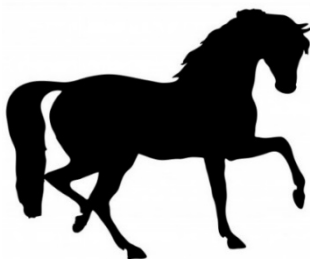


The Blackhorse Stomp 50-Mile Endurance Ride

“We left the swamp & headed for the hills”

USA Northeast Benefit – Saturday, May 1, 2021



What: AERC-sanctioned 50-mile endurance ride. This is our first time managing an event using these trails and are only offering one distance, but hope to include an LD option in the future. Proceeds benefit *USA Northeast Endurance* & young riders.

When: Saturday, May 1; ALL riders are asked to arrive AFTER 10 a.m. on April 30 unless prior arrangements are made with ride management. Please call/text Mary Howell at if you plan to arrive before 10 a.m. that Friday morning.

Manager: Mary Howell countshiloh@gmail.com 804-432-0236

Ride Secretary: Sarah Schick-Miller schicksa5184@gmail.com 812-360-6459

Head Control Judge: Nick Kohut, DVM with Bob Marshall, DVM and Julia Wolfe, DVM (treatment vet)

Trailmasters: Katie Wick, Brenda Palermo & Kate Lawrence

ENTRIES LIMITED – Rider must register and fully pre-pay by **Thursday, April 15.** NO “at the door” entries; all but \$30 refunded to if Sarah Schick receives written notice via email/text by 1 p.m. on April 29.

Basecamp: Camp Bethel, 328 Bethel Road, Fincastle, VA www.campbethelvirginia.org. Parking at Camp Bethel is limited, so please wait for a parking volunteer to direct you or you may be required to move.

IMPORTANT: LQ trailers with box “on the ground” section longer than 24 feet will NOT be able to make the sharp right turn off Nace Road onto Camp Bethel without getting stuck/damaging your rig. Please indicate the total length of your entire rig (truck and trailer) and also the box length of your trailer on your entry. We will email those whose rigs exceed the maximum length directions to primitive camp provided by Kate Lawrence about 4 miles from basecamp, with a shuttle available to bring you and your horse to the Friday p.m. vet-in, Saturday a.m. ride start and Saturday p.m. post-completion. You’ll be able to drive your truck to drop off crewing gear near the vetting area.

Water: Ride management will provide tanks of horse water at several sites in basecamp and along the trail, but please bring your own people water and as much horse water as convenient.

Ride Details: From 1994-1997, AERC rides were held using the Glenwood Blackhorse Gap trail. It’s main loop of approximately 23 miles consists of mostly double-track unpaved roads, about five miles of single-track and several significant climbs and two Blue Ridge Parkway crossings. Hoof protection & helmets are required. Riders will have a trot-by at Day Creek 8-mile point and the 1st vet check is away from camp, approximately 20 miles from the start. Be prepared for NO CREW ACCESS – hay, beet pulp and feed will be provided for horses, we’ll have people water and snacks but please pack electrolytes and food for yourself. Volunteers can hold horses as needed. The second hold and finish/completion are at Camp Bethel. Please plan accordingly!

Schedule: Vet-in will be from 2-5 p.m. Friday using times assigned when you park. The ride will start at 6:30 a.m. Saturday; riders must finish by 6:30 p.m. or be overtime. Awards will be available for pickup from 4-8 p.m. at the ride manager’s trailer; results will be posted on the Blackhorse Stomp 50-mile Facebook page.

COVID-19 impacts: NO Meals will be provided. Please bring all your own food. Ride briefing materials will be emailed to all registered riders in advance, with ride management available Friday afternoon for any questions.

Awards: In addition to ride t-shirts provided as completion awards, provide “Top Ten,” “First to Finish,” “First Junior” and “Best Condition” awards will be provided.

May 1, 2021 Blackhorse Stomp Entry Form

Rider's Name: _____ Street Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____ Phone #: _____ Email Address: _____ AERC # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> not AERC member- add \$15	Horse's Name: _____ Breed: _____ Arabian _____ Breed #: _____ Color: <input type="checkbox"/> Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Chestnut <input type="checkbox"/> Bay <input type="checkbox"/> _____ Age: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mare <input type="checkbox"/> Gelding <input type="checkbox"/> Stallion Horse AERC # _____ <input type="checkbox"/> not registered Horse Owner's Name: _____
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If pulled for metabolic reasons, my horse will not leave base camp until released by a vet. _____ rider's initials _____ owner's initials

