



Presents The Great Escape Equestrian Challenge

To benefit the Fairfax 4 Horses Laurel Hill Public Equestrian Center Fund

Date: June 20, 2009

General Event Information

With the support of The Fairfax County Park Authority and in partnership with Fairfax 4 Horses, the NVCEO has organized this fundraising event to benefit the Laurel Hill Public Equestrian Center, at the site of the former Lorton Penitentiary. This property will become a top-notch regional public equestrian riding facility to include training and competition rings, barns, trails and riding programs.

This event will be held at Laurel Hills within Fairfax County, VA. The course will consist of 12 obstacles over a rolling terrain to include creek crossings and on clearly marked trails. The event course is a modified shortened version of a JPR. Riders will be judged on their ability to navigate obstacles in a quiet manner that best shows the partnership between horse and rider. Individual obstacles will be used as tie-breakers. Course completion time will only be used as final tie breaker if needed.

Shoes for your horse are not needed. Secured ample trailer parking is available with parking attendants to assist. You will need to bring your own water as there is none available at the facility. All manure must be picked up from the parking area before leaving the grounds. Portable rest room facilities are available. Due to the anticipated size of this ride, the ride will begin promptly at 8:00 am, with registration opening at 7:00 am. Start times will be assigned and you will be notified of said time via e-mail no less than 5 business days prior to the event. If you do not have email, you will receive a phone call. It is important that you and your horse check in at Registration upon arrival to obtain your participant package. It is your responsibility to present at the Start Line when your name/number is called. **The first rider will take the course at 8:00am, sharp.** There will not be a course "walk thru" but your rider packet will contain detailed instructions for each obstacle. If you are called out three times without a response, you may be disqualified. Junior riders (under 18) must have a Guardian onsite and must wear an approved safety helmet. For those over 18, the use of an approved safety is not mandatory but is strongly recommended.

Due to liability, NVCEO does not allow non-registered friends/riders to "ride along", participate at any obstacle or park their trailer at the event site. All disciplines (Western, English, Endurance) are welcome but for safety reasons, bareback riding will not be permitted. For the safety of the horses, riders and volunteers, vendors and spectators, dogs are not permitted onsite, in your truck or anywhere on the grounds of the event.

Treatment of Judges, Ground Volunteers and/or Your Horse

Participants are hereby notified that any act of unsportsmanlike conduct, whether verbal or physical disrespect to judges, event volunteers, other participants or your horse will result in loss of points on the particular obstacle and/or shall be grounds for immediate disqualification. If disqualification occurs, the rider shall forfeit all entry fees and prizes and will be asked to immediately leave the premises.

Registration/Cost

\$100 = Open Division (any rider who has ever received money, trade or compensation for training services)
\$60 = Amateur Division (any rider who has never received any form of compensation or trade for training services)
\$40 = Novice Division (any rider who is newer to this sport and who does not wish to compete for larger cash prizes)
\$20/person = Teams of 4 (must include one Novice and one Amateur rider; 70% payout of proceeds)

All riders must pre-register. Entries must be postmarked no later than June 5, 2009. Any entry received after this date is on a space available basis and will be assessed a \$20 late registration fee. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Prizes/Ribbons/Awards Ceremony:

There will be an onsite Awards Ceremony to present cash prizes to the top winners in each Division

Cash Prizes to first place rider in each: Open Division = \$500; Amateur Division = \$250; Novice Division = \$125
Additionally, ribbons to be given to 1st-8th place in Open, Amateur and Novice Divisions

Directions

The event entrance is located at the intersection of Furnace Road & Lorton Road in Lorton, VA. Mapquest directions are available on the NVCEO website at www.NVCEO.org

From points west:

