

*Circle T Trail Riders Newsletter*  
*July/August 2011*

# 2011 UPCOMING RIDES

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July 23-24, 2011  
 Valley Lea  
 Ride host: Wayne Burrows [mountainman5313@hotmail.com](mailto:mountainman5313@hotmail.com) We will have a campfire again, for all to sit around. Bring a covered dish for Saturday night. Ride will leave according to the weather, say 9:00 am. The creek is there for water so bring chairs and water shoes to bathe horses, and chairs to sit in the creek if real hot. Please call or email me so we can have a head count. Camping fee is \$7 a night now and that is with electric or not. We have rails to tie to and overhead lines, no round pens.

Valley Lea Riding Club, 1685 Furniss Rd, Drumore PA 17518

From South--Take 222 N from MD or 272 N from Nottingham--Past Robert Fulton Fire Hall(Wakefield) for 1/8 of a mile turn left on Furniss Rd. Go About 3 miles. The Entrance to the Club is the next drive on the right after Drumore Park. Beside the entrance of Drumore Park is easier to access from this direction.

From North--Take 272 S from Lancaster, go through the Intersection of 272 and 372(The Buck) take the 3rd road to the Right Oregon Hollow Rd and then an immediate left-Scalpy Hollow Rd. At the end of Scalpy Hollow Rd at the 2nd stop sign make a left onto Furniss Rd. Go 1/4 of a mile and the Main Entrance to the club is on the Left. The upper entrance is at the top of the hill on the left.

From Southern York and Maryland--Take Rt 165 from Whiteford MD into York County PA. From there it turns into Rt 74. Continue to Rt 372 make a right go across the Norman Wood Bridge into Lancaster County. Follow until you come to the Intersection of Rt 372 and Rt 272(The Buck)--Turn Right take the 3rd road to the Right Oregon Hollow Rd and then an immediate left-Scalpy Hollow Rd. At the end of Scalpy Hollow Rd at the 2nd stop sign make a left onto Furniss Rd. Go 1/4 of a mile and the Main Entrance to the club is on the Left. The upper entrance is at the top of the hill on the left.

September 9-10, 2011  
 Gettysburg Battlefield  
 Artillery Ridge  
 Ride host: Kristi Reading Please RSVP to Kristi if you are planning on coming! Guests are invited of course!! To prepare the main food, **a head count will be needed no later than Monday, September 5, 2011.** Please bring a side dish to share at dinner on Saturday.  
 Email: [kreading@buxtonsboxes.com](mailto:kreading@buxtonsboxes.com) Cell: 609-209-5526  
 Saturday, September 10th, 2011  
 Ready to ride: 10:00am 16 miles - rocky  
 Artillery Ridge Campground – at the riding arena  
 SADDLE-UP and ride up to Big Round Top, Little Round Top, Hitch up the horses at the observation tower and climb up the overlook to see the Battlefield from a whole new view! Come back to the campground for some fun and rest....then dinner!!

Reservations are required at the campground! Call in your reservation ASAP. First Come-First Get!! You can tell the office you are with Circle T Trail Riders Group.  
 Artillery Ridge Camping Resort, 610 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325  
 717-334-1288 [Artillery Ridge Website](#)

RATES - Per Day:

Daily Use – Park & Ride	\$10.00	Water/Electric Camper	\$45.00
10 x 12 Covered Box Stalls	\$20.00 (if camping)	Full Hook-up for Camper	\$50.00
Open Stabling – Corral	\$15.00 (if camping)	Cabin – Sleeps 4	\$65.00
FREE Admission to the Battlefield		Cabin – Sleeps 6	\$85.00

September 11, 2011  
 Codorus State Park  
 RSVP to Kristi Reading: [kreading@buxtonsboxes.com](mailto:kreading@buxtonsboxes.com) Cell: 609-209-5526  
 Sunday, September 11, 2011  
 Ready to ride: 11:00am 8 miles - normal  
 Codorus State Park – Sinsheim Road (Main Launch – Day Use Area)  
 SADDLE-UP and ride Ranger Trail which travels over rolling hills, through forests and fields, crossing streams and passes near Lake Marburg. There are many views of lake including Ranger Overlook which has benches and hitching posts! A later cold lunch will be served after the ride while everyone rests at the picnic area!

