):

Preferred Start Time: 9:00-9:15 9:15-9:30 9:30-9:45 9:45-10:00 10:00-10:30 10:30-11:00

(Given on first come, first serve basis, but not guaranteed)

Ribbons: Yes - Please mail me ribbons for any placings.

No - Please donate the cost of my ribbons/postage to BES for trail maintenance.

Items Required for Registration:

- Completed Registration Form and Signed Waiver
- Copy of Current Negative Coggins (within 12 months of the ride date)
- Copy of Breed/Registration Papers for entry into specific breed category, if applicable
- Full payment via check or cashier's check made out to the BES or Battlefield Equestrian Society

Registration fees, check all that apply:

Fees

BES Member Registration Fee (\$45*)..... _____

Non-member Registration Fee (\$50*)..... _____

Junior (17 & under) Registration Fee (\$20*) _____

New or Renewal Membership (see membership form for costs)..... _____

Extra Lunches (\$10 each) - Entry only includes one lunch..... _____

*Registration fee includes one lunch and bottled water

(Returned Checks subject to a \$25.00 Returned Check Fee)

Total Fees _____

Your registration must be complete by Wednesday, September 22nd including application, liability waiver, Coggins, any applicable breed papers, and full payment before your registration is accepted. Should the ride reach the maximum number of riders, priority shall be given based on date/time of receipt of all completed documents and payment.

Mail the above documents to:

Battlefield Equestrian Society

c/o Rain Montes

6179 Treywood Lane, Manassas, VA 20112

Information: Rain Montes - bes.manassas@gmail.com (email preferred) or 703-772-1753

Release and Waiver of Liability

I am a participant, not a spectator, engaged in an equine activity. I am aware that equine activities, whether riding or not, poses potentially serious risks of injuries or death to its participants. I understand that my horse or I may be injured or die as a result of my negligence, the negligence of others, or through no fault of myself or anyone else, because of the nature of the activity in which I am going to be engaged. I also understand that horses, even the best trained, are often unpredictable and difficult to control.

With this waiver I accept notice of the provision of Section 3.1-796.130 through 3.1-796.133 of the Code at Virginia, which states in part: That there are inherent risks in equine activities, including (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant; (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements objects, persons or animals; and (iii) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor, in writing, with receipt acknowledged by at least one of the officers or directors of the Battlefield Equestrian Society (BES).

Furthermore, with this document, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence by the BES, its officers, directors, members, agents, employees, and staff, or guests for my own safety or for the safety of my minor child or horse. If this or any other provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be unimpaired.

With the knowledge of the foregoing, and as an inducement for the officers, directors, and members of BES to allow my participation, I do hereby waive and release any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to make a claim against the BES or its members; the owners, tenants or others of interest of any property over which I may pass, ride, or by any other means be; and other participants (including guides, planners, judges, or others) arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horse as a result of my participation in this equine activity. I further agree to indemnify all of the foregoing from any claims which I might make or which might be made on my behalf by others or which might be made against me by others arising from riding with the BES or following or participating on foot or by automobile. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify the BES and its members for any injury, death, and loss of or damage to any personal property, which I might cause during this equine activity.

I further acknowledge and accept that BES strongly suggests that I will wear an approved hard hat/helmet while participating in this ride.

By signing this release and waiver, I understand that I am giving up any right I have to sue or make a claim which I might have or which might subsequently arise or occur against the BES and its members and participants for any injuries I might sustain while horseback riding or following or participating on foot or by automobile and that I am indemnifying BES and its members for injuring anyone else or any horse ridden by another while so engaged. It is my intent to give up those rights, and I do so knowingly and voluntarily.

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

(Rider) Print Name _____

Horse Owner Signature _____ Date _____

(Horse Owner) Print Name _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Release and Waiver

I am the parent or guardian of _____, a minor (under the age of 18), and on the minor's behalf and on behalf of all other parents or guardians of the minor, I accept the release and waiver of liability at the top of this form as an inducement for allowing my child, or this minor, to ride with the BES. I further acknowledge and accept that said minor will wear an approved hard hat/helmet while participating in this ride. I further authorize any emergency medical care, which may be necessary. I represent and warrant that I have the authority to give this release.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Print Name _____