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TROT JUDGED PLEASURE RIDE

Saturday, June 2, 2007

Registration opens at 10:00 AM, closes at noon

Agricultural History Farm Park
18400 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855

\$27 per horse/rider

Money can not be collected at the Park
please pre-register

Hard hats and current negative Coggins test required

(For further information see pages 12-13)

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President's message

If you were among the almost 70 members who attended our annual dinner on February 24, you were treated to a wonderful array of delicious dishes, a fun silent auction, and a chance to "help a little" with TROT activities.

From our committee breakout sessions, we recruited a new newsletter editor, Nancy Osgood, many volunteers for trail maintenance, and a sizeable group of members interested in staying in touch with legislative affairs. We also had breakout groups for Communications and Membership with lots of good ideas generated from these discussions.

It is only through the efforts of our many volunteers that TROT will continue to flourish and grow. There's much work to be done, and if each member is willing to help just a little bit, our collected efforts will be significant.

Stay in touch with volunteer opportunities through our newsletter and web site. Maybe there's just a little that you can give to TROT.

*Priscilla Huffman
President, TROT*



Trail Riding Sheep?

Yes, its Lucky the trail riding sheep who routinely trailrides with the dalmatians.

FROM THE TRAIL RIDE COORDINATOR

This is my third season for coordinating the Trail Ride program and I would very much like to “share the wealth” and pass the opportunity on to another TROT member. It’s truly been a lot of fun and a great way to talk w/ other TROT members. If you would be interested please contact me. I would be glad to work with you for as long as it takes to transition this role.

UPCOMING RIDES

Contact the ride leader to reserve a space on the ride and for information about time and parking. All ride participants must be TROT members, membership forms will be available for non-members. Negative coggins must be provided for each horse. Participants are asked to bring their own plates, silverware, and drinks to pot-lucks unless otherwise indicated.

Saturday, May 26th – Piney Run (Carroll County near Eldersberg.) Ready to ride at 8:30am. Walk, trot, and canter. Pot luck – to be determined. Contact Melinda Bennett 410-875-0481.

Sunday, June 10th - Callithea Farm Canal Loop. 2 hours. Mostly walking. Horses must be ok with bikes, strollers, bridges and kayaks. The canal is busy on the weekends. Bring a lunch, drinks provided. Ready to ride at 10am. Contact Naomi Manders 301-279-7994.

Saturday, June 16th - Catoctin Mountain Park (near Frederick.) Mostly walking. Steep, rocky trail, shoes recommended. Contact Marilyn Miller 301-898-7274.

Saturday/Sunday, August 4-5 -League of Maryland Horesman (Mariottsville, MD) For details - contact Anne Moe protem@juno.com or phone 410-781-4165.

Sunday, September 2nd – Little Bennett (Rain date Monday Sept 3rd.) It’s hard to think about the end of summer already, but we’ve got exciting plans for Labor Day Weekend! Maureen and Jim Henry will host a ride at Little Bennett followed by a Texas style pot luck barbeque. Maureen will prepare slow cooked beef brisket with her famous home made barbeque sauce. We encourage non-riding family members and TROT members who might not be able to participate in the trail ride to join us afterwards for the picnic. Please contact Maureen at 301-371-4828 to sign up for the trail ride and/or picnic. We are hoping to have several different groups to allow for varied riding speeds. If you know the trails at Little Bennett and would be willing to lead a slow ride, please contact Kyle Jossi at 301-570-3860 or bossyjossi@netscape.com.

I am working on rides for the rest of the year but I need more members to volunteer to be ride leaders. If you’ve never done it before, call me and I’ll be glad to tell you what’s involved. Most leaders volunteer year after year because they have so much fun! It’s a great opportunity to meet other Trot members and maybe find a new trail buddy.

TRAIL GUIDES

The following volunteers are willing to show TROT members their favorite trails on an individual basis. Contact them to arrange a personal guided trial ride!

Patuxant State Park Allison Abernathy 301-493-5590.

Montgomery Agricultural Farm Park, Annapolis Rock Deneen Martin 301-253-2955

Catoctin Mountain Park, Little Bennett, Marilyn Miller 301-898-7274

Woodstock Equestrian Park in Beallsville, MD. Contact Karen Kraushaar at kraushaar@verizon.net or 301-208-0767.

Patuxent State Park, Rachel Carson, Rock Creek Park. Contact Laury Lobel at 301-774-9595 or laurylobel@verizon.net.

