

**VERDA at Silver Hill 25 Mile Competitive Trail Ride and
15 Mile Conditioning Distance Ride
ECTRA Sanctioned
Saturday September 15, 2018
General Information**

Date: Saturday September 15, 2018

Judges: Dr. Joan Hiltz and Mrs. Linda Glock

Entry Requirements: Entries open to equines 4 years old and over. No stallions in the Junior division. Rider use of ASTM Certified headgear is mandatory.

Ride Manager: Steve Rojek

Ride Secretary: Liz Gibbons – gibbonsem@gmail.com – 136 Strong St, Easthampton MA 01027 – 413-695-2568

Ride Location: 1851 Silver Hill Road, West Windsor, Vermont 05089

Entry Fee: For the 25 miles it is \$65, \$55 for the 15 mile ride. This price includes the drug testing fee, cool prizes, and good food. Make entry checks payable to VERDA. There will be coffee and light breakfast foods available the morning of the ride, snacks and water at the hold, and a cookout afterwards. There is a \$10 discount for juniors. We are also happy to offer a \$20 discount to anyone who is managing a ride in 2018! Refund Policy: Refunds will be given until September 8, 2018. After that date, no refunds will be given for entrants who withdraw. Entries are limited, a waiting list will be kept. Full refunds will be given to anyone not accepted on the ride.

Mileage and Course: 25 miles to be completed in 4:10- 4:40 hours, including mandatory 20 minute hold. 15 mile CDR to be completed in 2:15-2:45, with no mandatory hold. This ride has typical Vermont hills and wooded trails, so come prepared. The first horse will leave the grounds as soon as possible after the last horse has been vetted and the pre-ride briefing. You must be on the grounds by 6:30 AM on Saturday. 15 mile CDR to be completed in 2:15-2:45.

Dogs: No dogs are allowed. If you do not think the previous sentence applies to you, think again, absolutely no dogs.

Other: If you wish to ride with someone, please indicate so on the entry, along with any request for starting order. We will attempt to honor requests for starting order, but cannot make promises. Remember, only one person can start first! Camping overnight is permitted on Friday night. No trailer hookups, but there will be water and sani-cans. Portable corrals are permitted. Snacks and water will be available for riders at the hold. A barbecue style meal will be served following the ride on Saturday afternoon. Vetting will be from 4-5:30 PM Friday afternoon.

Divisions: Juniors – 17 and under (no stallions permitted in the junior division). Senior – 18 and over.

Send entries to: Liz Gibbons, 136 Strong St., Easthampton MA 01027. Remember to sign release and include a copy of your Coggins and make checks payable to VERDA. For questions, please contact Liz Gibbons at gibbonsem@gmail.com or phone 413-695-2568. Always best to email.

A copy of ECTRA rules, procedures and requirements can be viewed at www.ectra.org

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DIRECTIONS TO RIDECAMP

****Please note it is not at Smoke Rise Farm **** so follow the directions below

DIRECTIONS TO SILVER HILL MEADOW From Interstate 91 Get off at Hartland exit #9, go North on Rt. 5. Turn left on Route 12 (north) go 1.4 miles. Turn left on the Hartland-Brownsville Road (Skunk Hollow Tavern and church steeple). Travel 1.7 miles to Jenneville Road. Turn right onto this dirt road and stay on until it "T"s. Go left on Silver Hill Rd. (not towards Smoke Rise Farm). The field is on the left after passing Kings Highway. Please enter only at designated areas as the field may be soft. From Woodstock Turn right off the Green (route 4) onto Route 106 south. Go to South Woodstock, past the Kedron Valley Stables. Go left off the pavement at the firehouse onto Morgan Hill Rd. There is steep hill, then it levels off. Turn left onto Reeves Rd. Drive past "Smoke Rise Farm" and continue to a "T". Turn right onto Silver Hill Rd (before the bridge). The field is on the left after Kings Highway. Please enter only at designated areas as the field may be soft. The address is: 1851 Silver Hill Road, West Windsor, Vermont 05089.

Day of the ride contact numbers: (print and keep with you!)

Emergency – 911 * Smoke Rise Farm – 802-436-2441 or 802-436-2442

Liz Gibbons cell phone – 413- 695-2568

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ENTRY FORM

Rider's ECTRA number, if a member: _____ Horse's ECTRA number: _____

Rider's Name: _____ Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Rider's Address, street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address (we will confirm your entry via e-mail): _____

Owner's Name (if different than rider): _____

In case of emergency notify (name & phone): _____

Are you 18 years of older?: _____ Is this your first ECTRA CTR? _____ Is this your horse's first ECTRA CTR? _____

Horse's name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: M G S

Color: _____ Breed: _____ Registration #: _____

I would like to ride with: _____ I would prefer to start the ride (circle one): Beginning Middle End

I will be arriving (circle one): Friday evening Saturday morning (please arrive by 6:30 AM)

25 Mile CTR entry all inclusive \$65 _____

15 Mile CDR entry all inclusive \$55 _____

Junior riders, deduct \$10 _____

2017 Ride Managers, deduct \$20 _____

Additional meals add \$10 _____

Total, payable to VERDA _____

Please be certain to return both forms - the entry and the liability Release – along with a copy of your horse's current Coggins test. Mail to Liz Gibbons, 136 Strong St., Easthampton, MA 01027.

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All official ECTRA rules will apply. This may include random drug testing. Horses must be four (4) years of age or older and have a negative Coggin's test, as per Vermont law. Junior riders under the age of ten (10) must be accompanied by an adult at all times, and must be under that person's supervision and care. This release must be signed and returned with your ride entry. No crossouts or additions are permitted. And this is a legal document, please take the time to read it. We all enjoy this sport and want everyone to be safe riders, horses and those people contributing to its organization and management. In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the VERDA at Silver Hill 25 mile Competitive Trail Ride/15 Mile Conditioning Distance Ride, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel, all property owners over whose land the ride crossed, Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association (ECTRA), 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) that I am riding, driving 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 manmade 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; 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 drug test to be performed on my horse. WARNING Under Vermont law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities. Check out the Law, it is good to know. Also, please be aware that equines do not have a 'right of way' on the roads in Vermont. Please ride with caution and thoughtfulness. I have read and understand the above liability release, and agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____
(required if rider is under 18 years of age)