**BIRD HAVEN FARM**

**Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Ride Procedures & Expectations OF RIDERS AND CREW**

Bird Haven Farm is a privately-owned property, including a farming operation and a personal residence of the property owners. Bird Haven is an environmentally-sensitive property and as such the owners are committed to conservation and preservation. **WE ARE GUESTS ON THEIR PROPERTY. THE VET CHECK IS THEIR PERSONAL PRIVATE LAWN**. With these things in mind, please note the following:

**General Information:**

* + The main gate will be closed at all times. During the Old Dominion Ride the gate will be manned by an OD volunteer and they will check for rider/crew passes before letting the vehicle onto the property. The gate will remain locked when it is not manned by a volunteer. Crew and riders are ONLY ALLOWED at BH when the Station Head is on the grounds. The gate will always be locked when the Station Head leaves the grounds
	+ The gate at the trail head on the corner of Alum Springs typically remains locked; however, we typically unlock it (but keep it closed) during the week preceding the ODEEO (or as needed). We open it on Friday and it stays open until the event is over.
	+ **Dogs (and other non-racing animals) are PROHIBITED from being at Bird Haven; and NOT allowed in the vet area AT ANY TIME.**
	+ The Station Head must ensure that crew/volunteer vehicles stay off grass when unloading/loading, etc.
	+ Trees should be protected – **no tying horses,** putting stakes in the ground next to them, etc.
	+ The station should be kept free of trash during the event and all trash should be removed from the station at the conclusion of the event.
	+ **CREW MUST CLEAN UP THEIR OWN TRASH AND HAUL IT OUT! LEAVE NOTHING!!!!!Each crew will be given a WHITE trash bag for hay, grain and other trash. THEY MUST take it with them and back to base camp.**
	+ The Station Manager will have access to electricity if needed from the back porch of the Carr’s residence. Extension cords are NOT provided by Bird Haven.
	+ **All horse manure should be collected and put into the container** (dump trailer, spreader, etc.) provided by Bird Haven no later than the conclusion of the event. **CREW PLEASE CLEAN UP MANURE before leaving**
* **Traffic:**
	+ Vehicles should enter at the main gate (393 Bird Haven Way, Basye) and drive straight down the hill to the station or parking areas as needed.
	+ Vehicles should maintain a maximum speed of **15 mph while on the property**.
	+ To exit the property, vehicles should drive through the Village (main parking area for crews) and to the right which will lead back to the main entrance.
* **Parking:**
	+ Being a farm *and* personal residence, **their grass is a prized possession**.
	+ **No parking on any grass, with the sole exception being the volunteer parking area (located between the “triangle” and the station itself).**
	+ No driving on any grass.
	+ Vehicles should park to the side of all driveways/roads/parking areas to ensure that cars, trucks, trailers, tractors, etc. are able to move through the area uninhibited.