



Battlefield Equestrian Society

**Crystal Crown Series
Judged Pleasure Ride
Sunday, April 29, 2018**

General Ride Information

Please join us for another wonderful Judged Pleasure Ride on Sunday, April 29th. This ride is the first ride in the 2018 Crystal Crown Ride series and will be held in the Manassas National Battlefield Park. The ride will be 8 to 10 miles long, over gently rolling terrain with creek crossings. Most of the trails do not require your horse to be shod although there are sections that are comprised of gravel. Water is available in streams and an onsite water tank. Portable restrooms are available onsite. Due to the anticipated size of this ride, pre-registration is required. Ride times will be pre-assigned with the first rider heading out about 8:45 AM. You will be notified of your start 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 7:45 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 of 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 other riders.

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.

Treatment of Judges, Ground Volunteers, and/or Your Horse

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

Registration/Cost

All riders must pre-register. **Entries must be received no later than Monday, April 23rd**. Any entry received after this date is on a space available basis and will be assessed a \$15 late registration fee. Entry fees are non-refundable unless the ride is cancelled. If you are planning to ride in a group, please submit all applications in one envelope, if possible. Groups of 6 or more will be placed in the later time slots.

Coffee, doughnuts, one lunch and refreshments are included in your entry fee.

- BES Members → \$45
- Non BES Members → \$50
- All Juniors (17 & under) Members and Non Members → \$20
- Extra Lunches → \$8 (for non-riding guests – rider fee only includes one lunch)

The Registration Form and Liability Waiver are attached and also available on the BES website.

Your registration must be complete including application, liability waiver, Coggins, any applicable breed papers, and full payment before you will be assigned a ride time.

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 a one minute time limit 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 2 weeks of the event date. Up to six ribbons will be awarded in each category. 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.

- Breed awards will be given in any category having at least 6 participants. Copies of registration papers are required for entry into a breed category. 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 categories are open to horses or riders that have competed in 3 or less judged pleasure rides as of the date of this ride.

Crystal Crown Series and Year-end Awards

The Crystal Crown Series recognizes the top riders from a series of judged rides held by several equestrian organizations. Each participating organization puts on their own ride with their own rules. Some ground rules, however, have been established by the Crystal Crown Committee for safety and consistency purposes. Year-end awards will be awarded to the Top 20 qualifying participants in the Crystal Crown Series. In addition, the Top 2 Junior Riders in each Junior division (12 & under and 13-17), the Top 2 Senior Riders (65 & over), and the Top 2 Novice Riders (3 JPRs or less at start of CC Series) will be awarded. If a rider qualifies as Novice in the first ride they participate in, then they are considered Novice for the remaining series rides also.

The 2018 schedule for the Crystal Crown series is as follows:

- April 29: Battlefield Equestrian Society
- May 5: Shenandoah Trail Riding and Horsemen’s Association
- May 19: Little Fork Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company
- June 10*: Clifton Horse Society
- June 30: Tri-State Riding Club
- October 6: High Meadow Farm

* Clifton Horse Society ride may move to September

For more information on the Crystal Crown Series and requirements to qualify for year-end awards, please visit the Crystal Crown Series website (www.crystalcrownservices.com). You can also contact Crystal Crown Series Committee Co-Chairs Dewey Brown (gohrsecrzy@aol.com) or Marlys Shoup (MarlysShoup@Outlook.com).

Directions

1. From I-66, take Exit 47 onto Route 234 North.
2. Turn right at the third light onto Route 29 North (Stone House is on the corner).
3. Travel less than a mile and look for signs on the right. Ride base is located in the Manassas National Battlefield Park 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) by 8:00 pm the evening prior to the ride.

Extras!!!

- BES clothing and merchandise
- Photos of this event may be taken and be available online after the ride
- Additional “extras” may be added for the event

Contact Information

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:
Marlys Shoup: 703-754-4981, or BESRideSecretary@hotmail.com
Dewey Brown: 540-272-6368, or gohrsecrzy@aol.com
BES Website: battlefeldequestriansociety.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 Marlys or Dewey know. Volunteers are critical to the success of our organization and our deepest Thanks!! go out to them!!

Special shout out to Luck Stone – supporter of trail maintenance in the Manassas National Battlefield Park with over 10 years of gravel donations. Thanks!!



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Registration Deadline is April 23, 2018

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) _____

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: 8:45-9:15 9:15-9:45 9:45-10:15 10:15-10:45

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

Lunch Choice: Veggie Ham & Cheese Turkey Roast Beef Italian BMT

Bread: Italian/White Wheat (If none select, you will be given Turkey and Wheat.)

Items Required for Registration:

- Completed Application
- 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) _____

Extra Lunches (\$8 each) - Entry only includes one lunch..... _____

Late Fee (\$15) After April 23, 2018, call Marlys for availability..... _____

Total Fees _____

Your registration must be complete including application, liability waiver, Coggins, any applicable breed papers, and full payment before you will be entered and assigned a ride time.

Mail the above documents to:
 Battlefield Equestrian Society
 c/o Marlys Shoup
 5050 Catharpin Road
 Gainesville, VA 20155

Information: Marlys Shoup - 703-754-4981 or 703-402-3725

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 _____