



U.S. Trail Ride, Inc.

“A Chili Ride in November” to benefit the Blue Ridge Center Sunday, November 5, 2017

Join us for a day of riding on the beautiful trails of the Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship (BRCES) in Neersville, Virginia.

General Information

The event will be held at the Blue Ridge Center in Neersville, VA located between Purcellville and Harpers Ferry, WV. The ride will be approximately 9 miles long (shorter routes possible) over mixed terrain, including bridges and creek crossings. Trails will be marked by ribbons and riders will “go as they please.” Ride out will be between 9:30 and 11:00a.m. **The ride will be followed by lunch served from 11:30a.m. to 3:30p.m., including Chili, hot dogs, chips and drinks.**

All riders must wear an approved hard hat while mounted. All junior riders 18 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Safety for riders 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. Riders are responsible for transporting water for their horses with them to the ride site.

Parking directions will be emailed out the week prior. Please note that due to limited parking space, trailers must park where and how directed by our parking crew. If you want to park next to friends you must arrive together. Thank you in advance for your understanding and making the day of our volunteer parking crew go smoothly! The parking lot will open at 8:15am. Trailers should arrive no later than 10:30am to ensure adequate time to check-in/tack. You will receive the ride map and rider number at registration.

The ride will be held rain or shine, but may be cancelled or rescheduled if weather or trail conditions are considered hazardous or detrimental to the property. Notice of rescheduled or cancelled event will be emailed on 11/3 after 6pm to registered riders. We will also post on our website, www.ustrailride.org.

Check in and registration will begin at 8:45a.m. and close at 10:50a.m. sharp. The first riders will depart at 9:30a.m. and last riders will depart no later than 11:00a.m.

Registration Information

Registration Postmarked by October 31st -- **\$35**

Registration Postmarked after October 31st or Day of Ride -- **\$40**

The following must be sent with your entry:

- Copy of current negative Coggins Test
- Completed and signed registration and waiver
- Registration fee made payable to United States Trail Ride, Inc. (\$25 fee for any returned checks)

Questions: Email our Registration Coordinator Sharon at ustrailride@gmail.com.

Day of Ride Registrants: Please email the Registration Coordinator for any additional directions the week prior. We appreciate you having the registration materials filled out and brought with you to the ride!

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. *NO refunds unless the ride is cancelled.*

About The Blue Ridge Center

The Blue Ridge Center is a nonprofit educational organization that stewards an 893-acre historic landscape. The Center's land and programs bring to life the relationship between land and people in Virginia's Northern Blue Ridge. USTR has developed and nurtured a partnership with The Center by maintaining the trails through the conservancy as well as providing financial support from annual rides and our member trail tag program. Learn more about BRCES at <http://www.blueridgecenter.org/>.

For more information or to join USTR visit www.ustrailride.org



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At the 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:			
City / State / Zip		Phone:	
Email*:		Cell (<i>Day of Ride</i>):	

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

Emergency Contact:	Contact Phone:
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- Registration: 8:45am – 10:50am
- Ride-out between 9:30am and 11:00am
- Trails close at 3:00pm
- Lunch is served from 11:30am to 3:30pm

I UNDERSTAND THAT AN APPROVED HARD HAT IS REQUIRED TO RIDE AT BRCS.

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 an adult on the trail.

I'd also like to make an additional contribution, or a contribution in lieu of riding, to support The Blue Ridge Center in the amount of: \$

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND THE FOLLOWING REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (check box)	
	<i>Copy of Current Coggins Test (Note: This must be resubmitted if it will expire prior to the day of the ride)</i>
	<i>Completed & Signed Registration</i>
	<i>Completed & Signed Waiver</i>
	<i>Registration fee of \$35 payable to United State Trail Ride, Inc (\$40 if post-marked after 10/31 or day of ride)</i>

***MAIL TO: USTR Charity Benefit Ride, c/o Sharon Nankervis
39875 Waterfordway Ln, Waterford, VA, 20197***

Questions: Email our Ride Coordinator Sharon at ustrailride@gmail.com

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

