

Immediate release

TRAIL RIDE at the LOVETTSVILLE COMMUNITY PARK

Sunday, October 16, 2011, Lovettsville, VA - members of the public will be invited to bring their horses and ride at the Lovettsville Community Park. Since the park is not currently open to the public, this trail ride will provide a unique opportunity to see the park property firsthand. This event furthers ongoing efforts towards supporting construction of the equestrian facilities.

Three organizations -- the Loudoun Horse Association, the United States Trail Ride, Inc., and the Tri-State Riding Club -- are combining resources to put on a fun event with a twofold purpose: (1) to show the location of trails and facilities planned for the park once it is developed, and (2) give the riders a look at the park's future equestrian area. The 3 equestrian organizations will donate all of the net proceeds from the ride to a special Parks & Recreation fund earmarked for the park's public equestrian facilities.

The ride itself will be designed as a BINGO RIDE. Each rider will receive Bingo cards upon registering for the ride and will pick up Bingo markers at manned stations along the trail. Riders will match up their markers and Bingo cards when they come in. Every participant will receive a prize. "Bingo" winners will receive special prizes and all riders will be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing at the end of the ride. Registration is \$25 if received by October 7, 2011. After October 8th mailed-in and day-of-ride registration will be \$35 per rider. Junior riders may participate if accompanied by an adult rider for the same fee as adult riders. Beautiful weather is expected on October 16, but just in case, the rain date is Sunday, October 23.

Trailer parking will be in the field on the south side of Milltown Road, Lovettsville, just east of the intersection with Lovettsville Road. The entrance to the Park is clearly identifiable by board fencing off the road. The Registration Table will be in this area.

The Registration table will be open from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Day of ride registrations will be accepted. Ride out may occur at any time between 12:00 and 1:30 p.m. This will be a 1 to 1½ hour walk/trot ride, rider's choice except in designated walk-only areas for safety. All riders must return by 3:30 p.m. A copy of each horse's current negative Coggins report, a signed liability waiver form and an approved helmet are required for all riders. Riders will be asked to show their Coggins report upon arrival and carry it during the ride.

Check these websites for registration forms and liability waiver forms or more information: www.loudounhorseassociation.org , www.tristaterc.org , and www.ustrialride.org or call Dru Roia at 540-882-4421. Pre-Registration forms may be mailed to Loudoun Horse Association, P.O. Box 403, Lovettsville, VA 20180.

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