*To view all the photos of the rides, go to our website, under [2011 Ride Schedule and Photos](#). The photos in the newsletter are just a sampling of all the pictures received. Check back often as I get more photo galleries completed and posted.*

*Jamie*

## 2011 UPCOMING RIDES - CONTINUED...

September 17, 2011 Circle T Fun Day!	<p>RSVP/Contact Karen Benn: 610-589-1157 or <a href="mailto:acobraex@aol.com">acobraex@aol.com</a></p> <p>Join your fellow Circle T members for a day full of fun and frolic at the Friendly Horseman's Club in Denver, PA. Plans include food, games on horseback, lots of good company. So sharpen your trail class skills, practice your barrel racing and pole bending, and get ready to come out and have FUN! Got any suggestions? Know of any fun games we can add? Let us know!</p> <p>There is camping available at Friendly Horseman's Club. No electric hookup, but there is water and a bathroom (no shower).</p> <p>In order to prepare food, an RSVP is required no later than Monday, September 12, 2011.</p>
September 18, 2011 State Game Lands Hamburg	<p>Ride hosts: Deb Billman &amp; Kevin Wolf 484-665-0160</p> <p>Ready to ride: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Plan to attend the Fun Day, then trailer out with us to Hamburg State Game Lands parking lot, Mountain Road, Hamburg. Approximately 4 miles west of Cabela's.</p> <p>RSVP to Deb or Kevin for further directions.</p> <p>Lunch provided but please RSVP and see what you can bring to share.</p>
September 30, October 1 & 2, 2011 League of Maryland Invitational Ride	<p>Chairperson: Evelyn Burkhouse can be reached at 410- 398-9749. Please let it ring 10 times to leave your name and number if you want to leave a message. Circle T members come on out and join us with members from the regional horse clubs for a great weekend of fun, camaraderie and meeting new and old friends. This is an annual event to get the regional clubs together to share riding and ideas. Please join us. Friday there will be soup for dinner and Saturday, please bring a covered dish to share. Breakfast will be provided both Saturday and Sunday. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Dinner will be provided Saturday evening and early Sunday afternoon. Organized rides will be lead both Saturday and Sunday, you will have your choice of a gaited ride, medium, walk, trot, canter or a scenic at a walk. Please check with the event chairman or read the club rules posted in the clubhouse if you are visiting us. Portable corals up to 12' x 12' are allowed. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Coggins must be shown at registration. The cost of this weekend is \$25.00 per person. Children 7 and under are free. Have your reservations and check made out to LOMH and send to: Evelyn Burkhouse at 331 Old Chestnut Road, Elkton, MD 21921 by September 25th, 2011</p> <p>Evelyn must have your registration and check in hand by September 25. NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.</p> <p>Chairperson: Evelyn Burkhouse can be reached at 410- 398-9749. Please let it ring 10 times to leave your name and number if you want to leave a message.</p> <p>FROM HARRISBURG: Rt. 83 South to 695 West to 70 West to Marriottsville exit. At end of ramp go RIGHT on Marriottsville Rd. to RR track. Cross over RR track, L Henryton first driveway on right at top of hill.</p> <p>FROM HAVRE DE GRACE: Rt. 95 S to 695 W to 70 W to Marriottsville Exit. From ramp, follow above directions.</p> <p>FROM FREDERICK: Rt. 70 E towards Baltimore. Rt. 40 (Ellicott City) exit. LEFT on Marriottsville Rd. to RR track. Cross over track L Henryton first driveway on right at top of hill.</p>

## Future ride dates...

October 15 – 16, 2011	Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center State Park, and Green Lane Ride hosts: Keith and Janine Hahn 610-390-5808 <a href="mailto:jmhahn@ptd.net">jmhahn@ptd.net</a>
October 21 – 23, 2011	Brandywine ~ Wine Tasting Tour More info to follow.
October 28 – 30, 2011	Anna Shaak's Ride Ride host: Anna Shaak, 3 Quarryland Drive, Myerstown, PA RSVP: 717-866-2806.
November 6, 2011	Birdsboro Ride Ride host: Davey Waters RSVP to Tracy Hower 717-222-1139

## Middle Creek

Thanks, Mike, for hosting this ride. The pictures don't do justice to the wonderful riding!



## Weiser State Forrest

When I originally planned this ride I was hoping things would dry out a bit by mid April. Needless to say that didn't happen. As I started getting closer to the ride destination it became obvious that they got a lot of rain (3" by local rain gauges) judging by the amount of water still running off the mountain. I had already planned on changing our route a bit however now I'm thinking we may have to ride on the roads open to vehicular traffic. Prior to the ride I spoke with the ranger for that area he requested we break up into groups of not more than ten, so I contacted a friend who lives near the base of the mountain and he volunteered to lead a group if necessary.

As it turned out we had 9 riders from Circle T plus my friend and his wife. We rode most of the trails I had originally planned, many of which are snowmobile trails that have good drainage built into them. The trails were in great shape... even in places where water was running across the trail it had no impact due to its firm tread. We rode a little over four hours not including a lunch stop at a picnic area on top of the mountain complete with restrooms. Jim and his wife took a short cut back to where we parked as they needed to continue pumping out their basement. When we got back to our trailers everyone had a copy of a trail map for the area under their windshield wiper...courtesy of Jim.