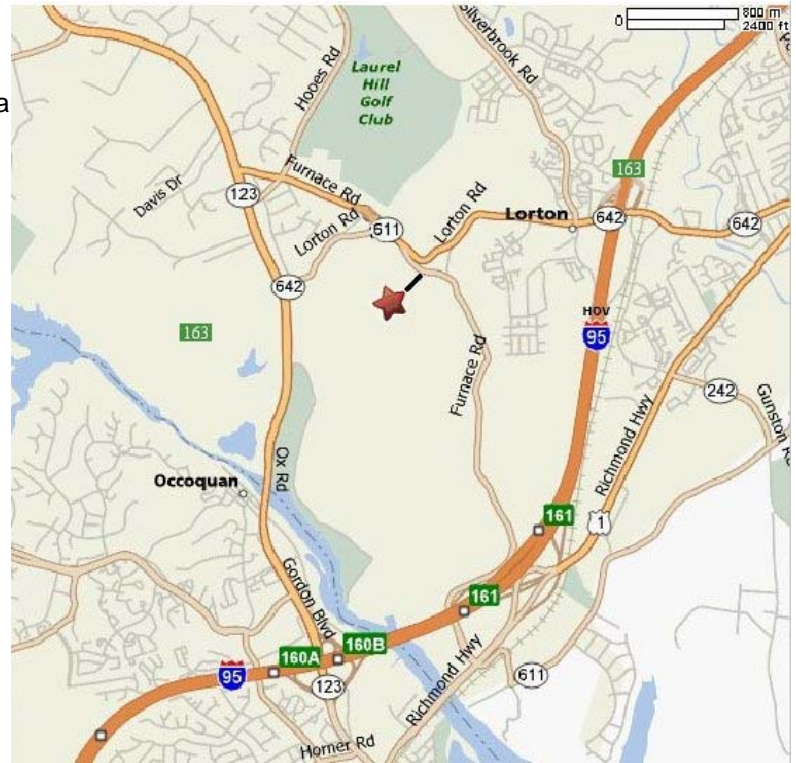
- I-66 East toward Washington
- take the Fairfax Co Pkwy/ VA-7100, exit 55
- merge onto VA-7100 South/ Fairfax Co Pkwy via exit 55A toward VA-123/ Springfield
- take the Ox Road south/ VA-123 ramp
- turn left onto VA-123 South/ Ox Road
- turn left onto VA-611/ Furnace Road
- bear right at the "Y" intersection of Furnace Road & Lorton Road
- event entrance is on the right

From points north and east:

- I-495 capital beltway toward Virginia
- Take I-95 South
- From I-95, take the VA-642 exit, exit 163, toward Lorton
- turn right onto Lorton Road/VA-642
- at the top of the hill Lorton Road/VA-642 becomes VA-611/furnace Road
- take a sharp, almost u-turn onto Furnace Road.
- event entrance is on the right.

From points south:

- take I-95 North
- From I-95 take the VA-642 exit, exit 163, toward Lorton
- turn right onto Lorton Road/VA-642
- at the top of the hill Lorton Road/VA-642 becomes VA-611/furnace Road
- take a sharp, almost u-turn onto Furnace Road.
- event entrance is on the right.



Inclement Weather

This event is a rain or shine event, but may be cancelled or rescheduled if the weather or trail condition is considered hazardous. Final notice of rescheduled or cancelled ride will be posted by Friday, June 19, after 7:00 PM via voice mail message at 703-754-4981 and can also be found on-line by visiting the NVCEO web site at www.NVCEO.org. If you have a valid email on file you will be emailed by 7 pm, June 12, 2009. If you do not have email, you will receive a phone call. Since this event is solely to benefit the Laurel Hill Public Equestrian Center Fund, if the event is cancelled a portion or all of the entry fee will be forfeited by the participant and donated to the tax deductible Fairfax 4 Horses "Laurel Hill Public Equestrian Center Fund" Fairfax 4 Horses is an IRS Code 501c3 Non-profit Charitable Organization.

Tax Deduction!

50% of the standard entry fee may be considered a tax deductible donation to the Fairfax 4 Horses "Laurel Hill Public Equestrian Center Fund". Fairfax 4 Horses is an IRS Code 501c3 Non-profit Charitable Organization. Any additional donated amount above and beyond the entry fee will be accepted as a 100% tax deductible contribution to the fund.