Patapsco State Park off Marriottsville Rd. - Elizabeth Baran. She is available on weekdays and during the week. She would love to show other Trot members the trails there and would love the company. She can be reached at home 410-442-5006, or cell 410-245-8942.

TROT Clinic for Novice Trail Riders

by Kyle Jossi

The first weekend in April was a busy one for TROT, but both Deneen and I agree that it was worth all the time and organization that went into making it possible. On Saturday, we had our first TROT clinic for Novice Trail Riders. The clinic was attended by TROT members Erin Reilly, Steve Gunnulfsen, Vicky Crone, Jack Corbett, Laura Koren, Stephen Thorner, Alix Thorner, Lloyd Lamp, Meredith Jossi and Lorin Bleeker. TROT president Priscilla Huffman presented an overview of what TROT offers followed by Deneen Martin who spoke about safety for the horse and rider. (She introduced her subject by saying, "I'm going to tell you about every mistake I've ever made.") Kathy Dobson kept everyone on the edge of their seats with her discussion of trail hazards. Marilyn Miller spiced up her talk on equipment with lots of equipment of her own. Pat Merson talked about trail etiquette and what to do at the end of the ride. Pat Oliva shared her expertise from years of endurance riding to speak on conditioning the trail horse and how to know when your horse is in trouble.

Although we've all been riding for many years, I think we learned a lot from each other. It was great fun to talk with the new riders and we wish them lots of luck!

TROT April Fools Day Ride at the Agricultural Farm Park from a Horse's Perspective

Kyle was too tired after today's trail ride and the Novice Trail Rider Clinic yesterday to write an article for the newsletter. So I will do it for her. (Do you have any idea how difficult it is to type with hooves?)

It was supposed to be a trail ride for green horses and riders but you'd never know it because everyone did very well. The ride was attended by Liuda Galinaitis, Donna Taylor, David Taylor, Barbara Connel, Lorin Bleeker, Annie Bleeker, Stephen Thorner, Alex Thorner, and Veronica and Thomas Martin. We all went as one group with Mike Gafney leading on Bug. Deneen Martin on Tinker spent lots of time with the new riders and Kyle says she has a special gift for this. (If you have a green horse or are new to trail riding,



give Deneen a call, 301-253-2955, she'll be glad to meet you at the Ag Farm Park to you some pointers and show you the trails.) I was supposed to be there as one of the "dead-calm" horses but I thought it would be a great April Fools joke to act like one of the green horses and run away with Kyle. (Not bad for a 34 year old mare!) There were lots of cheers when all the horses successfully did a water crossing or crossed a bridge. Half-way through the ride we stopped for lunch. Mike Gafney's chile was a big hit, but I thought the grass was much better.

The weatherman was calling for rain all day, but it wasn't until we were all in our trailers and pulling out that the first drops started. I was great fun to meet new friends and we're all planning to get together at the next TROT ride!



SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction was a huge success both in terms of money raised and fun had by the participants. In all, we raised about \$1100 for TROT! The success of the Silent Auction was the result of lots of hard work on the part of many people. I am always reluctant to try to list all the folks who helped out because of the certain knowledge that I'll forget someone. But these people worked hard and deserve to be recognized. So I apologize profusely to anyone I've forgotten.

Amy Kimble – she spent countless hours getting donations from local merchants and her mother, coordinated the set up, and kept me calm.

Mike Gafney – worked behind the scenes to help me get organized and logged in all the donated items the night of the auction.

Susan Gray and Priscilla Huffman – collected donations and helped with set up

Beth Sandmeyer – searched eBay for unusual horse related auction items

Deneen Martin – set up and keeping us all sane

Pat Oliva, Barbara Sollner-Webb, Nancy Osgood, Laury Lobel, Denis Webb, Allison Abernathy – set up, money collection, and other duties as assigned.

Although many of the donated items came from TROT members, others came from the generosity of local and national merchants and service providers. Next time you are at your local tack shop, please take a minute to thank these folks for their generosity.

