



## FORT VALLEY RIDE AND TIE AND EQUATHON

Friday, October 25, 2019, and Saturday, October 26, 2019 (NOTE NEW DATES)

50 Mile Ride & Tie

30 Mile Ride & Tie

15 Mile Ride & Tie

18 Mile Ride/7 Mile Run Equathon

The Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, Inc. is an organization which fosters and encourages both the use and development of the working horse through various efforts. It is the intent of the Old Dominion to provide the opportunity to participate in a challenging sport and at the same time to provide the rider with the knowledge to make it both safe and enjoyable. The Fort Valley Ride & Tie and Equathon is held in the Massanutten Mountains during the fall with all the splendor of autumn colors and cool weather. The trail is a combination of old road beds, single lane trails, and forest roads, rocky in places, with several climbs to the top of the Massanutten range.

**Entries:** Entries postmarked after October 4 ARE NOT guaranteed meals. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit will be accepted to hold your place until the day before the event. For pre-paid entries, a full refund less \$50.00 will be given until the horse is presented for the pre-ride vet-in (please call if you know you cannot come). Include a copy of current (within 12 months) Coggins with entry. Please only bring horses that are entered in the ride and tie.

**Ride is sanctioned by the Ride and Tie Association. All participants MUST be members of the Ride & Tie Association.**

**Dinners:** Entry fees for all Ride & Tie entries include dinner the night before. Thursday is Pot Luck - Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Extra Friday and Saturday dinner tickets may be purchased. Dinner will be served at approximately 6 p.m. each day, followed by the Ride Briefing on Thursday and Friday. Coffee and donuts will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings.

**Ride Camp:** The base camp will be at Favilla's field (previously named Fitchett's field), a primitive grassy venue. This location is subject to change. Please check the Old Dominion website ([www.OldDominionrides.org](http://www.OldDominionrides.org)) closer to the ride date for any changes. Base camp will open on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm, and close at 6 pm on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Camping needs outside of these times can be met by the nearby Fort Valley Stables ([FortValleyStable.com](http://FortValleyStable.com)). Email them at [fvs@shentel.net](mailto:fvs@shentel.net).

**DOGS MUST REMAIN ON LEASH AND/OR CONFINED TO YOUR CAMP SITE AREA!**

### Directions:

**From I-81 (north or south)** – At Exit 279 turn east on Hwy 675 for 1 mile to Hwy 11, turn left on Hwy 11 for ½ mile to the Jeep car dealer, turn right on Hwy 675 over the mountain for 5 ½ miles to the Kings Crossing Junction, then turn left on Hwy 678 and go approximately 8 miles to Seven Fountains Road opposite Dietrick store, turn right on Seven Fountains Road for 6/10ths miles, turn right onto Many Waters Road just before the concrete bridge, base camp is on the right.

**From I-66** – Take Exit 6 toward Front Royal, turn right onto Hwy 55. At Waterlick turn south onto Hwy 678 (to Fort Valley) for 11 miles to the second Seven Fountains Road opposite Dietrick store, turn left on the second Seven Fountains Road for 6/10ths miles, turn right onto Many Waters Road just before the concrete bridge, base camp is on the right.

**Vet-in:** Vet-in will be from 4-6 p.m. the night before the ride. **There will be no Friday or Saturday morning vet-ins.**

**Ride Briefing:** A meeting will be held at approximately 7:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday evening for **all riders/runners** to review current trail conditions, markings, and the locations and logistics of the checkpoints and holds. Questions from participants will be answered at this time.

**Riding the trail: HELMETS ARE REQUIRED WHILE MOUNTED!** Once the event has begun, the rider is free to choose his/her own pace. At each vet check, the veterinary committee will ensure that the horse is recovering to the safe parameters of temperature, pulse and respiration and that there are no signs of excessive fatigue or lameness which would endanger the horse. **Time Limit for 50 miles is 12 hours, for 30 miles is 7:15 hours. Sort of. More or less, unless anyone needs more time.**

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