

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL HUNTER PACE AND TRAIL RIDE AT  
WETHERSFIELD FARM IN AMENIA, NY  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF COMFORT ZONE CAMP  
Saturday September 16, 2017



Join us for a hunt, hilltop, or untimed pleasure ride through 8.5 miles of the gorgeous trails at Wethersfield. English & Western riders welcome. All jumps will have go-arounds. This year, there will be approximately 80 jumps, including many of our cross country schooling jumps which will be part of the pace. For the hunt & hilltop rides, first team will be out at 9 AM & last team out at 12:00 PM. This event will be held rain or shine. Teams will go out on a **first-come first-served basis**. **There are no set start times**. Teams can be of mixed disciplines & ages, but there must be **no more** than 3 riders per team. Pleasure rides will begin at 12:00 noon & the last riders out no later than 1:30 pm.

An average of all times will determine the winning time. First through 8th place ribbons will be given in both the hunt & hilltop divisions. **This year again, first prize for the hunt division \$500.00! First prize for the hilltopper division will be season passes to Wethersfield, valued at \$375.00 each.** Second place prizes will also be awarded, courtesy of Manning Saddle Restoration.

This is the first pace of the Hudson Valley Pace Series, so come and join us to accumulate your points. Please email [HVPaceSeries@aol.com](mailto:HVPaceSeries@aol.com) if you have questions on the pace series itself.

As we have done for the past 7 years, this pace will benefit Comfort Zone Camp. Comfort Zone Camp is the nation's largest bereavement camp. Comfort Zone Camps are offered free of charge to children ages 7-17 who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or primary caregiver. The camps are held year-round in California, Massachusetts, New Jersey & Virginia. Comfort Zone Camps create an environment where grieving children can have fun & break the isolation death often brings, while learning valuable coping skills for their daily lives. Comfort Zone also hosts grief support groups for adults & children throughout the year, providing a network of support for the whole family. For more information, visit them at <http://www.comfortzonecamp.org/>.

This year we are especially honoring the memory of **Edward C. DeGuisto**. If you are unable to come out & support this event, please go to the above web site & click on the red "Donate" button. Then under "Honoree Information", click the button "In memory of" & type in "Edward Christian DeGuisto" or "Kevin T. Malloy". Wethersfield's Estate Manager's family is one of many that have benefited from this organization. Proceeds from this event will help send more grieving children to Comfort Zone Camp.

Helmets are **mandatory** when mounted. You **must** provide proof of negative coggins within 2 years of the day of the event. **Do not mail coggins**. Bring water for your horse(s) as water is not available nearby the trailer parking. **ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS WILL BE ALLOWED!**

For directions to Wethersfield Farm, enter 214 Pugsley Hill Road, Amenia, NY on your GPS or any internet map program or call/email the contact listed below.

PRICES:	<u>PACE</u>	<u>PLEASURE</u>
YOUTH (Under 18)	\$65.00	\$50.00
ADULT	\$75.00	\$55.00

Lunch is included in ride fee. Additional lunches are \$10.00. The **Stanford Fire Department** is providing the lunch as a fundraiser for their department.

Pre-Register by September 8th for a \$5.00 discount! Make checks payable to "Comfort Zone Camp"

All entries can be mailed to: Cindy Dussel  
122 Milewood Road  
Verbank, NY 12585

For more information, call 845-677-6730 or email to [wethersfield@optonline.net](mailto:wethersfield@optonline.net) Forms are attached.

# REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out & return this registration form and the attached Wethersfield Foundation Release Agreement, even if you may have already signed a release agreement this year. Mail both to the address below.

\*\*\*For riders 18 or under, a legal guardian-not a trainer-must sign\*\*\*

I, the legal guardian of the named minor, have read and understand the risks associated with this event and give my permissions to participate.

POSTMARK BY September 8<sup>th</sup> DEDUCT \$5.00. ADDITIONAL LUNCHES ARE \$10.00. Please clearly print your information below & fill in all the blanks.

Team Member #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: Youth (Under 18)    Adult

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: Youth (Under 18)    Adult

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE: Youth (Under 18)    Adult

AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional lunches @ \$10.00 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DIVISION: (CIRCLE ONE)    HUNT                      HILLTOPPER                      PLEASURE RIDE

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
"Comfort Zone Camp"

Checks or cash will be accepted the day of the event

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Team # \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_ Cash or check: \_\_\_\_\_

WETHERSFIELD FOUNDATION, INC.