Valley Vet Supply

Turf Center/Southern States (Spencerville, MD)

Kevin Davis, (FarrierHoward County 410-971-1028)

Woodland Tack Shop (Silver Spring, MD)

Bits and Bridles (Ellicott City, MD)

Grey Pony (Highland, MD)

Highland Feed (Highland, MD)

Carroll County Tack (Finksburg, MD)

Maple Leaf Tack (Hagerstown, MD)

Maryland Tack (Sykesville, MD)

USRider (Equestrian Motor Plan 1-800-844-1409)

Dover Saddlery

Stablemates (Mt Airy, MD)

Everything Equestrian (Damascus, MD)

The Surrey (Potomac, MD)

I would also like to thank the following TROT members who go generously donated items to the Auction: Mike Gafney, Joann Kricker, Laury Lobel, Anne Bennof, Suzanne Anderson, Bev Fox, Jean Bond, Marilyn Miller, Janet Breeding, Chris Bird, Jean Boyd, Mary Prowell, Ingrid Gentry, MargeAnn Hoffman, Janet Breeding, Pat Talbott, Andrea Caplan, Pat Oliva, Gail Monahan, Deneen Martin, Priscilla Huffman, Allison Abernathy, Nancy Osgood, Barb and Denis Web, Susan and Mike Caruso, Brenda Senseney, Sarah Donaldson, Bette Lang, Beth Sandmeyer,

YAHOO GROUP

During the 2007 TROT Annual meeting it was suggested that we create our own online Yahoo Group. The TROT-Members site is now up and running and all TROT members are invited to sign-up. We have designed this site for members of Trail Riders of Today (TROT) and hope you will find this Yahoo Group both enjoyable and useful. Please feel free to share information about upcoming events or last minute plans to go horseback riding. You can also share photos of yourself, your horse, or your riding pals and add your own riding event to the calendar section. You can choose to receive email messages or simply choose to visit the site for the latest news. This is a closed to the public site and membership is by invitation only or by requests to join that will be approved by one of the site moderators.

Send an email message to <TROT-Members-subscribe@yahoo.com> if you want to receive the latest news and information about current TROT news, rides and general horse talk.

Happy Trails and TROT on!

MONTGOMERY CO PARKS

Montgomery Parks is pleased to announce the upcoming launch of our new Trail Ranger Program - volunteers helping to provide inspection and routine maintenance of natural surface trails in Montgomery Parks! I'm very excited about this new program and I hope you'll all consider applying or help us spread the word to others you think would be a good fit. Web content with more details should be up soon at www.parksvolunteers.org. Until then, I can give you some more background:

Trail Rangers are responsible for their section of trail, providing formal inspection on a quarterly basis and following storm events and basic maintenance like corridor clearing and light trash pickup. Assigned sections of trail are between half a mile and 2 miles in length. For each inspection, they submit a form to park staff detailing any major problems like downed trees, tread washouts or trash dumping. Basically, they are our first line of staffing for trails.

Trail Rangers are considered staff by the Department of Parks and as an agent in the field you will be asked to submit a volunteer application and successfully complete an interview and training session prior to receiving your assignment. (The form: <http://www.mcparkandplanning.org/team/application.pdf>)

The training will take about 4 hours, from 10am to roughly 2pm, on a Saturday at the Kengla House near Meadowside Nature Center <<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?address=5107+Muncaster+Mill+Road&city=Rockville&zip=20855&state=MD>>.

It consists of an indoor classroom portion as well as a field component on the nearby park trails. Currently scheduled dates are:

June 2nd - National Trails Day

June 16

We also have tentative dates scheduled for early July - I will update you as they become definite.

At the end of the training, new Trail Rangers will be asked to choose a trail section for assignment. For now, the program will focus on the following parks and trails:

- * Wheaton Regional Park
- * Northwest Branch Stream Valley Park
- * Blockhouse Point Conservation Park
- * Hoyles Mill Trail
- * Rachel Carson Conservation Park

Note: If you don't see your park of interest, please check our websites frequently as new opportunities will be added throughout this year.

Again, please check www.parksvolunteers.org, as a full description will be available soon. Otherwise, feel free to call or write me with any specific questions about the program. I hope to see your applications soon!

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www.parksvolunteers.org

A RECREATION REVOLUTION: WHY TREAD LIGHTLY! IS ESSENTIAL TO SAVING YOUR ACCESS

Below is a link to an article by the Executive Director of Tread Lightly!, Lori McCullough. Tread Lightly!, Inc. is a national nonprofit organization with a mission to proactively protect recreation access and opportunities in the outdoors through education and stewardship initiatives. Tread Lightly! also offers unique training and restoration programs strategically designed to instill an ethic of responsibility in a wide variety of outdoor enthusiasts and the industries that serve them.