If you would like to get involved in trail work and other improvements to this great area to ride visit the friends group web site at [www.friendsofweiser.org](http://www.friendsofweiser.org).

**Don Newcomer**

We had a beautiful ride on Sunday at Weiser State Forest. It had rained hard the day before the ride, but you would never have guessed it by the trails. This was a nice leisurely ride, the breeze and temperature were just right, the trails were clear and the terrain was easy. Hearing the rushing water in the nearby streams was refreshing. Thank you Don for hosting this ride, we would love to do this ride again!!

**Keith & Janine Hahn**



## Valley Forge

According to my count, we had 28 riders. There were so many late people coming to the ride, it was so hard to keep track. We didn't start until past 11:30pm. The weather was perfect. To much of our surprise, we found that Horseshoe Trail Monument had been moved closer to the corner of the intersection of RT 23. PJ volunteered to lead a new section called "The Enchanted Forest" Between the trees huge trees blocking the trail and the deep muddy ruts, this section was a real challenge but still fun and beautiful. We even had a moment of silence for my mom. Everyone enjoyed the ride. The ride was about 4 hours.

*Debbie Brodowski*

We arrived at Valley Forge National Park on Saturday morning around 10am. We were saddled up and ready to ride in about an hour. This was one of the biggest rides I have been on with Circle T, as over 20 people showed up to ride through the parks and monuments. It was fun maneuvering around and under some fallen trees. The horses did wonderfully crossing the stream, it was a lot of fun seeing all those people together. We tied the horses up at the picnic area and ate lunch. We continued the ride after lunch for about 2 more hours. We went home that evening while the rest of the "Lucky Ones" got to stay another day and ride some more.

*Matt Reading*

Pat Wilson shined down on us a gorgeous weekend, with absolutely perfect weather. Saturday, we had a five hour tour of Valley Forge, and Debbie did a terrific job getting us to all the prettiest spots in the Park! I think there were 30 riders, and EVERYBODY had a good time. (Kim, it was so great to see you and Davey, and you look good in purple!)

On Saturday night, I didn't camp out, but visited Jeannie's farm where everybody was enjoying a campfire, and Jeannie's hospitality. I was tempted to steal Jeanie's little dog isn't anything cuter than that. Sunday, we had another fantastic day...with about 20 riders --for the trip around the reservoir. There was something for everybody -gorgeous views, slower going for those who wanted it, and nice galloping fields for those who wanted that, too.

After about 4 hours we were back at the equestrian campground and George had a cookout ready for us. Friends, food, horses ~ a five star weekend.

Thanks, Circle T, for all the good memories and fun.

Thanks, Pat, for inspiring a weekend you could be proud to have your name on.

Happy trails, *Eleanor Vallone*





This year the Circle T riders out-did themselves for St. Jude Children's Hospital! This year raised the bar for future rides, with a total donation for St. Jude of \$5,261. Of that total, over \$400 came from the sale of raffle tickets for our raffle table. We had an extraordinary raffle this year with the items donated by local businesses and club members. Each year the items donated seem to be "bigger and better" than the year before as many of these businesses now recognize Circle T and are eager to help us help the kids at St. Jude's.

Thanks to Tracy Hower for putting on this ride for us, and to Rich and Liz Brandt for allowing us the use of their property and home for the weekend.

I personally wish to thank everyone who helped gather items and who donated items. Especially Tracy Hower and Karen Benn, who did a lot of running around and collecting the items from local businesses.

Below is a list of the businesses who donated items for us, and also those club members who contributed items for the raffle. If I missed anyone, please forgive me!

Again, thank you to everyone and especially all those folks who are behind the scenes at a ride like this. A lot of work went into this year's ride and the outcome proved it. Thanks again and I am looking forward to next year!

*Jamie MacCallum*

<b>ACE Hardware</b>	<b>Horst's Mill</b>	<b>Out of the Box Hair Salon</b>
<b>Agway</b>	<b>Huber's</b>	<b>Outback Company Store</b>
<b>Cross Road Tack Shop</b>	<b>K &amp; K Feeds</b>	<b>The Breininger Pottery</b>
<b>Equestrian International</b>	<b>Layser's Flowers</b>	<b>the Salt Box</b>
<b>H &amp; H Tack Shop</b>	<b>Millcreek Collectibles</b>	<b>Tractor Supply Co.</b>
<b>Kim Firestone &amp; Dave Brendle</b> <b>Wayne Burrows</b> <b>Barb &amp; John Conover</b> <b>Bliss &amp; Phil Meisner</b>		

