**Battlefield Equestrian Society**

**Crystal Crown Series**

**Spring Judged Pleasure Ride**

**Sunday, April 28, 2024**

**(Rain Date: May 5, 2024)**

**General Information on Ride**

Please join BES for a wonderful Judged Pleasure Ride on Sunday, April 28th. This ride will be held in the historical Manassas National Battlefield Park and cover 8 to 10 miles of gently rolling terrain. The trails are a mix of gravel and dirt roads/paths and open fields. Please bring your own water. A portable restroom will be available. Ride times will be pre-assigned with first riders scheduled to head out about 9:00 AM. You will be notified of your ride time by email (or phone if no email) 2-3 days prior to the event. On the day of the ride, Check-In will open at 8:00 AM. Upon your arrival, you must check in to receive your rider packet. Please plan accordingly to arrive, check in, and be tacked up and ready to go by your assigned start time.

Safety for our riders, spectators, and volunteers is paramount. Approved hard hats are recommended for all riders. All junior riders 17 and under must wear an approved hard hat and be accompanied by an adult. Horses known to kick should be identified with red tail ribbons and green horses with green ones. Please leave your dog(s) at home for the safety of your dog(s) as well as event participants.

Due to liability, BES does not allow non-registered friends/riders to ride along, participate at obstacles, or park their trailer at the event site. In addition, bareback riding (obstacles may require dropping/picking up your stirrups) and “ponying” horses (in training or otherwise) are not allowed during this event.

**Registration/Cost**

Pre-registration is required for all riders. No walk-in entries accepted. Entries must be received with all required documentation and be paid in full no later than Tuesday, April 23rd. After this date, please contact Stephanie Chao ([Stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com](mailto:Stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com) or 703-868-0688) for space availability. Late entries are on a space available basis, will not be eligible to purchase lunch, and will be assessed a $20 late registration fee with electronic payment in full a requirement. **We prefer payments to be made via online invoicing.** We will invoice you once we receive your entry. If you mail your payment, it must be received by April 23rd. **Entry fees are non-refundable and will be donated to BES towards trail maintenance unless both ride dates are cancelled.**

Online registration and electronic payment via PayPal invoice is preferred and recommended for this ride. Click [**HERE**](https://forms.gle/q546PH3DRdcb8jfu8) for the online registration form. You may need to copy the hyperlink and paste into your browser. The liability waiver, breed papers, and Coggins may be submitted electronically via the online registration form or emailed to Stephanie Chao at [stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com). The registration form and liability waiver are attached and also available on the BES website ([battlefieldequestriansociety.org](http://battlefieldequestriansociety.org)).

Registration Fees (Please note lunch is not included with the ride fee and must be purchased separately):

* BES Members Ride Fee 🡪 $45
* Non BES Members Ride Fee 🡪 $50
* All Juniors (17 & under) Members and Non-Members 🡪 $20
* Lunches 🡪 $15 each (choices: Turkey, Ham, or Veggie)
* Late Fee 🡪 $20 – After April 23rd, please contact Stephanie Chao for availability; lunch purchase is not available with late entries

**Your registration must be complete including application, liability waiver, Coggins, any**

**applicable breed papers, and full payment before your registration is accepted.**

**BES Membership**

The BES membership year runs from April 1 to March 31. If you are not already a member, join or renew your membership now and take advantage of the lower Members entry fee – not only for this ride but other rides throughout the year!! Our membership form is available [BES Membership Form](https://www.battlefieldequestriansociety.org/membership).

**Treatment of Judges, Ground Volunteers and/or Your Horse**

Any act of disrespect or unsportsmanlike conduct, whether verbal or physical, toward judges, event volunteers or your horse will result in loss of points on the particular obstacle and may be grounds for immediate disqualification. If disqualification occurs, the rider shall forfeit all entry fees and prizes and must immediately leave the premises.

**Judging and Ribbons/Awards**

The course will consist of natural and man-made obstacles. Horse and rider will be judged on ability to negotiate these obstacles safely as well as on trail manners and general horsemanship. Riders will have one minute to complete the obstacle unless otherwise directed. Decisions of the onsite judges are final.

All scores will be tabulated after the event with results emailed to participants and posted on the BES website. Ribbons will be awarded to overall and division winners. These are expected to be mailed (see note below) within 3-4 weeks of the event date. Up to six ribbons may be awarded in each category.

* Breed awards will be given for breeds having at least 6 participants. Breed registration papers are required. Breeds with less than 6 entries will be placed in the “other registered” division. Horses without breed registration papers will be placed in the grade/unregistered category.
* Age categories will be determined based on the number of riders. If no age is provided on registration, you will not be placed in an age division.
* Novice Horse and Novice Rider divisions are open to horses or riders that have competed in 3 or less judged pleasure rides (or similar events) prior to this ride.

**\*\*Note\*\* The cost of ribbons and mailing them to participants is a large expense. You have the option to forego receiving ribbons and donate the cost of the ribbons and postage to BES for trail maintenance.**

**Crystal Crown Series and Year-end Awards**

The Crystal Crown Series recognizes the top riders from a series of judged rides held by several equestrian organizations. This ride is the first ride of the 2024 series. Each participating organization puts on their own ride with their own rules. New for 2024, the series is offering a Team competition. Teams of four or more competitors who compete in 3 of the 4 rides will have their scores averaged and the team with the highest average score from all the rides will win an award. For more information on the Crystal Crown Series and rules/requirements to qualify for year-end awards, please visit the Crystal Crown Series website ([www.crystalcrownseries.com](http://www.crystalcrownseries.com)). You can also contact Crystal Crown Series Committee members. Dewey Brown ([gohrsecrzy@aol.com](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com)) and Gail Kelsey ([gailannkelsey@gmail.com](mailto:gailannkelsey@gmail.com)) are the BES representatives on the committee.