I suggest that you take a peek at the article. As you read it, just for fun, replace the any reference to OHV or any vehicle with the word equine. Certainly made me pay attention!

www.treadlightly.org/page.php/news-featuredarticle/Featured-Article.htm

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MORGAN GELDING (registered); beautiful bay w/star. Experienced trail horse; goes anywhere. Not spooky; trailers, ties, etc. Smooth trot; willing, and friendly. 15 h; 16 years old; sound and healthy. Excellent for beginners/intermediate riders. \$1500. Call Peggy at 301 432-5146

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HOWARD COUNTY UPDATE

Update from Howard County-I want to thank each and every one of the people who joined the trail committee at the annual TROT dinner. It was a breath of fresh air to share the enthusiastic vitality of this group. I will be in touch with each of you in the next month. THANKS. There is room for all others who couldn't make the dinner. Just give me a call @ 410-489-7380.

The Western Regional trail layout took a breather due to the weather. It will be finished this spring. After the park's approval we will begin clearing. I have submitted my application to join the Park and Rec. Board in to the county.

I talked with Dave from Patuxent SP. He stated that MORE received a grant to study the trail system in the park. Their recommendations will not be ready until late fall. At that time there are plans to form an advisory board for the park. It is too early at this time but it would be wise to plan to have a TROT member on this board.

There were rumors about Green Ridge State Forest trails being closed to horses. This is not true. The hiking only rails have always been closed and will remain so. There are miles of trails and dirt roads open to riders. There are two trailer parking areas. It is a beautiful forest. Ride and enjoy it.

Pat Oliva
2850 Florence Road
Woodbine, Maryland 21797
410 489-7380

January 2007 TROT Treasurer's Report

January 2007 Expenses: \$114.29

Horse World Expo Passes: \$95.00
Verizon Bill (TROT Information Line):
\$19.29

January 2007 Income: \$17.03

Time Deposit Interest: \$13.63
Savings Acct. Interest: \$3.40

Kathy Dobson, Treasurer



TROT ANNUAL DINNER

TROT's annual dinner was held Saturday night, February 24 at the Howard County Fairgrounds. We had 76 people attending and a great time was had by all. As usual, TROT cooks outdid themselves the food was scrumptious.

The silent auction had a lot of nice items. During dinner we enjoyed beautiful TROT photos by Linda Davis. Our motto this year is Help A Little. Smartpak gave a horse treatpak to everyone attending. The meeting was very informative.

ORDER YOUR TROT T-SHIRTS AND JACKETS VIA MAIL ORDER!

T-shirts and crew sweatshirts are available with either of two front designs: Small logo on left shoulder or large logo centered on sunburst design.

Jackets, NEW WINDSHIRTS, and hooded sweatshirts are available with either the small logo on left shoulder only or with the logo on left front shoulder and the larger logo in sunburst on back.

The NEW POLO SHIRTS are available with small logo on left shoulder only.

Black logos on yellow garments; yellow logos on black garments. Not all designs are available in all sizes. Prices include postage and tax.

	Childs	S	M	L	XL	XXL
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Logo (front shoulder)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sunburst (front center)	—	—	—	—	—	—
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Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	—
Sunburst (front center)		—	—	—	—	—
Gold Polo Shirt (NEW ITEM) \$20						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	
Black Polo Shirt (NEW ITEM) \$20						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	
Black Long Sleeve T-Shirt \$15						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	
Sunburst (front center)		—	—	—	—	—
Black Crew Neck Sweatshirt \$21						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	
Sunburst (front center)		—	—	—	—	—
Black Hooded Zipper Front Sweatshirt \$28						
Logo (front shoulder)			—	—	—	—
Logo (front shoulder) & Sunburst (back)			—	—	—	
Black Snap-Front Jackets \$35						
Logo (front shoulder)		—	—	—	—	—
Logo (front shoulder) & Sunburst (back)		—		—		
Black Pull-Over Windshirt (NEW ITEM) \$35						
Logo (front shoulder)		—		—		
Logo (front shoulder) & Sunburst (back)			—	—	—	

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Send with check payable to TROT: Anne Bennof, 2445 Gillis Falls Rd., Woodbine, MD 21797
 Questions? 301 829 0949



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY

The second Annual Damascus Disaster Preparedness Day Fair was held on March 17th, in Damascus Maryland. Due to the snow and sleet from the day before we did not send any horses as originally planned for an MSAR Camp. We did however have a great showing from team members who staffed the TROTSAR booth and facilitated a Woodlands & Trail Safety program for the youth.