RELEASE AGREEMENT

HORSEBACK RIDING AND CARRIAGE DRIVING ON WETHERSFIELD PROPERTY

WITNESS THIS AGREEMENT, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between WETHERSFIELD FOUNDATION and WETHERSFIELD, hereinafter referred to as MANAGER and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as RIDER. For consideration received, and in return for the use, today and on all future dates of the property, facilities and services of Manager, Rider, Rider's heirs, assigns, and representatives, hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Inherent Risks and assumption of Risk. The undersigned acknowledges there are inherent risks associated with equine activities such as described below, and hereby expressly assumes all risks associated with participating in such activities. The inherent risks include, but are not limited to the propensity of equines to behave in ways such as, running, bucking, biting, kicking, shying, stumbling, rearing, falling, or stepping on, that may result in an injury, harm, or death to persons on or around them; the unpredictability of equine's reaction to such things as sounds, sudden movement and unfamiliar objects, persons or other animals; the limited availability of emergency medical care; and the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, such as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within such participant's ability.

Rider acknowledges that horses, by their very nature are unpredictable and subject to animal whim. Rider assumes all risks in connection therewith, and expressly waives any claims for any injury or loss arising therefrom. Rider agrees to abide by and follow Manager's rules and regulations, which shall be posted and/or available from time to time. Rider further acknowledges that the behavior of any animal is contingent to some extent upon the ability of the Rider. Rider assumes all risks therefore and warrants a full and fair disclosure of Rider's abilities has been made to Manager. Rider expressly releases Manager and its representatives, agents or employees from any and all claims for personal injury or property damage, even if caused by negligence (if allowed by the laws of this State) by Manager or its representatives, agents or employees.

WARNING

You are advised that there are inherent risks, including the risk of serious injury or death, while engaging in equine activities. By engaging in equine activities and in accordance with the terms of this agreement you hereby assume all risks of injury or Death.

- 2. Rider agrees to hold harmless and defend Manager against, and hold harmless from, any and all claims, demands, causes of action, damages, judgments, orders, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees, whether actually incurred or not, which may in any way arise from or be in any way connected with Rider's use of or presence upon the property and Manager and the facilities located thereon.
- 3. In the event Rider is using Rider's own horse or a horse(s) not owned by Manager, Rider warrants said horse(s) shall be free from infection, contagious or transmittable diseases. Manager reserves the right to refuse access or use of any horse upon the premises that does not appear to Manager to be in good health, or is deemed dangerous or undesirable.
- 4. Any action brought under this agreement shall be brought within one (1) year of the incident or accident giving rise to said claim. Rider agrees that damages shall be limited to \$250 for property damage, actual expenses incurred, and a maximum of \$10,000 for damages such as pain and suffering.
- 5. Rider agrees to waive the protection of any applicable statutes in this jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know of suspect to exist at the time of executing said release.

Rider's Full Name (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Rider/Parent or Legal Guardian (SIGNATURE) \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's email address (PRINT LEGIBLY) \_\_\_\_\_

Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# WETHERSFIELD

## RULES FOR HORSEBACK RIDING AND CARRIAGE DRIVING

- Notify the estate manager, Kevin Malloy, of your plans to ride or drive at Wethersfield prior to your arrival. His mobile number is (845) 464-6483. Please leave a voice message.
- A waiver release needs to be filled out and signed before riding on Wethersfield. **(ONE FOR THE YEAR)**
- Daily fee or season pass required.
- ASTM/SEI Certified riding helmets are **REQUIRED** for **ALL** riders and carriage drivers.
- Horses must be attended or securely tied to their trailer at all times.
- Wethersfield has a carry in/carry out policy. This includes normal garbage as well as manure in the parking and registration area.
- Stay on trails and/or edges of fields. Do not ride on lawns.
- Riding and driving are not permitted near the Main House, Gardens, Stables and Horse pastures (except for passing on Pugsley Hill Road), or Orchard unless following a marked trail during an organized event.
- Keep ill-mannered horses behind the other horses. Tie a red ribbon in the tail of a horse that kicks. Keep your distance.
- When leading and/or riding with anyone behind you:
  - Walk
  - Ask before trotting or cantering
  - Warn other of holes, bad footing and other dangers
  - Warn when you are stopping
  - Keep track of other riders behind you
  - Take turns leading, if possible – share the dust
- At watering areas, take turns and don't crowd. Wait for everyone to finish before moving off.
- Never run up on a rider or group of riders. Approach at a reasonable speed. Ask permission to pass and then wait until there is enough room to pass safely. Wait until you pass everyone before moving off. Move off at a reasonable speed until you are well away from another horse(s).
- If there are jumps, make sure your group knows that you intend to jump to allow those not jumping time to prepare or get out of the way. If your horse refuses, let others waiting to ride/jump through and then continue to work with your horse.
- Be aware of the condition of your horse at all times, especially in hot weather. If you feel it needs to rest, let others in the group know and ask them if they could stop until your horse is ready to go again.
- Don't spoil others fun by loud behavior.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS PERMITTED!**

If you notice potential hazards on trails or have an emergency, please notify Estate Manager, Kevin

Malloy (845) 464-6483 so that it can be addressed promptly. For your own safety, there is no trail use

during the gun hunting season for deer. **The last day for trail use on the property this year is November 16th.**