

NO FRILLS RIDE INFORMATION COVID VERSION

April 15 & 16, 2022

Entries: A rider is considered entered when we receive **ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: ENTRY FORM, FULL PAYMENT, Signed Waiver form, signed treatment form, copy of current coggins (within 12 months of ride date)**. Entries must be postmarked by **Monday, April 4th** to receive the early entry discount; **Only bring horses that are entered in the ride. NO WALK INS at the ride!**

MASKS & FACE COVERING: For the safety of yourself and others, **face coverings or masks are recommended** in the P&R and vet area, outside the RM trailer, and any time social distancing cannot be maintained. **MASKS ARE REQUIRED WHILE SHOPPING AT THE OD STORE!**

Basecamp: Basecamp is located at John Crandell and Ann Mebane's farm in Star Tannery, VA. There is limited water available, so please bring water **for both you and your horse**. **Please do not run generators after 10 p.m.**

DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASHES AT ALL TIMES or confined in your camp site area. NO DOGS INSIDE THE BARN AT ANY TIME. NO EXCEPTIONS PLEASE!

Directions: Take I-81 to Exit 296 (located about 4 miles south of the interchange of I-81 and I-66) and turn west on Route 55 for approximately 12 miles. The road has some steep grades and curves, so be careful. Go past Star Tannery and look for Trails End Rd on the right (**DO NOT TURN HERE: THIS IS ONLY A LANDMARK** for you). After passing Trails Ends you come down a long straightaway, watch your speed and look for horse trailers on the hill to your right, along with turn ribbons just past this hill. Turn sharp right onto Capon Springs Road, a dirt road, and come uphill about 200 yards, then turn right at the old farmhouse and follow signs to park. (Please enter at the SECOND driveway)

Please contact ride management if you plan to arrive before 9am Thursday, April 14th. Vet-in will begin at 3pm on Thursday April 14th. **You will be assigned a vet in time to minimize the number of people at the vetting area. Noon Friday, April 15th** (for Saturday's riders).

NO FOOD/MEALS WILL BE SERVED. Please plan ahead and bring your own. Coffee and prepackaged breakfast will be served at the ride managers trailer (grab and go please).

MEETING AND AWARDS CERAMONY: There will be ride briefing over the PA system in the front field (you will receive in written ride briefing). Top Ten and BC awards may be collected at RM trailer after the ride. We will hold a Q&A in main field with social distancing observed.

Crewing: Due to restrictions in the George Washington National Forest for COVID-19, there will be NO rider crews and only a limited number of vehicles allowed at the Vet Check. Ride management will transport riders' supplies to the vet check. Ride management will also provide: WATER and PREPACKAGED snacks to everyone at the vet check during the ride. Due to COVID-19 restrictions there are limited positions for volunteers. **You MUST COMMIT to staying at the vet check for the duration of the ride. Please e-mail the ride manager Diane Connolly, if you are willing to ride one day and volunteer the other. Follow this link to sign up to volunteer:**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScADaSj6MtdbEYQ0MPYnbCMAOtmHgKXVo1lwMw4b94Qks_DxQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Riding the trail: HELMETS ARE REQUIRED! Shoes or hoof protection for your horse are REQUIRED! Once the event has begun, you are free to choose your own pace as long as P&R criteria into the Vet Check are reached before the cut-off times. Times will be provided in the ride briefing packet. The terrain is rocky and challenging, so plan to ride accordingly. **No smoking on the trail.**

Awards: Completion awards in rider packets. In addition, the ride will provide "Top Ten" and "Best Condition" awards for both the 30- and 55-mile distances.

AERC Ride Management: For more information, contact Ride Manager Diane Connolly (DCConnolly24@gmail.com / 703 505-7132)