



USTR Crystal Crown Series Judged Pleasure Ride

General Information

The event will be held at the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship in Neersville, VA. The ride will be approximately 10 miles long over mixed terrain, including bridge and creek crossings. The course will consist of 10 themed obstacles. The event will be held rain or shine, but may be cancelled or rescheduled if weather or trail conditions are considered hazardous. Final notice of rescheduled or cancelled event will be posted by Saturday, September 18, 2010 after 8pm via email.

All riders must wear an approved hard hat while mounted. Any rider observed mounted at any time without a hard hat will be disqualified. All junior riders 17 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Safety for riders, spectators and volunteers is paramount. Horses known to kick should be identified with red ribbon, green horses should be marked with green and stallions with permission should be marked with yellow.

Check in will begin at approximately 8:00 a.m with the first rider departing at 9a.m. You will be notified of your pre-assigned ride time by email (by phone if no email available.)

Registration Information

The fee for pre-registered entries is \$35; Youth fee (13 and under) is \$25. Entries must be postmarked no later than September 11, 2010. Any entry after that date is on a space available basis and will be \$50 per entry. Please contact the ride secretary at 703-307-6520 or jvdvaart@hotmail.com for availability. The event sponsor reserves the right to limit the number of entries.

If you are planning to ride in a group, please submit all entries at one time. Groups of 6 or more will be placed in the last ride times.

The following must be sent with your entry:

- Copy of current negative Coggins Test
- Copy of breed papers for entry into specific breed class
- Completed and signed application and waiver
- Registration fee made payable to United States Trail Ride, Inc (\$25 fee for any returned checks)

Mail to: Janet Vandervaart
39274 Snow Lane
Lovettsville, VA 20180

Questions: Phone: 703-307-6520 or
Email: jvdvaart@hotmail.com

Judging

The course will consist of 10 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 for each obstacle. Decisions of the on site judge are final.

Up to six ribbons will be awarded in each breed and age category. Breed awards will be given in any category having at least six participants. Breeds with less than six will be placed in the "other registered" category. Grand Champion and Reserve Champion awards will be presented to the high point winners. All scores will be tabulated after the event and will be posted on the USTR website within three days. Ribbons and awards will be mailed within two weeks of the event.

Substitutions and Cancellations

It will be possible to substitute either the horse (with Coggins papers) or the rider on the day of the ride due to extenuating circumstances. However you may NOT substitute both. NO refunds unless the ride is cancelled.



**UNITED STATE TRAIL RIDE
CRYSTAL CROWN SERIES JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2010**

Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship, Neersville, VA

RIDER REGISTRATION

(Please Print Clearly. All Information is REQUIRED)

Rider Information (All Required):

Last Name:		First Name:	
Address:		Evening Phone:	
Email*:		Cell (Day of Ride):	
Emergency Contact:		Contact Phone:	

**All communication following your registration (confirmation, directions, start time notification, scoring, etc.) will be done via email.*

I wish to ride at the following time (indicate preference by checking box):

<input type="checkbox"/>	9 - 9:30AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	10:45 - 11:30AM
<input type="checkbox"/>	9:30 - 10AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	11:30AM - NOON
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 - 10:45AM	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO PREFERENCE

I wish to ride with the following riders:

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Judging Category Information:

My Exact Age on the Day of the Ride:

Name of Horse:		Breed:	
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I UNDERSTAND THAT AN APPROVED HARD HAT IS REQUIRED TO RIDE AT BRCS. I also understand that all scores will be tabulated *after* the event and that decisions of the on site judges are final.

Signature of Rider: _____

Signature of Horse Owner: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18 years of age: _____

Rider(s) 18 years and under must have permission and signatures of both parent to enter this event and must be accompanied by and adult on the trail.

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING(check box)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of Current Coggins Test (Note: This must be resubmitted if it will expire prior to the day of the ride)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed & Signed Registration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed & Signed Waiver
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registration fee of \$_____ payable to United State Trail Ride, Inc
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of Breed Papers for Entry into Breed Class

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Registration Fee (\$35)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Age 13 and Under Fee (\$25)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Fee (\$15) for Reg Post Marked after 9/11. Please call for availability, 703-307-6520

MAIL TO: USTR C/O 39274 SNOW LANE, LOVETTSVILLE, VA 20180

Registrations postmarked after Saturday, September 11 require a late fee.

RELEASE, WAIVER AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

The undersigned (hereinafter referred to as "Rider"), being of legal age or signing in conjunction with a parent or legal guardian if not of legal age, desires to participate in cross-country horseback riding, competitive trail riding OR other related equine activities with United States Trail Ride, Inc., ("USTR"), and being fully aware of the risk of injury and dangers inherent in the riding and handling of horses, and the EXCEPTIONALLY DANGEROUS NATURE of riding cross-country over steep and rough terrain, hereby elects voluntarily to participate in said activities, and does hereby willingly enter into this Release, Waiver & Indemnity Agreement.

THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF BEING PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY EQUINE ACTIVITY SPONSORED BY USTR, RIDER KNOWINGLY AND EXPRESSLY WAIVES RIDER'S RIGHTS TO SUE USTR, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, AND ASSIGNS, FOR ANY INJURY, DEATH, LOSS, OR DAMAGE CAUSED TO RIDER OR TO RIDER'S PROPERTY, AND RIDER AGREES TO ASSUME ALL RISKS INHERENT IN RIDING OR OTHERWISE COMING IN CONTACT WITH HORSES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE RISKS OF INJURY, DEATH, LOSS, OR DAMAGE TO RIDER OR TO RIDER'S PROPERTY. RIDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT RIDER HAS BEEN GIVEN NOTICE OF THE RISKS INHERENT IN AND INTRINSIC DANGERS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING (i) THE PROPENSITY OF AN EQUINE TO BEHAVE IN DANGEROUS WAYS WHICH MAY RESULT IN INJURY, HARM, OR DEATH TO PERSONS ON OR AROUND THEM; (ii) THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF AN EQUINE'S REACTION TO SUCH THINGS AS SOUNDS, SUDDEN MOVEMENT, UNFAMILIAR OBJECTS, PERSONS, OR OTHER ANIMALS; (iii) CERTAIN HAZARDS SUCH AS SURFACE AND SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS; (iv) COLLISIONS WITH OTHER ANIMALS OR OBJECTS; AND (v) THE POTENTIAL OF A PARTICIPANT ACTING IN A NEGLIGENT MANNER THAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO INJURY TO THE PARTICIPANT OR OTHERS, SUCH AS FAILING TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER THE EQUINE OR NOT ACTING WITHIN THE PARTICIPANT'S ABILITY, AND RIDER EXPRESSLY AGREES TO ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS AND WAIVES ALL RIGHTS TO SUE FOR INJURIES CAUSED BY SUCH RISKS. THIS WAIVER AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISKS SHALL SPECIFICALLY APPLY TO RIDER AND TO ANY AND ALL MINOR CHILDREN AND/OR WARDS OF RIDER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, TITLE 3.2, CHAPTER 62 – EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY, AND SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO COMPLY WITH ALL EXCULPATORY TERMS OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, TITLE 3.2, CHAPTER 62 – EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY.

IF RIDER IS A MINOR OR OTHERWISE UNDER A LEGAL DISABILITY, THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE SIGNED BY RIDER'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN. BY SIGNING, THE PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AGREES (i) TO WAIVE THE PARENT'S, GUARDIAN'S, AND RIDER'S RIGHTS TO SUE THE PARTIES NAMED IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH; (ii) TO ASSUME, ON BEHALF OF THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, AND RIDER, THE RISKS SET FORTH IN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER RISKS OF RIDING OR OTHERWISE COMING INTO CONTACT WITH HORSES; AND (iii) TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS USTR, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY LOSS, CLAIM, SUIT, OR JUDGMENT RESULTING FROM ANY INJURY, DEATH, LOSS OR DAMAGE SUSTAINED OR CLAIMED BY RIDER (OR RIDER'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE), AND FURTHER TO INDEMNIFY USTR, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS, MEMBERS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS, HEIRS, AND ASSIGNS FROM ANY AND ALL COSTS OF DEFENDING SUCH CLAIMS, INCLUDING ATTORNEYS' FEES.

It is expressly agreed by Rider and any parent or guardian whose signature appears on this document that this Release, Waiver and Indemnity Agreement shall be governed and construed as being sufficient to satisfy the assumption of risk and waiver requirements necessary to relieve equine activity sponsors and equine professionals from liability under the Code of Virginia, Title 3.2, Chapter 62 - Equine Activity Liability, and that USTR is covered by the provisions of Title 3.2 Chapter 62 of the Code of Virginia. It is also expressly agreed by Rider and any parent or guardian whose signature appears on this document that the term "Member" as used herein, specifically includes any landowner whose property the USTR meets on, passes through, or otherwise uses in connection with an equine activity, and that any such landowner is covered by the provisions of Title 3.2 Chapter 62 of the Code of Virginia and this Agreement.

This Release, Waiver and Indemnity Agreement shall be governed and construed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, regardless of where any injury or loss shall occur. In the event that any portion of this Release, Waiver and Indemnity Agreement shall be declared unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the remaining terms of this document, which shall survive intact.

Rider has been advised to wear protective headgear at all times while riding or otherwise coming in contact with horses, and expressly assumes the risk of injury resulting from failure to do so and/or from selecting headgear which does not adequately protect against injury.

CAUTION: READ BEFORE SIGNING

Signature of Rider

Rider's Printed Name

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian *

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian *

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Date: _____

*PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN IN ADDITION TO RIDER UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BOTH PARENTS WITH LEGAL CUSTODY OF A MINOR MUST SIGN

