



Spring Paper Chase at:

Baltimore County Ag Center: 1114 Shawan Rd. Cockeysville MD 21030

Enjoy a Paper Chase casual ride across an approximately 4.5-mile course on the grounds of the Baltimore County Ag Center. There are some optional jumps for fun.

This is not a judged event but rather a timed event. Please see rules below.

Date: Saturday, April 2

Rain Date: Saturday, April 9

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BEING AN EVENT SPONSOR OR MAKING A GENEROUS DONATION, PLEASE SELECT THE 9:30AM-1:00 SLOT; OTHERWISE SELECT YOUR PREFERRED RIDE TIME AND PAY ACCORDINGLY THANK YOU!

RIDE BENEFITS THE BALTIMORE COUNTY & HARFORD COUNTY 4-H YOUTH HORSE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Riders must register and PAY IN ADVANCE-- No Walk-Up registrations are permitted. Payments are to be made via Eventbrite (credit card option or mail in check option). Time begin at 9:00am and riders/teams leave every 7 minutes. Please be ready to ride with ALL RIDERS in your team 10 minutes before your scheduled time. If you are NOT ready your team will be bumped to a later time.

Location: 1114 Shawan Rd Cockeysville MD 21030

First team begins ride at 9:00am with last riders leaving at 1:30pm.

*****PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE NO EARLIER THAN 30 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR PLANNED RIDE-- A MAXIMUM OF 7 RIDERS PER GROUP PLEASE*******

If you choose to take advantage of the options schooling (\$8 fee) then you may choose to do so either before or after your paper chase ride.

*****PLEASE BE PREPARED TO RIDE AT YOUR EXACT PLANNED CHOSEN RIDE TIME TO AVOID BEING BUMPED TO A LATER TIME SLOT*****

IN ADDITION TO REGISTERING, YOU WILL NEED TO SIGN WAIVER FORMS AND SUBMIT PROOF OF NEGATIVE COGGINS. YOU WILL BE EMAILED THOSE FORMS TO SIGN AND RETURN AHEAD OR BRING ON DAY OF EVENT OR YOU MAY RETRIEVE THEM AT THE WEBSITE <https://extension.umd.edu/locations/harford-county/local-4-h-youth-education/events-opportunities>

ENTRY FEES:

Adult (Age 18+) \$25

Non-4-H Youth (Ages 8-18) \$25

4-H Youth (Ages 8-18) \$15

Adults and Non-4H Youth SECOND RIDES: \$10

4-H Youth SECOND RIDES: FREE

Entry fees are accepted by credit card or if paying by check, envelope must be received by Thursday, March 31 (There is a \$5 surcharge if your payment is NOT received ahead of the event and you risk your slot being filled if there is overflow demand). Credit card payment is available at checkout with a convenience fee included. The number of rider slots is limited so enter early. Make checks payable to: BALTIMORE COUNTY EAC, 1114 SHAWAN RD, COCKEYSVILLE MD 21030

No refunds will be made unless the request is accompanied by a vet's or physician's certificate. No entries will be taken by phone. All of this information can be accessed online at <http://extension.umd.edu/harford-county>.

DIVISIONS:

1) OPTIMUM TIME 4-H Youth (defined by having 3 or more 4-Hers on a team--NOTE: A minimum of 1 adult must accompany a Youth team) *.

2) OPTIMUM TIME OPEN: ALL AGES--Non4-H Youth and Adults

3) FAST TIME 4-H (defined by having 3 or more 4-Hers on a team--NOTE: A minimum of 1 adult must accompany a Youth team) *.

4) FAST TIME OPEN: ALL AGES- Non4-H Youth and Adults

*** NOTE: As a 4-H Organization sponsored event, 4-H POLICY and rules prohibit ANY YOUTH who did NOT REACH Age 8 as of 1/1/22 to be able to ride in this event. If any Youth shows up to ride the Paper Chase Committee reserves the right to determine the age and potentially turn down riders from participating if under age 8.**

PROCEDURE: Participants may check-in at the registration table. If you have not submitted your waiver form or coggins ahead please check in however-- If the COGGINS and/or WAIVER has been submitted in advance then you are NOT required to check in at the table ahead of time. Please tack up and assemble your team to be prepared to ride at your assigned ride time. There are NO numbers that riders will need to wear or display during the event. There are no judges on the course, as it is purely a timed event.

