



# ***Benefit Pleasure Trail Ride***

**Sponsored by Trailblazers, Inc.**

**Saturday, October 17, 2009, 10:00 a.m.**

**Marriott Ranch**

**Hume, Virginia**

**Proceeds to Benefit Horses for Heroes and  
Middleburg Humane Foundation's Equine Rescue**

## **General Information**

The event will be held at Marriott Ranch located at 5305 Marriott Lane in Hume, Virginia. Ride will be over flat and gently rolling terrain. Water crossings and encounters with cattle or wildlife are possible. Trailer parking is ample and portable toilets will be available. Ride will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with the last riders going out no later than 12:00 noon. Junior riders (18 and under) must be accompanied by an adult and wear an approved riding helmet. Groups of no more than 6 riders may depart at the same time. The trail will be clearly marked with streamers, with double streamers before and at turns. Safety for riders, spectators and staff is paramount. We want everyone to enjoy a fun and safe ride!

Drinks and snacks will be provided after the ride.

The following must be sent with your pre-registration:

- Results of a current negative Coggins Test
- Completed Application
- Check for \$25.00 per rider (\$35.00 after October 10) – includes drink and snack
- Signed Release Forms

**We reserve the right to limit the number of participants.**

### ***Registration/Fees***

\$25.00 Pre-registration

\$35.00 After October 10

### ***Ride Contact and Address***

Contact: Shirley Bonner. Email: shirleyjbonner@juno.com or phone: 703-395-9275.

Checks should be made payable to Trailblazers, Inc.

Mail application to: Shirley Bonner, P.O. Box 206, Casanova, VA 20139.

### ***Ride Goals and Safety***

This is a PLEASURE RIDE. Our goal is to make it an enjoyable experience for everyone. We expect all riders to observe the rules of good horsemanship and safety.

- Minimum riding age – 10 years old
- Wear protective headgear and footwear with heels
- Pass with permission and only where there is room
- Riders should not crowd one another on the trail
- Horses known to kick should have a red ribbon in their tail
- Green horses should be marked with a green ribbon in their tail
- No dogs – please leave all dogs at home
- No stallions
- No smoking on the trail!!!

**From Washington, D.C. and Northern Virginia**

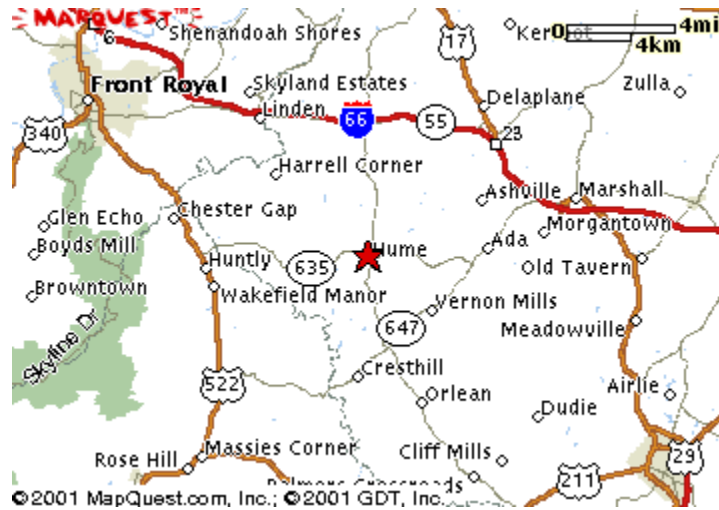
Take Route 66 west approximately 40 miles to exit 27 (the second Marshall exit). Turn left at stop sign, crossing over Route 66. Make an immediate right on Route 647. Go 4 miles and turn right on Route 635 and proceed 7.6 miles to the main entrance of the ranch on the left.

**From Richmond/Fredericksburg/Warrenton**

Take Interstate 95 North to Route 17 North and follow to Warrenton. Take 17 Business at Warrenton to Route 211 West for about 5 miles. Turn right onto Route 688 and follow for 12 miles. Turn left onto Route 635 and follow for 4 miles to the main entrance of the ranch on the left.

**Distances:**

- Washington, D.C. 55 mi.
- Warrenton, VA 22 mi.
- Washington, Va., 16 mi.,
- Flint Hill, VA 8 mi.



**TRAILBLAZERS, INC.**  
**2009 BENEFIT PLEASURE TRAIL RIDE**  
REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Age if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby release the Trailblazers riding club, its officers, members, agents and volunteers, plus any and all landowners involved in this riding event, from any and all liability for injury, damages or harm that may occur to me, to the horse I am using, or to the property owned or used by me. Further, I represent that I understand the hazardous nature of using horses, including pleasure riding, in which injury can occur to horse and rider due to vehicles, natural and man-made obstacles or materials, other horses, dogs, storms, groundhog holes, cattle, stress, and other hazards. My horse is in good enough condition and fit enough to undertake the distance I have selected to go, and I have reasonable control of the horse so as to avoid risk of injury to others. I also warrant that I have a current negative Coggins test on this horse (according to state law).