**Directions**

From I-66, take Exit 47 onto Route 234 North. Travel ~1.4 miles and turn right at the light onto Route 29 North (Stone House intersection). Travel less than a mile and look for signs on the right. Ride base is located between the Stone House and the Stone Bridge on Route 29.

**Inclement Weather Policy**

The event will be held rain or shine but may be postponed (rain date 5/5/2024) or cancelled if weather or trail conditions are considered hazardous. If the event is postponed or cancelled, you will be notified by email (by phone if no email) by 8:00 PM the evening prior to the ride.

**Extras!**

Photos of this event may be taken and available online after the ride and additional “extras” may be added for the event.

**Contact Information**

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:

Stephanie Chao, Ride Secretary: [stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com) or 703-868-0688 (email or text preferred)

Dewey Brown, BES President: [gohrsecrzy@aol.com](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com) or 540-272-6368

BES Website: [battlefieldequestriansociety.org](http://battlefieldequestriansociety.org/)

**Volunteers**

The ride takes a small army of volunteers especially judges and judge assistants. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Dewey ([gohrsecrzy@aol.com](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com) or 540-272-6368).

**BES thanks you for your support! We look forward to you joining us for a great experience for you and your horse that benefits the equestrian trails at Manassas National Battlefield Park.**

**Volunteers are critical to the success of our organization and rides. If you would like to volunteer to help with the ride, please let Dewey know (**[**gohrsecrzy@aol.com**](mailto:gohrsecrzy@aol.com) **or 540-272-6368). Thanks in advance to all volunteers!!**

**BES also acknowledges many, many years of stone donations from *Luck Stone* in support of trail maintenance on the hiking and bridle trails of the Manassas National Battlefield Park.**

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**RIDE REGISTRATION**

([**Click here for Online Registration**](https://forms.gle/q546PH3DRdcb8jfu8))

Name of Rider \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rider’s Age \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Horse (use Registered Name if applicable)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Registered Breed of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Gaited: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Novice\* Horse: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No Novice\* Rider: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

\* Novice = Participated in 3 or less Judged Pleasure Rides/Competitions as of April 28th. If participating in the 2024 Crystal Crown Series, if you are novice in this ride, you remain in novice status for the remaining series rides.

I wish to ride with the following people: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Start Time: \_\_9:00-9:30 \_\_9:30-10:00 \_\_10:00-10:30 \_\_10:30-11:00 (Not guaranteed)

**\*\*Ribbons:** \_\_\_ No – Please donate the cost of my ribbons and postage to BES for trail maintenance.

\_\_\_ Yes – Please mail me ribbons for any placings. (Please consider adding a donation to help cover the cost.)

Crystal Crown: All participants are eligible for Crystal Crown Series (CCS) year-end awards provided they also compete in the other CCS rides. Specific to the CCS in 2024, there is a team competition.

\_\_\_\_ I would like to ride on a Team: \_\_\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_No

Please list Team Members:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Items Required for Registration:

\_\_\_\_ Completed Registration Form and Signed Liability Waiver

\_\_\_\_ Copy of Current Negative Coggins (within 12 months of the ride date)

\_\_\_\_ Copy of Breed/Registration Papers for entry into specific breed category, if applicable

\_\_\_\_ Full payment

Registration fees, check all that apply: Fees

\_\_\_BES Member Registration Fee ($45) \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Non-member Registration Fee ($50) \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Junior (17 & under) Registration Fee ($20) \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Late Fee After April 23rd ($20) \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Lunches ($15 each) – Please select type/number below \_\_\_\_\_\_

Ham Turkey Veggie .

\_\_\_New or Renewal Membership (see membership form for costs) \_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Donation \_\_\_\_\_\_

Payments will be processed via PayPal invoicing. Total Fees \_\_\_\_\_\_

Provide email for PayPal invoicing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Entry fees are non-refundable and will be donated for park maintenance unless the ride is cancelled.**

All documents should be uploaded via our online registration at [**BES JPR Spring 2024 Online Form**](https://forms.gle/q546PH3DRdcb8jfu8),

emailed to Ride Secretary Stephanie Chao at [stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com), or mailed to

Stephanie Chao, Ride Secretary, 47616 Comer Square, Sterling, VA 20165.

Information/Questions: Stephanie Chao – [stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.h.chao@gmail.com) or 703-868-0688 or

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**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 at least one of the officers or directors of the Battlefield Equestrian Society (BES).

Furthermore, with this document, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence by the BES, 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 BES to allow my participation, I do here­by waive and release any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to make a claim against the BES or its members; the owners, tenants or others of interest of any property over which I may pass, ride, or by any other means be; and other participants (including guides, planners, judges, or others) 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 BES or following or participating on foot or by automobile. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify the BES and its members 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 BES 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 BES and its members and partici­pants for any injuries I might sustain while horseback riding or following or participating on foot or by auto­mobile and that I am indemnifying BES and its members for injuring anyone 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Horse Owner Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Horse Owner) Print Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**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 BES. 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_