

OLD DOMINION ENDURANCE RIDE

June 7th & 8th, 2024

GENERAL INFORMATION and DIRECTIONS

Base Camp Emergency phone: 540-856-3528

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th

25, 55, and 75 Mile Endurance Ride, and the Ride & Tie and Equation

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th

25 and 100 Mile Endurance Ride and 100 Mile Ride & Tie, and 6,12, and 20 mile Ride & Tie/Equation and Intro Ride

SANCTIONING

We are sanctioned with AERC, ECTRA, OAATS, and SERA.

DIRECTIONS TO BASE CAMP

Coming from the North on I-81 South, take Exit 273 (Mt. Jackson), take a right at the top of the ramp onto Mt. Jackson Rd. Go to the T, take a left onto Rte 614 for 1.1 miles, then a right (west) onto Rt 263 (Orkney Grade). Stay on 263 for about 11 miles, taking it slow on the winding, downhill grade as you enter Orkney Springs. As the grade levels out, take your first left onto Happy Valley Road (there's board fence on your left as you approach the turn, and a cluster of white buildings directly beyond the turn). Go ½ mile; turn right at right hand bend in road, go to the end of the base camp field and turn left into the driveway to camp.

Coming from the South on I-81 North, take Exit 269 (to avoid traffic in Mount Jackson), turn right off exit ramp and then left onto Rte 11 North, continue about 2 miles, then turn left onto Rte 263, following this road about 11 miles until you reach Orkney Springs. Follow the above directions from that point.

BASE CAMP

Base camp address is 1794 Happy Valley Road, Orkney Springs, VA 22845. Phone is 540 856-3528. There is no cell service in Base Camp, but there is in Basye and at the country store.

Camp will open at NOON on Wednesday, June 5th, and will close at noon on Monday, June 10th. **If you need to arrive earlier, please contact ride management ahead of time.**

Although we will have plenty of horse water available, there is no potable water at base camp, so bring your own.

SHOES ARE REQUIRED

All horses are required to wear four shoes or the equivalent (Easy Boots and similar count) to compete. Those of you who already know the trail understand why; those for whom the trail is new will quickly understand as well!

MEALS

THURSDAY: Dinner for volunteers and vets

FRIDAY DINNER (included in entry fee for ALL riders): Prepared by Evelyn Baig & OD For ALL riders and volunteers who worked Friday (Extra meals may be purchased in ADVANCED for \$12)

SATURDAY NIGHT: For **VOLUNTEERS AND VETS ONLY** who are **ASSIGNED** to work on Saturday, a grab and Go box meal.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST: For riders and volunteers the day of their ride

SUNDAY BRUNCH (Included in 100 Mile Entry fee): Will be provided During Awards Ceremony

VET CHECKS

All vet checks are located away from camp. If you don't have crew, you can make a separate plastic bag FOR EACH VET CHECK stuffed with whatever you need and clearly marked with your name and rider number.

Take the bags to the driveway near the Vet Tent (actually on the opposite side of drive from vet tent) and place each one next to the stake with corresponding vet checks name and number on it.

Locations will be marked with the name of each check. Make sure to put your name and rider number on each of your bags. We will NOT be able to move your gear from vet check to vet check. However, we will make sure it all gets back to base camp by Saturday evening for the 55s, and Sunday morning for the 100s. All vet gear will be returned to the stakes near the vet check tent. (Opposite side of the driveway from the vet tent)

BIRD HAVEN: This is a private residence and we are GUESTS! The vet check is actually set up on their personal lawn. **Each crew will be given a white trash bag.** Please place your hay and grain on this bag. When you are done, PLACE ALL your left-over HAY and GRAIN in the trash bag along with other trash, AND HAUL IT OUT with you. **LEAVE NO TRACE!!! HAUL OUT WHAT YOU BRING IN!!!!**

LAUREL RUN:

For the "No Crew" vet check at Laurel Run" (2nd VC), ride management will provide:

For Horses: horse water for sponging and drinking as well as beet pulp mash, grain, and hay

For Humans: Sandwiches, snacks, Gatorade and water.

All you need to do is carry your own electrolytes and sponges. Volunteers will be available to help hold your horse while you cool it, and hold the horse if you need a potty break, get you food, etc.

100 mile crews will be allowed at Laurel Run when the horses come back through at night. NO CREWING will be allowed on the trail, this includes gravel roads and road crossings.

AMENITIES

Community Store: If you need supplies, The Community Store just east of Orkney Springs on Rte 263 in Basye sells ice, groceries, wine, beer, gasoline, diesel and sandwiches. There is cell service at the store.

Soft Ice Cream Stand: just east of the Community Store

Freed's Biscuit Company: In same location/ beside the Soft Ice Cream stand

Copper Kettle Restaurant: Located in Bryce Ski Resort. Menu features local ingredients and specials, available for lunch and dinner.

Golf at Bryce: 18-hole GPA Championship Course

Lake Laura: Swimming and boating. Hiking trail that wraps around the entire lake

We **NO LONGER HAVE ACCESS** to the Bunkhouses and bathrooms at the Bear Willow camp at Shrine Mont. We will have limited access to showers at Bryce Ski resort. (Volunteers See Janet Vandervaart for instructions)

The old hotel in Orkney Springs has wireless internet in the lobby. If you have to be connected with the world, you can take your laptop and work there.