I would like to thank Michele (Trot-23) for being the event Coordinator. I also want to thank Jacquie (Trot13) for coordinating the children's program, and Larry (Trot 10) and Tara (Trot 30) for helping throughout the day.

We had a special treat when Suzanne (Trot-3) suited up and came out of retirement for the day to help work the event. Suzanne bought the TROT Display which added a nice touch to our table. Suzanne was one of the founding members of the search team (1992), was the only TROTSAR member to receive the Shinning Star Award from Chesapeake Search and Rescue Dogs, and was our team's first NASAR SAR Tech-II graduate. Suzanne retired from the team in June of last year, but had enough training hours accumulated to carry her through as an operational member to June of this year and is why she was permitted to represent the team at this event.

I truly thank all who helped made this a successful and memorable event.

Tomi`
Team Commander



TROTSAR Mounted Team Briefings

Public Relations

The TROTSAR Mounted Team was invited to the March 17th, 2007, Community Preparedness Day Fair in Damascus Maryland. Team members were ask to provide a [public service] community relations TROT-SAR booth and to set up a working MSAR (Mounted Search and Rescue) camp. This event was Coordinated by Michele (Trot-23) and attended by Suzanne (Trot-3), Jacquie (Trot-13), and Tara (Trot-30).

Training

Seven (7) members of the TROTSAR Mounted Team attended a Full Scale Exercise (FSE) that was hosted by Shenandoah Mountain Rescue Group (SMRG) in Fairfax County, Virginia on March 3, 2007. This was a multi-jurisdictional exercise that included over 150 first responder resources from a variety of government and non-government agencies. This exercise was conducted as a 12-hour deployment period.

I was very proud of the performance and professionalism that was displayed by the below TROTSAR members and thank each of them for attending the exercise. Listed are the team members who participated, their assignment, and the number of tasks that were performed.

Tomi` Trot-2, Logistics/Transportation Leader, 3 tasks
Larry Trot-10, Operations/Field Member, 2 tasks
John Trot-17, Operations/Field Member, 2 tasks
Zoe Trot-18, Operations/Field Member, 2 tasks
Rick Trot-19, Operations/Field Member, 2 tasks
Dorothy Trot-21, Operations/Field Team Aid, 1 task

Sarah Trot-25, Operations/Field Team Aid, 2 tasks.
Operations/Medical team member, 1 task

The 0630 briefing was attended by Trot 10, 21 and 25.
The 1730 debriefing was attended by Trot 2, 10, 17, 18,
19 and 25. Our last Team member signed out at 1830
hours.

I would like to thank SMRG for providing treats for
our horses, although we had no mounts deployed due
to the EHV-1 quarantine and the VA no co-mingling or-
der. I would also like to thank John (Trot-17) for being
the SMRG Liaison and Team Leader for this event.

Tomi`
Team Commander
www.trotsar.org



Tomi` Finkle, the Commander of the TROT Search and Rescue Team, co-hosted a mounted search and rescue (MSAR) seminar during the 2007 Virginia Search and Rescue Council Conference that was held in Midlothian, VA. Tomi` Finkle with TROTSAR Mounted Team and Leah Coffman with the Commonwealth SAR Mounted Unit, hosted the MSAR seminar on April 28, 2007. The seminar provided search managers and government officials with the knowledge of how to deployed volunteer public service equines during searches for missing person and how to expand the services that trained mounted first responders can provide to help save life's. The TROTSAR Mounted Team became a registered MSAR resource for the State of Virginia in 2006 and has quickly become one of the leading MSAR practitioners within the Mid-Atlantic region..

CARROLL CO. NEWS

Beware of Dirt Bikers in Liberty Reservoir

Those who ride the lovely Liberty Reservoir trails need to be aware that there are some aggressive (and, of course, illegal) dirt bike riders endangering other trail users. If you hear them coming, try to get off the trail so as not to confront them. For your own safety and that of your horse, do not confront them.

When they have passed or are not in your immediate area, report their presence to Natural Resources Police at 420 356-7060 (direct line M-F, 8-4) or 410 260-8888 anytime.

