

Battlefield Equestrian Society-Crystal Crown Series-Judged Pleasure Ride

Sunday, April 25th, 2010

General Information on Ride

This is the first ride in the 2010 Crystal Crown Ride series. The BES gives thanks to those of you who choose our ride, year after year, and to those are joining us for the first time. We are sure that you will not be disappointed. We welcome each of you and look forward to a spectacular ride season. This ride will be held within the Manassas National Battlefield Park and will be approximately 10 miles long, over gently rolling terrain to include creek crossings and on clearly marked trails. Most of the trails do not require your horse to wear shoes although there are a few sections that are comprised of gravel. Therefore, the decision to have shoes is at riders discretion. Ample trailer parking is available. You may choose to bring your own water or there is an onsite water tank. Portable rest room facilities are available. Due to the anticipated size of this ride, the ride will begin promptly at 8:30 am, with registration opening at 7:45 am. Start times will be assigned and you will be notified of said time via e-mail no less than 3 days prior to the event. It is critical that you check in with Registration the day of the ride and you and your horse are at the Start Line at your assigned ride time. If you are not present when called out by the Start Line volunteer, you will be fit in as time allows. All riders are encouraged to wear an approved safety helmet. Junior riders (17 and under) must be accompanied by an adult and must wear an approved safety helmet.

Due to liability, BES does not allow non-registered friends/riders to "ride along", participate at any obstacle or park their trailer at the event site. Additionally, BES does not allow horses in training to be "ponied" during this event. For the safety of the horses, riders and volunteers, please leave your dogs at home.

Note Regarding Colored Ribbons in Your Horses' Tail

The decision to place a colored ribbon in your horses' tail should be done in a manner which is fair and safe to all other participants and volunteers. A green ribbon signifies an "inexperienced" horse. Horses known to kick should have a red ribbon in their tail. If you wish to ride a stallion, yellow ribbon, this will be handled on a case-by-case basis and you should contact Marlys Shoup prior to sending in your Application.

Treatment of Judges, Ground Volunteers and/or Your Horse

Riders are hereby notified that any act of unsportsmanlike conduct, whether verbal or physical disrespect to judges or event volunteers will result in loss of points on the particular obstacle and/or shall be grounds for immediate disqualification. Additionally, any abuse to your horse, at the staging area or at any time during this event shall be grounds for immediate disqualification. If disqualification occurs, the rider shall forfeit all

entry fees and prizes. No exceptions will be made.

Registration/Cost

Current BES Members=\$40

Non BES Members=\$45

Daily Park Pass=\$3 (required unless you have a yearly pass)

Additional Lunches=\$6 (for your non-riding guests)

All riders must pre-register. Entries must be received no later than Friday, April 16, 2010. Any entry received after this date is on a space available basis and will be assessed a \$15 late registration fee. If you are riding with a group, whenever possible, please submit all applications in one envelope (otherwise, your group may not be assigned ride times together or in the time slot you desire).

Scoring/Awards

Ribbons will be given for Horse Breed, Rider Age, Novice Horse and Novice Rider (if applicable).

Breed categories are established when any there are 6 or more horses of any particular registered breed (i.e., 6 QH's, 6 Apps, etc.). If your registered horse does not meet the 6 minimum criteria, said horse will be placed in Other Registered or Other Registered Gaited. For riders who send in their application without breed papers, their horse will be placed in the Grade category. Auction papers are not proof of breed.

Rider Age groups will be grouped based on rider entries and will be determined by the BES.

In order to qualify for either Novice Horse or Novice Rider, you and/or your horse must not have placed in a previous Judged Pleasure Ride.

All scores will be tabulated after the event. As many people travel a long distance to attend our rides and the number of entries, we no longer have the onsite Awards ceremonies. All ribbons/awards will be mailed within 2 weeks of the event. Ribbons are awarded for those placing 1st thru 6th (if applicable) in each Age, Breed and Novice category. Additionally, Grand Champion and Reserve Champion ribbons and prizes will be awarded. Rider scores will be sent via email and posted on the BES website. If you wish to keep your score along the way, score cards and pens will be available for you at the Registration Table.

Crystal Crown Year End Awards

Year end awards will be awarded to the Top 20 participants in the Crystal Crown Series. To qualify for Overall year-end awards the same horse/ride

combination must compete in at least four of the five Crystal Crown rides. The top four scores of the horse/rider combination will be used to determine Overall year end placement.

Additionally, the Top 2 Junior Riders in each Junior division (ages 12 and under, and ages 13 through 17) will be awarded. To qualify for the Junior year-end awards the same horse/ride combination must compete in at least three of the five Crystal Crown rides. The top three scores of the horse/rider combination will be used to determine Junior year end placement.

Directions

1. From I-66, take exit Route 234 North
2. Turn right at the second light onto Route 29 North
3. Travel less than a mile a look for signs on the right. Located between the Stone House and the Stone Bridge.

Alternate Venue Due to Poor Weather (Strayer College)

Directions will be emailed to you if applicable. If weather conditions prevent this event, you will be emailed by 6 pm on the 26th. If you do not have email, you will receive a phone call.

Contact Information

For more information or if you have any questions, contact Marlys Shoup, Ride Secretary at 703-754-4981 or <<mailto:BESRideSecretary%40hotmail.com>> BESRideSecretary@hotmail.com; Dewey Brown, BES President (540-341-8406); or visit the BES website at <<http://www.battlefieldquestriansociety.org/>> <http://www.battlefieldquestriansociety.org/>> www.battlefieldquestriansociety.org.