For junior riders under 16: Birth Date: _____		Sponsor's Name: _____		
Weight with tack:	<input type="checkbox"/> Featherweight (up to 160 pounds)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lightweight (161 to 185 pounds)	<input type="checkbox"/> Middleweight (186 to 210 pounds)	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavyweight (211 pounds and up)
<input type="checkbox"/> 50-mile ride entry = \$130 \$30 discount for juniors 16 and under <input type="checkbox"/> AERC day-member fee (for any non-members) = \$15				Entry fee: _____
Basecamp Fee (includes Camp Bethel facility rental) \$20/rig = <input type="checkbox"/> My truck plus trailer is _____ feet long \$5/horse X _____ horses= <input type="checkbox"/> Box portion of trailer is longer than 24 ft; please send me parking instructions (don't include gooseneck, measure from back to front of box) Names of each person accompanying you: _____ _____ We will require a COVID release for everyone in your rig				
Pre-payment by Thursday, April 15, 2021 required; make checks payable to "USA Northeast" For Paypal, choose "friends & family option" to countshiloh@gmail.com and list rider name in comments				TOTAL = _____
Please mail your entry, signed releases, check or money order and copy of negative Coggins for each horse to: Sarah Schick, 814 Shenandoah River Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23320 Questions??? Contact Sarah at schicksa5184@gmail.com /(812) 360-6459; Mary at countshiloh@gmail.com /(804)432-0236 For ride management use: <input type="checkbox"/> Coggins <input type="checkbox"/> waivers/liability releases				

May 1, 2021 Blackhorse Stomp Endurance Ride
Liability Release & Authorization

This release must be signed and returned with your ride entry. No cross-outs or additions are permitted.

As a participant in a ride sponsored by the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), I agree to abide by the rules of both AERC, www.aerc.org, the U.S. Forest Service and Camp Bethel, www.campbethelva.org.

In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the Blackhorse Stomp ride, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel to include Kate Lawrence and all family members, Camp Bethel, all landowners including Camp Bethel, Jenna and Amanda Bill, the U.S. Forest Service, AERC and their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride, arising from negligence or any other fault. "Ride" includes from the time I and my horse arrive at base camp until the time that we leave the premises, as well as the actual event. "Horse" means the animal(s) I am riding or have entered.

I understand that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity and am aware that 1) the ride involves being in areas for extended periods of time far from communications, transportation, medical and veterinary assistance; 2) that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, modify, or eliminate; 3) that both my own horse and those of other contestants can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and can panic, bite, rear, kick, strike, stumble or fall; 4) that as a result of participating in the ride, I or my horse may be injured, die, or my property damaged.

I agree to take full responsibility for myself and my horse and for any other party or animal that accompanies me; I recognize that the ride is a strenuous activity and I represent that I and my horse are in adequate physical and mental condition to participate. I recognize that my participation in the ride is voluntary. I consent to a random drug test to be performed on my horse.

I understand that if the horse I am riding is pulled for metabolic reasons and requires treatment on-site or an additional recheck by a ride vet, this horse may not leave base camp until released by an authorized ride vet. Furthermore, I agree and authorize necessary and urgent treatment by a ride vet for a horse that I own, in the event this horse is ridden by another entrant and I am unable to provide explicit permission before or during the injury or illness event.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE LIABILITY RELEASE, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Rider's Name (Print): _____

Rider's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

(if junior rider)

Horse Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____

May 1, 2021 Blackhorse Stomp COVID waiver

(must be signed by all crew members as well as riders)

Please read carefully, **initial each bullet point** and sign below. This form must be included with your entry form, along with a copy of current Coggins, **FULL payment and signed release forms** and postmarked by **April 15, 2021** in order to be considered for the limited number of riders at this event.

____ There is NO REGISTRATION TABLE at ride camp. ALL documents and PAYMENTS MUST be done online in advance. **NO WALK INS**. This rule is for the safety of all involved and to reduce the amount of personal contact. Thank you for your cooperation.

____ ONLY PEOPLE **registered for the ride and ON THE volunteer list will be allowed in base camp**. PLEASE DO NOT bring friends or family unless approved by Mary Howell.

ARRIVAL: Upon arrival, people will remain in their vehicles until these steps occur:

____ Each person in the vehicle must confirm they have not had a positive COVID 19 test **or been exposed to a person with COVID 19 in the last 14 days**.

____ It is the responsibility of the rider/volunteer to ensure that they are healthy before leaving home to attend the Blackhorse Stomp. **Do not attend the ride if you are showing signs** of illness to include, but not limited to stuffy or runny nose, fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or new loss of sense of smell or taste.

____ No one with a temperature of **100.4 or higher** will be allowed to stay.

____ **FACE COVERING and/or MASKS** will be required at all of the following:
Friday afternoon vet-in, when in P&R box at both away hold and in camp, ALL Vet checks, Finish Line/final vetting, BC presentation, AND anywhere around ride management’s trailer. **Failure to follow this guideline will result in rider disqualification.**

I, _____, agree to these COVID-19 guidelines for the Blackhorse Stomp Ride that I am attending on April 30 - May2, 2021.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE LIABILITY RELEASE, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Rider’s Name (Print): _____

Rider’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent or Guardian’s Signature: _____

Date: _____

(if junior rider)