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Equestrian Trail Support Rules – Open Saturday

Overall goal to the Equestrian Trail Support will provide cohesive structure to an evolving program, teamwork amongst fellow docents and SVC Staff when on the trails for Trail Patrol for Open Saturdays.

1. SVC Staff may email docents with “friendly reminder” to RSVP for *Open Saturdays* Equestrian Trail Support. **RSVPing for any outing is required!** The final RSVP list will be sent to Lead Equestrian Docents and SVC Staff working *Open Saturday*, no later than Friday afternoon.
2. All Equestrian Docents are to arrive at Deer Creek Hills with the following items; SVC vest, human/Equine first aid kit, laminated Docent phone card, cell phone, map, water, snacks and docent placard for truck/trailer. Since normally all Equestrians ride in one group, more flexibility is offered in the above items, except wearing SVC Docent vest. Every Equestrian Docent must wear SVC vest when acting as Equestrian Trail Support to the general public.
3. Trail Support Docents gather at 9am – ride out 9:30am-ish. The end of day will be once all hikers have returned and check-out with SVC Staff.
4. If an Equestrian Docent anticipates arriving late, notify the Lead Docent/s of your late arrival. The Lead Docent/s shall inform SVC Staff person of the late arrival.
5. If an Equestrian Docent arrives unannounced (not on the ride roster) and after the group has ridden out, they are not allowed to ride on the property. The Docent will not be allowed to participate with the Equestrian Trail Support for that day. If the Docent wishes to ride Latrobe Road, parking truck and trailer long Latrobe Road is recommended. They are not allowed to park in Corral area. **Breaking this rule will result in a resignation.**
6. Trail Support will ride together as a group established by the Lead Docent. No one is to ride off on their own. **Breaking this rule will result in a resignation.**

7. Two or three trips on the North Pond Trail or that week's temporary trail, is the desired cycle to support guest hikers on the trail. Lead Docents can choose to break-up the Trail Support Members if that is the most effective way to support the hikers on the self-guided trails.

8. Trail Support Equestrians are recommended to check-in with SVC Staff more than once to understand number of hikers on the trail and any developing issues.

9. On a Trail Support group ride, no Docent is to return on their own. If a rider needs to return to the corral for any issue; personal or equine, the entire group returns. **Breaking this rule will result in a resignation.**