



# Battlefield Equestrian Society

## Crystal Crown Series Spring Judged Pleasure Ride

Sunday, April 30, 2023

### General Information on Ride

We are looking forward to another wonderful Judged Pleasure Ride on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 and open fields. Please bring your own water as water may not be readily available in the parking area. 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) 2-3 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.

### **Registration/Cost**

Pre-registration is required for all riders. Entries must be received with all required documentation and be paid in full no later than Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Any entry received after this date is on a space available basis, will not be eligible to purchase lunch, and will be assessed a \$20 late registration fee with electronic payment in full a requirement. No walk-in entries accepted. All payments and paperwork must be completed in advance to facilitate a quick check-in process. Ride times are not assigned without payment in full. **Entry fees are non-refundable and will be donated towards park maintenance unless the ride is cancelled.**

Online registration as well as an optional electronic payment via PayPal invoice is available for this ride! Please see [BES JPR Spring 2023 Online Form](#) for the online registration form. The liability waiver, breed papers, and Coggins may be submitted electronically via the online registration form, mailed in with your payment or emailed to Rain Montes at rainmontes@gmail.com. The registration form and liability waiver are attached and also available on the BES website (<http://battlefieldequestriansociety.org>). Direct link to Liability Waiver [here](#).

Registration Fees (Please note lunch is not included with the ride fee and must be purchased separately):

- BES Members Ride Fee → \$45
- Non BES Members Ride Fee → \$50
- All Juniors (17 & under) Members and Non-Members → \$20
- Lunches → \$12 each: \_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_ Veggie
- Late Fee → \$20 – After April 25<sup>th</sup>, please contact Rain Montes for availability; lunch purchase is not available for late entries

**Your registration must be complete including application, liability waiver, Coggins, any applicable breed papers, and full payment before your registration is accepted.**

## **BES Membership**

The BES membership year 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 – not only for this ride but other rides throughout the year!! Our membership form is available [BES Membership Form](#).

## **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 with results emailed to participants and posted on the BES website. Ribbons will be awarded to overall and division winners. These are expected to be mailed (see note below) within 3-4 weeks of the event date. Up to six ribbons may be awarded in each category.

- Breed awards will be given for breeds 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. If no age is provided on registration, you will not be placed in an age division.
- Novice Horse and Novice Rider divisions are open to horses or riders that have competed in 3 or less judged pleasure rides (or similar events) 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.

## **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. This ride is the first ride of the 2023 series. New in 2023, the BES Fall ride (10/1) will also be part of the series. Each participating organization puts on their own ride with their own rules. For more information on the Crystal Crown Series and rules/requirements to qualify for year-end awards, please visit the Crystal Crown Series website ([www.crystalcrownseries.com](http://www.crystalcrownseries.com)). You can also contact Crystal Crown Series Committee members. Dewey Brown ([gohrsecrzy@aol.com](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com)) and Rain Montes ([rainmontes@gmail.com](mailto:rainmontes@gmail.com)) are BES representatives on the committee.

## **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 intersection). 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.

### **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 [rainmontes@gmail.com](mailto:rainmontes@gmail.com) or 703-772-1753 (email or text preferred),

Dewey Brown, BES President at 540-272-6368 or [gohrsecrzy@aol.com](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com)

BES Website: <http://battlefeldequestriansociety.org/>

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Dewey.

**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.**



**Battlefield Equestrian Society**  
**Crystal Crown Series**  
**Judged Pleasure Ride**  
**Sunday, April 30, 2023**

**Registration Deadline is Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**RIDE REGISTRATION**

(Please Print Clearly or [Click here for Online Registration](#))

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 Pleasure Rides/Competitions as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, novice status then remains for the entire Crystal Crown Series for the 2023 season

I wish to ride with the following people: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Ribbons: \_\_\_ No - Please donate the cost of my ribbons and postage to BES for trail maintenance.

\_\_\_ Yes - Please mail me ribbons for any placings.

**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 PayPal or check/cashier's check payable to 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).....

\_\_\_ Lunches (\$12 each) - Please select type/number below .....

Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie \_\_\_\_\_

(Returned Checks subject to a \$15.00 Returned Check Fee) Total Fees \_\_\_\_\_

PayPal Invoicing available: Provide email for PayPal invoicing: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your registration must be complete by Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> including application, liability waiver, Coggins, any applicable breed papers, and full payment . Entry fees are non-refundable and will be donated towards park maintenance unless the ride is cancelled.**

Mail the above documents to:

Battlefield Equestrian Society

c/o Rain Montes, 13308 Colchester Ferry Pl, Woodbridge, VA 22191

Information/Questions: Rain Montes - [rainmontes@gmail.com](mailto:rainmontes@gmail.com) 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Horse Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Horse Owner) Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_