Other News

Have not been able to determine the status of the recent reservoir applications for Gillis Falls and Union Mills. We will probably be discussing these for years. As mentioned at the Annual Meeting, the latest wrinkle is a proposal for Mt. Airy to drill wells in Gillis Falls Park. Do not yet know if this will actually happen and what effect that activity may have on the trails. Stay tuned.

Anne Bennof
Carroll Co. Coordinator



TROT Judged Pleasure Ride

Open to the public

The Date: June 2, 2007
The Time: Registration opens at 10:00 AM, closes at noon
The Place: Agricultural History Farm Park
18400 Muncaster Rd, Derwood, MD 20855
The Fee: \$27 per horse/rider Money can not be collected at the Park so please preregister.
The Rules: Hard hats required --and-- Current negative Coggins test required

What is a "Judged" Pleasure Ride?

TROT's Judged Pleasure Ride is approximately 10-mile. Each rider may proceed at his/her own pace; there is no time limit. The trail is well flagged with surveyor's tape, and safety riders with radios patrol the course until all riders have returned.

Along the trail are set 10-12 stations, each announced by a paper plate sign with the station's number. At each station is a patient and kind volunteer who is spending his/her entire day sitting at that spot watching you ride by. (Please thank them on your way through!) Each station is designed to provide some type of trail obstacle one might conceivably encounter on a pleasure ride anywhere in Maryland.

How the rider and horse negotiate the obstacle is judged. In the past, obstacles have included a wooden bridge to walk across, a bag of trash to

throw in a trash can, and a lawn ornament cow standing beside the trail. Each judge has been instructed on some general points to look for, as well as particular actions either good or bad specific to that obstacle.

For a good score (7-9 points), a judge would look for the horse that willingly waits its turn at the waiting place (a paper plate sign announcing the next obstacle), proceeds through the obstacle or chore with attention to its job (ears pricked, looking where its feet are going), and whose rider is cheerful, confident, and patient with his/her mount and proceeds through the obstacle with forethought and safety.

Directions to Agriculture History Farm Park

From Frederick 1-70 towards Baltimore take exit 68 MD27 to Damascus turn left on Main St which turns into SR108 follow 108 turn right on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on right

From Baltimore 1-70 towards Frederick, take south Rt 97 turn right onto Brookeville Rd bear right on SR108 turn left on Muncaster Rd to park entrance on right

From I-270 take east Shady Grove Rd turn right on Muncaster Mill Rd turn left on Muncaster Rd to park entrance.

The Prizes: Oldest horse, Oldest rider, and Youngest rider; Champion and Reserve Champion according to highest scores, 1st-6th place ribbons for each class (see Entry Form for Class List). Also, this will be the 6th year for the Irving Abb Memorial Trophy to go to the Ride's Champion.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Bring water for you and your horse and a picnic lunch. Questions? Call Ride Manager Marilynn Miller
Wet trails? Call for cancellation Information
Phone 301 898 7274

Please send :

**Entry form (1 for each horse/rider entered)
Entry fee of \$27 (make checks payable to TROT).
Copy of each horse's negative Coggins test to:**

**Marilynn Miller
9327 A Gravel Hill Road
Woodsboro, MD 21798**

- B. Arabians and Half Arabians
- C. Thoroughbreds, Appaloosas & other Registered Horses
- D. Ponies of all breeds
- E. Gaited Breeds (Tennessee Walker, Missouri Fox Trotter, Rocky Mountain, Paso, Saddlebreds)
- F. Grade (no particular breed)
- G. Novice (Horse has never placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone(_____) _____

e-mail _____

Rider's Age _____ Horse's Age _____

I understand that horseback riding is inherently a dangerous sport, and I agree by my signature that I will not hold Trail Riders of Today, its representatives, or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources State Parks & Forests liable for any injury or damage I or my horse or equipment may incur while participating in this competition. I also agree to abide by the rules of competition as provided by the ride management. **I agree to wear a Hard Hat while mounted, as required by ride management.**

Please circle the TWO classes you wish to enter, one for the rider and one for the horse (next page).

For the Rider: **circle one class**

- 1. Junior (riders under age 18)
- 2. Novice (adults who've never placed in a Judged Pleasure Ride)
- 3. Open (adults)

For the Horse, **circle one**

- A. Quarter horses

Signature _____

Date _____

Guardian of Junior Rider _____

Date _____

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