



October 2021

## Fort Valley—October 22 and 23

Get ready for the Fort Valley Ride! In less than a week, base camp will be filling with horses and riders. This is a wonderful ride in Fort Valley, Virginia during the peak season of leaf color! Come out and enjoy a challenging but doable ride in the mountains. We offer a 30- and 50-mile ride on both Friday October 22, 2021 and Saturday October 23, 2021, along with a variety of Ride & Tie distances both days. We also offer a 16-mile introductory mountain ride on Saturday. The ride goes up over a beautiful mountain and along the Shenandoah River with beautiful views of both and the valleys below. The trail is a mixture of technical rocky trail and forest service roads along with wide grassy stretches.



A group of dedicated people have been working diligently to clear the trails. In September, there was a large work group that mowed trails, cleared trees using chainsaws and other major trail clearing tools and opened it up for the ride.

In October, a smaller work group was finally able to open up Indian Graves. This opened up a section of trail that hasn't been used for years for this ride. This year the 50 milers get to try some new sections of trail this year!

**PLEASE NOTE:** ALL equine entries in all our rides—even the intro rides, without exception, are to be wearing four shoes, or an equivalent hoof protection (which include boots or glue-ons) at the start of the ride. The mountain trails on which our endurance competition takes place can be exceptionally difficult to strap-on boots, so we strongly suggest you might want to consider gluing any boots on.



## Triple Crown

The Fort Valley is the culmination of the Triple Crown. The Triple Crown consists of completion of No Frills Ride in April held in Star Tannery, VA, the Old Dominion Ride in June held in Orkney Springs, VA and Fort Valley Ride in October in Fort Valley, VA. Each year the same horse and rider can ride any combination of distances offered at each ride (except for the introductory rides). If they successfully complete all three rides, they are awarded the coveted Triple Crown! This year we have about 20 horse/rider teams eligible to complete the Triple Crown. We wish them all the best for an enjoyable ride and to finish with a happy, healthy, and sound horse. Last year, the award was a cute, embroidered pillow to celebrate the accomplishment.



## Map

We will have a map for sale at the OD store. It is of some of the horse trails the OD uses that are accessible at most times for exploring on your own. Come check it out!

## Webinar

On Friday October 1, 2021 the OD hosted a Webinar about Prepping for Mountain Rides. Sage advice based on real world experience was offered by Lani Newcomb, Teri Carroll, Diane Connolly, and Sonja Knecht-Hoshi. Everyone picked up great pearls of wisdom and helpful information including the various speakers! It just goes to show that you can always learn something new. Stay tuned for the next webinar in the Spring!

A promotional graphic for a webinar. The background is a solid teal color. At the top, the text "ENDURANCE 101: PREPPING FOR MOUNTAIN RIDES" is written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. Below this, a quote "I WANT TO TRY A MOUNTAIN RIDE, BUT...OD RIDES ARE TOO HARD!" is displayed in a smaller white font. Underneath the quote, the words "VIRTUAL EDITION" are written in white, all-caps, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the text area, it says "PRESENTED BY THE OLD DOMINION EQUESTRIAN ENDURANCE ORGANIZATION (ODEEO)" in a very small white font. On the right side of the graphic, there is a rectangular photograph showing a person in a blue shirt riding a white horse on a dirt trail through a wooded area.



## 2021 ODEEO Raffle Horse donated by Asgard Arabians

Tickets will be available at the Ride for the 2021 ODEEO Raffle Horse donated by Asgard Arabians

The drawing for the horse will be held at the Fort Valley ride. The winner need not be present to win.

[The last day for online ticket purchase is Wednesday, October 20, 2021](#)

Meet SCINCERE, the 2021 ODEEO Raffle Horse, graciously donated by Asgard Arabians! SCINCERE is a 2019 gelding, pictured here at 19 months of age.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25, 5 for \$40, or 10 for \$75 and all money goes to the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization.

For online tickets, send payment via PayPal to: phantomhorse13@hotmail.com (Dawn Engle Hilliard).

In the note section, please include the following:

- your full name
- your phone number
- your email address
- your home state

Copies of ticket stubs will be send via email after processing.

SCINCERE is a 2019 gelding by Stratagem X Scinntillante (Bandjo de Falgas). His sire is the linebred Priboj stallion Stratagem, who passes on wonderful temperament. His damline comes from the Russian greats \*Moment and \*Tamerlan crossed onto a granddaughter of the renowned U.S. Nat'l Ch. Synbad and has produced notables such as the Asgard herd stallion Syndicat and the much decorated endurance gelding Synthetic. Full siblings include Scinntilla, Scilhouette, and Scyfy. Scincere carries a wonderful degree of Arabian type and beauty, along with a traditional "dry" body type. See his video for stylish, supple movement, joie de vivre, and docility.

For more information check out: <http://olddominionrides.org/AsgardRaffleHorse.html>

To learn more about these amazing athletes, check out: <https://www.asgardarabians.com/>

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/Mz3Ur7xq58o>



## In Closing

If you have any questions about the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, please check out <http://olddominionrides.org/>. It has lots of good information for everyone—long time riders and volunteers and those new to the sport.

Any questions, additions, or corrections, please contact Sonja Knecht-Hoshi at [pikkachan@verizon.net](mailto:pikkachan@verizon.net).