During the ride, follow the arrows that guides you along the course.

Every team is asked to provide a TEAM NAME. A Team Member that you select will be provided an INDEX CARD with the Team Name printed, with the START TIME NOTED HR: MIN: SEC. When your team finishes then you will provide your INDEX CARD to the Paper Chase Volunteer at the end of the ride who will mark your time.

One member of your TEAM will need to SUBMIT YOUR TIMES via a Google Forms site to record your results. If you do not, then you will not be recorded for judging purposes. A QR Code is to be made available to make it simple for you to submit this information conveniently using your mobile phone shortly after your ride concludes.

You will be asked to confirm your name and your mount at the start of the ride to serve as your check in. In the event you have NOT paid ahead of time then you will be asked to pay by check your fee plus a \$5 late fee payable to Baltimore County EAC.

RULES: Groups of no more than seven will start on the trail at 7-minute intervals, beginning at 9:00, 9:07, 9:14, 9:21, 9:28 etc. The last group's start time is at 1:30. Start times are selected through this registration site as they are received (first come – first served). You will receive confirmation and can edit your order after registering.

PRIZES: Winners will be announced no sooner than Sunday, 4/3 via email. Ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category will be awarded. Recognition up to 10th will be made. Ribbons will be

provided to each member of the team. Ribbons can be picked up at the Baltimore County Extension Office or by arrangement can be mailed.

PARK RULES: We are privileged to the Baltimore County Ag Center facilities. Please observe all park rules and regulations. Please bring a trash bag or other type of container to remove and take with you any manure from your horse in the parking area. Please be respectful to minimize damage from footing and turf damage as you ride. Please also be aware that the facilities are public and while we have the time reserved, there may be other members of the public on site at the same time. A courtesy to other patrons is expected by all riders.

WATER: There is no water available at the park for drinking or sponging down your horse. You must bring your own.

REQUIREMENTS: A negative coggins within 12 months is required. ALL riders must sign the attached disclaimer. Adult riders must sign the Over 18 Release and Informed Consent form and all youth must have the Parental Release and Informed Consent form signed by a parent/guardian and themselves. **ALL riders (4-H, non-4-H and adults) must wear an approved helmet at all times when mounted and hard toed shoes.** All riders must check in at the entry table the morning of the ride but it is optional to check in if you have submitted payment, copy of your coggins and waiver form in advance. All participants must supply their own water for their animals. It is highly recommended that your horse/pony be current on all immunizations, especially Flu/Rhino, for the benefit of your animal and that of others.

CONDITIONS: This paper chase ride is intended to be a fun event as well as a fundraiser for the Baltimore and Harford County 4-H Horse Program. The ride will likely take approximately 1-1 hour 15 minutes depending on your pace. The course is approximately 4.5 miles and there will be some optional jumps at varying heights throughout the course.

NOTES: You may ride at your own pace and may pass a riding team, with courtesy of alerting the team of your intentions. This is not a timed event so fastest time is not relevant. No alcoholic beverages or smoking are allowed at any 4-H sponsored event. Follow one color ribbon. Color will be noted the day of the ride. Groups stay together at all times. It is a requirement that every group has a responsible adult in it.

DIRECTIONS: From I-83 take the HUNT VALLEY exit. From the exit, please head West (away from Hunt Valley Towne Center). Travel approximately 1.5 miles and the Baltimore Ag Center is on the right. It is just BEFORE the Oregon Grille.

PARKING: Parking is very open and accommodating but please be conscious of how you park to minimize wasted parking spots. Please park close enough to the trailer next to you. Please remove ANY AND ALL manure that your horse may leave.

OPTIONAL: An additional opportunity is being offered from 9-3pm; you can school in the Olympic sized riding arena for an additional \$8 for both Youth and Adults (normally \$20 on any offered open schooling days). You should plan to school if you wish either BEFORE or AFTER your planned ride time. All school MUST BE CONCLUDED by 3:00 PM. Payment for

schooling is accept onsite- cash or Venmo accepted. Waiver required (same waiver as the one needed for paper chase).

For more information, call Lisa Fulco at 443-858-2103 or the Harford County Extension Office at 410-638-3255 or by clicking the "CONTACT ORGANIZER" found at:

<http://2022springpaperchase.eventbrite.com>

Register and pay here! Thank you!