



U.S. Trail Ride, Inc.

**“A Chili Ride in November”  
to benefit the Blue Ridge Center  
Sunday, November 3, 2019  
Camp Highroad, 21164 Steptoe Hill  
Rd., Middleburg, VA**

Ride Fee is **\$40.00** and includes lunch. Registrations must be post-marked by **10/25/2019**. Walk-in or post 10/25 registration fee is **\$45** and lunch is not guaranteed. Proceeds benefit The Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship (BRCES). **USTR T-shirts will also be available for purchase at the ride.**

Registration opens at 8:30am. **Riders may start their ride anytime between 9:00 and 11:00am.** Ride at your own pace, 5 to 10 miles, following the pink ribbons. Trail includes some rocky areas, muddy areas, gravel roads and creek crossings (depth of water will vary depending on recent rainfall). Please ensure that your horse is conditioned to ride 6-15 miles on varying grades and terrain. **Lunch will be provided from 11:00am – 2:30 pm.**

Please note that due to limited parking space, *trailers must park where and how directed by our parking crew.* Uncooperative drivers will be asked to depart. Thank you in advance for your understanding and making the day of our volunteer crew go smoothly! **The parking lot will open at 8:00am.** 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 11/1 after 6pm to registered riders. We will also post on our Facebook Page.

- No refunds
- No dogs allowed on premises
- Riders should pack drinks/water for themselves on the trail
- Protective riding helmets required**
- No water available onsite for washing/watering horses

- Healthy horses only, please!
- No alcohol, drugs or firearms
- No smoking on trail
- Pack out your manure
- Please leave the grounds as your found them – CLEAN!

Rider Last Name:		Rider First Name:	
Address			
City:		State:	Zip:
Email:		Day of Ride Cell Phone:	
Emergency Contact:		Emergency Contact Phone:	

**The following is required to complete your registration:**

	Registration form
	A non-returnable copy of your current negative coggins test
	Check for \$40 payable to USTR (\$45 for walk-ins or postmarks after 10/25/2019)
	Signed USTR Liability Waiver

**Mail to:**

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

Questions: Email our Ride Coordinator at [ustrailride@gmail.com](mailto:ustrailride@gmail.com)

**Riders must wear protective riding helmets at all times while mounted. NO exceptions.**

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