This is my first year participating in the Saddle Up for St. Jude benefit ride. With the Circle T Trailrider's goal of \$3,000 combined, we all raised a whopping \$5,261.00....GREAT JOB TO ALL!!! Some of us arrived Friday Night around 4pm, all the horses were so happy to see green grass at Rich & Liz's Lazy Meadow Farm. After everyone got settled in, we all ventured out to Ozgood's. What a great meal with lots of laughter combining both new and old friends. After a good night's sleep, we saddled up at 10am with Davey as our trail guide. He did a terrific job, Thanks Davey! As it did drizzle a little bit, along the way we stopped in to see Elaine & Ernie, and then headed back to the camp. After we settled the horses in, we went up to the main house, where Davey was cooking chicken and we all feasted on all the delicious foods and desserts. After everyone's bellies were full, we sat down to a very fun Raffle Table with lots of great gifts, buckets filled with great horse items, a bench, a bag of feed, saddle-bags, raincoats and more. Heading back to camp, we relaxed at the trailers, telling stories and jokes. We all headed to bed that evening looking forward to some more fun and riding the next day.

Sunday morning we woke up to another dreary day, but not for the Circle T Riders.....Despite the rain, we saddled up for another great ride with Tracy in the lead. Great Job, Tracy! We did end up cutting this ride a bit short because of the weather and headed back to camp.

We then headed to Kenny & Sue's for a wonderful lunch at Rocky Mountain Farm. What a gorgeous farm. After filling up on some wonderful food, it was sad to say, it was time to head back to New Jersey.....but not for long.....I will see everyone at Brandywine!

*Barb Conover*

*Finding cures. Saving children.*



The 2011 St. Jude ride was a true success in many ways. Throughout Friday afternoon the rigs rolled into Lazy Meadow farm and were greeted by Wayne, Paulette, Tracy and Mike. Corrals were set up and our horses enjoyed a sunny afternoon munching on the spring grass at Lazy Meadow.

The next morning 20 plus riders mounted up for the St. Jude ride under gray sky's. As we exchanged "Good Mornings" we joked that Tim & Barbara would jinks our ride because they turned out in full rain gear. Dave lead the Saturday's ride and we all fell into step as we slipped into the woods. The air was warm but we could hear the rain drops hitting the leaf canopy above. We wound our way up the mountain side and into the cloud mist. One by one the Circle T riders put on their rain gear and it felt like we had stepped into a Lord of the Rings movie, especially watching the steam rise off our horses backs. Four hours later, we emerged from the woods with a wonderful day's ride in our memories.



That night, Dave manned the grill and cooked up the most delicious chicken as sausage simmered in the pot. The covered dishes packed the table and Karen, Tracy and Paulette jockeyed them around so they would all fit. Dinner was fantastic and yummy too! Immediately following dinner, Jamie and Karen kicked off the St. Jude raffle. Wayne and Mike had Lady Luck on their side this night because they both walked away with the lion's share of prizes. Mike, we're dying to hear how your manicure/pedicure/facial/spa treatment raffle prize was! Bliss and Phil donated a lovely flowering plant to the raffle and go figure; Phil won his plant BACK!

Sunday, Tracy lead us out and again it was another wonderful day of riding. We ending the day with lunch served at Kenny & Sue's beautiful home on their wrap-around porch. It was so relaxing I didn't want the day to end.

This year Tracy and the Circle T Trailer Riders raised \$5,261 for the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!!! WOW that's a lot of money. This ride was a great success in part by the support of Richard & Liz from Lazy Meadow, the wonderful raffle prizes provided by the New Jersey contingent, Circle T riders and local businesses, and our Circle T rider's sponsorship of Tracy Hower. Lastly, Tracy, thank you for organizing and working behind the scenes to make this ride a truly wonderful ride. I can't wait for next year!!!

*Donna Fabrizio*



*God's Garden*

*God looked around his pastures,  
and he found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon this earth,  
and saw your tired face.*

*He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,  
He knew that you would never  
Be well on earth again.*

*He saw the trails were getting rough  
And the hills hard to climb.  
So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered,  
"Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone.  
For a part of us went with you,  
The day God led you home.*

*Author Unknown*

*In memory of Clown (Nedra Dugan and Mike Applegate),  
Destiny (Kim Firestone and Dave Brendle), and  
Trigger (Tracy Hower).  
Our thoughts are with you.*



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Anyone interested in some Equus magazines, please contact Jane or Dave Horvat. The issues are from #1 until July 2009. It's time to do some cleaning, and these magazines are available to anyone who would like them.

Thanks!

Jane Horvat  
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