

Ashland Farm's First **SUMMER PACE**

In Honor of Local Land Conservation and Stewardship

Saturday, June 6, 2009

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OPENING DATE: May 5, 2009

CLOSING DATE: May 26, 2009

Our Summer Pace, similar to our Hunter Pace in the Fall, is an opportunity to ride out with friends, going fast or slow, jumping or going around the jumps, and to have a grand time doing it. But the Summer Pace serves a larger purpose in that it coincides with National Trails Day and the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource organization's efforts to raise awareness about the growing crisis of loss of land for horse related activities.

Our event reflects upon these efforts and attempts to focus attention on the need to address this crisis locally: from private farms such as ours, working hard to hold on to the land to keep it from being Developed, to more publicly accessible lands.

But who says you can't be serious and have fun at the same time?

Disguised as a competition, the winners are those in each division who come in at the time closest to the optimum time. The optimum time is roughly determined by the speed at which a fox hunter would safely negotiate the terrain. The optimum time is predetermined.

Team Rides Offered:

Wading Wood Ducks: (Walk) Approximately 2 Kilometers
Trotting Turkeys: (Walk/Trot) Approximately 5 Kilometers
Flying Falcons: (Walk/Trot/Canter) Approximately 10 Kilometers
(Walk = 100-120 mpm, Trot = 220-240 mpm, Canter = 350-400 mpm)

For those who love the XC phase of Eventing: Add a Coyote Run!

Coyote Run: 1000 meter XC course (8—10 obstacles) to be ridden at 350 mpm
Judged only on time. Multiple levels of jumps available. All jumps optional.

Entry Fees

Wading Wood Ducks: \$25 **Trotting Turkeys:** \$30 **Flying Falcons:** \$35

Coyote Run: \$20

Admin / EMT Fee: \$20

(Late Fee, after 5/26: \$10 Incomplete Entry Fee: \$10)

Helmet and boots with heels are required.

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Definition of Divisions

All divisions are ridden in teams, except for the Coyote Run. The competition is judged on time. The winners are those who complete their ride in the time closest to the optimum (not the fastest) time. Each division's course will be marked and maps will be available. All jumps are optional. Divisions will be ridden through open fields and woodland trails, with varied terrain including hills, rock outcroppings, and water crossings.

Wading Wood Ducks*: This is done at a leisurely walk. The purpose is to enjoy the beautiful surroundings, stop to look around and have time to chat with your teammate. This division will be approx. 2 kilometers long, with no water crossings.

Trotting Turkeys*: This is the pace of a brisk walk and trot. Still time to look around, just without being too lazy. There will be small obstacles on course. You may jump them for fun or go around. This division will be approx. 5 kilometers long (may have a water crossing).

Flying Falcons*: This is done at a walk, trot, and canter. You might be able to see your surroundings at a glance. Take a quick look because they will fly right on by. Obstacles are optional—you may jump them for fun or go around. Division will be approx. 10 kilometers long, with water crossings.

WHY NOT ADD A COYOTE RUN?

Coyote* Run: A 1000 meter XC course with 8 to 10 obstacles. Jumps ranging from 18" to 3'3". All fences are optional. A great tune up for your next recognized event. Competition judged only on optimum time (350 mpm). Extra runs may be purchased at the event, time permitting.



Times will be posted on our Web site (www.ashlandfarm.com)
on or before June 4, 2009.

* Be sure to read the **FUN FAUNA FACTS** page for information on the animals after which we've named our rides!