Contact Information

For more information or if you have any questions, contact Kari Briggs, Event Organizer on 571-220-9234; or visit the NVCEO website at www.NVCEO.org

Interested in being a sponsor for this event? Contact:

Jeff Shoup, jeffshoup@comcast.net, 703-402-3726

Jimmie G. Jones, awnman@aol.com, 804-513-4575

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APPLICATION

Name of Rider _____ Rider Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Breed of Horse _____

Registered Name of Horse (if applicable) _____

Barn Name/Nickname of Horse: _____

Registered? _____ Yes; _____ No; // Gaited? _____ Yes; _____ No

Tell us about you/your horse:

How long have you been together? _____

What type of riding, events, competitions do you participate? _____

What is your horse' best attribute? _____

Favorite quirks or funny comments about horse? _____

Items Required for Registration:

___ Completed Application Form

___ Signed Waiver

___ Copy of Current Negative Coggins (must be current as of event date)

___ Full payment via check, cashiers check or cash (make checks out to "NVCEO")

Ride Fee(s):

Entry Fee Prices Below

Open = \$100; Amateur = \$60; Novice = \$40; Team=\$20 (please all that apply)

Team = \$20/per person.....

Cash

Additional Tax Deductible Donation to the Fairfax 4 Horses

Laurel Hill Public Equestrian Center Fund.....

Mail completed application to:

Kari Briggs, Event Organizer

c/o NVCEO Great Escape Equestrian Challenge

5590 Old Farm Lane, Manassas, VA 20109

Mobile: 571-220-9234

Release and Waiver of Liability

I am a participant, not a spectator, engaged in an equine activity. I am aware that equine activities, whether riding or not, poses potentially serious risks of injuries or death to its participants. I understand that my horse or I may be injured or die as a result of my negligence, the negligence of others, or through no fault of myself or anyone else, because of the nature of the activity in which I am going to be engaged. I also understand that horses, even the best trained, are often unpredictable and difficult to control.

With this waiver I accept notice of the provision of Section 3.1-796.130 through 3.1-796.133 of the Code at Virginia, which states in part: That there are inherent risks in equine activities, including (i) the propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the participant; (ii) the inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements objects, persons or animals; and (iii) hazards of surface or subsurface conditions. The waiver shall remain valid unless expressly revoked by the participant or parent or guardian of a minor, in writing, with receipt acknowledged by the Northern Virginia Coalition of Equine Organizations ("NVCEO) and its officers and volunteers.

Furthermore, with this document, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence by the NVCEO, its officers, directors, members, agents, employees, and staff, or guests for my own safety or for the safety of my minor child or horse. If this or any other provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be unimpaired.

With the knowledge of the foregoing, and as an inducement for the officers, directors, and members of NVCEO, I hereby agree to waive or release any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to make a claim against the NVCEO or its members and other participants arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horse as a result of my participation in this equine activity. I further agree to indemnify all of the foregoing from any claims which I might make or which might be made on my behalf by others or which might be made against me by others arising from riding with the NVCEO or following or participating on foot or by automobile. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify the NVCEO and its members/volunteers for any injury, death, and loss of or damage to any personal property, which I might cause during this equine activity.

I further acknowledge and accept that NVCEO strongly suggests that I will wear an approved hard hat/helmet while participating in this ride.

By signing this release and waiver, I understand that I am giving up any right I have to sue or make a claim which I might have or which might subsequently arise or occur against the NVCEO, Fairfax 4 Horses, the Fairfax County Park Authority and employees, members, volunteers, directors and officers of the NVCEO, Inc., Fairfax 4 Horses, Inc., and the Fairfax County Park Authority. and any event participants for any injuries I might sustain while horseback riding or following or participating on foot or by automobile vehicle and that I am indemnifying employees, members, volunteers, directors and officers of the NVCEO, Inc., Fairfax 4 Horses, Inc, and the Fairfax County Park Authority for injuring any one else or any horse ridden by another while so engaged. It is my intent to give up those rights, and I do so knowingly and voluntarily.

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

(Rider) Print Name _____

Horse Owner Signature _____ Date _____

(Horse Owner) Print Name _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Release and Waiver

I am the parent or guardian of _____, a minor (under the age of 18), and on the minor's behalf and on behalf of all other parents or guardians of the minor, I accept the release and waiver of liability at the top of this form as an inducement for allowing my child, or this minor, to ride with the NVCEO. I further acknowledge and accept that said minor will wear an approved hard hat/helmet while participating in this ride. I further authorize any emergency medical care, which may be necessary. I represent and warrant that I have the authority to give this release.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Mail completed application to:

Kari Briggs, Event Organizer
c/o NVCEO Great Escape Equestrian Challenge
5590 Old Farm Lane, Manassas, VA 20109
Mobile: 571-220-9234