I realize that all necessary precautions should be taken for safety, such as wearing a hard hat/helmet and proper riding footwear. However, if I wish to ride without exercising these safety measures I do so at my own risk.

Signature of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Horse Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rider(s) 18 years and under must have permission of parent or legal Guardian to participate, must wear a helmet and be accompanied by an adult on the trail.**

Enclose the following pieces of information with registration:

- Copies of results of a current negative Coggins test
- Application that is completed and signed and accompanied with a \$25.00 pre-registration fee (\$35.00 after Oct. 10) in the form of a check made payable to **Trailblazers, Inc.**
- Signed Release Forms (Trailblazers and Marriott Ranch)

NO DOGS – Please leave all dogs at home.

Ride fee (\$25.00 pre-registration; \$35.00 after Oct. 10)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Trailblazers Membership (\$20.00 single, \$30.00 family)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Shirley Bonner, P.O. Box 206, Casanova, VA 20139**

# TRAILBLAZERS, INC.

## WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I am aware that horseback riding is an athletic event, which 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 most well trained, are often unpredictable and often difficult to control.

With this waiver, I accept notice of the provisions of Section 3.2-6200 through 3.2-6203 of Code of Virginia, which state in part: That there are inherent risks in equine activities, including (i) the propensity of equines 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 Trailblazers Riding club and its officers.

Furthermore, with this document, I expressly assume the risk of injury or death due to negligence by Trailblazers, its officers, directors, members, agents, employees, staff, or guests for my own safety or the safety of my minor child.

With the knowledge of the foregoing, as an inducement for the officers, directors, and members of the Trailblazers, I hereby agree to waive or release (give up) any and all rights that I or my heirs may have to make a claim against the Trailblazers or its members and participants arising from any damages, injury, or death which I might sustain or which might occur to any horse I am riding as a result of my horseback riding. I further agree to indemnify (hold harmless) 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 Trailblazers or following or participating on foot or by automobile. Furthermore, I agree to indemnify the Trailblazers and its members for any injury, death, loss of or damage to any personal property which might occur during riding or social functions sponsored by the Trailblazers or held in its behalf or for its benefit.

**By signing this release and waiver, I understand that I am giving up (waiving and releasing) any right I have to sue or make a claim which I might have or which might subsequently arise or occur against the Trailblazers 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 (holding harmless) Trailblazers 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 provide the hold harmless agreement, and I do so knowingly and voluntarily.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Parent or Guardian Release and Waiver

I am the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, a minor, and on the minor's behalf and on my behalf and 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 Trailblazers. 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 Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**\*\*\* MARRIOTT TRAIL RIDE RELEASE FORM \*\*\***

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read and accepted the terms and conditions of the Trail Ride Contract. To be completed by all riders over age 18. (Parent/Guardian please sign for minors)**

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**MARRIOTT RANCH – TRAIL RIDE CONTRACT AND RELEASE FORM**

Horses are unpredictable creatures and horseback riding is inherently risky. We request all riders to follow the rules stated below and recommend the use of hard hats. Even so, unforeseen accidents can occur.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY. IT IS A CONTRACT. IT RELEASES MARRIOTT RANCH, MARRIOTT CORPORATION, AND ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FROM LIABILITY TO YOU.

I do hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless MARRIOTT CORPORATION, MARRIOTT RANCH, THEIR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES from and against any and all claims for damages of whatever nature which might arise in the stable area, or during any trail or other horseback activities at Marriott Ranch. I further agree to indemnify the above for any and all cost, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in defending against any suit claims. Horses may be ridden only by those persons named on this form. I have read the rules below, which form part of this contract, and agree to abide by them.

**Trail Ride Rules**

1. Minimum riding age – 10 years old.
2. All children under 18 must have parent or guardian sign the waiver and release form.
3. Do not leave the trail.
4. Keep safe distance between horses.
5. Long pants, shirt and shoes should be worn when riding.
6. SMOKING ON ALL TRAILS IS PROHIBITED!!!!

Trailblazer's Membership Application

Name:	_____	Home Phone:	_____
Street:	_____	Work/Cell Phone:	_____
City:	_____	Email:	_____
State:	_____	Zip:	_____

Membership: New:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family:	<input type="checkbox"/>
				\$20/calendar year		\$30/calendar year	

Names of others in family membership:

Interests

Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/>	Speakers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Judged Pleasure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over Night	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gaited	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rides	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dressage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fox Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tele	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eventing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jumping	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memb	<input type="checkbox"/>	General	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trail work	<input type="checkbox"/>	Educational/Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shows	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Other Interests

Send Application Form and Check To: Make Checks Payable To: Trailblazers Inc.

Ron Corl  
6757 Beach Road  
Warrenton, VA 20186

