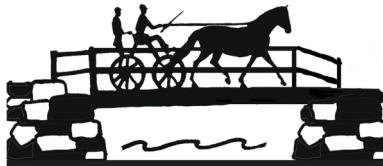


ELK CREEK HORSE DRIVING TRIAL & COMBINED TEST



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June 6th - 8th, 2025

Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area
Fair Hill, Maryland

WELCOME TO ELK CREEK CDE 2025

Hello, and welcome to the 19th year of the Elk Creek Driving Event held here at the beautiful Fair Hill International Park in Elkton, MD.

First and foremost, we want to thank you for supporting the show and this one-of-a-kind facility. Driving at Fair Hill was the brainchild of Lana Wright and Diane Trey with the first competition dating back to the early eighties. Over the last two decades the tradition has continued in the experienced hands of Lisa Singer and Diane Trefry.

This year the reins will be picked up again, this time by new organizers, Suzy Stafford and Amy Cross. They are no strangers to the competition arena and look forward to experiencing the pit crew passes and providing a fun filled, organized event for you and your equines. We ask that you give a thank you to Diane and Lisa for their tireless efforts successfully managing Elk Creek and we thank them for their mentorship moving forward.

A huge shoutout to our volunteers and sponsors as we all know this event would not be possible without their contribution. Please thank them during the event as you pass by. It really does make a difference.

Fair Hill is a State Park open to the public year-round. We are so fortunate to be able to have this driving event here with its 5600 acres of rolling hills and nature trails, it really is a remarkable sight. As you enjoy the competition, stay aware the general public also use the facility, either by walking a dog on the nature trails, mountain biking as well as trail riding their horse. We as carriage drivers need to be mindful that other animals may have never seen a horse and carriage, so please be considerate and stop your carriage so others may pass. We really would like to keep using this facility, therefore, while on course or on your way to the show ring from the stables, please follow the marked pathways provided. Fair Hill does use the park for multiple uses that are essential to the operation and maintenance of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area.

Chris Greco, Manager of the Fair Hill NRMA has kindly granted you provisional permission to use your ATV's and E- bikes to inspect obstacles/hazards. This is an exception to the rule and may be revoked at any time. Please set a good example. Drive slowly and respect other park users who may be walking, biking, or riding. Please display your event supplied number and remember that helmets are mandatory at all times when driving ATV's. No two wheeled motorized vehicles are permitted.

As Suzy and Amy navigate this new territory, the committee encourages feedback on how the event can provide a better experience for you as competitors.

A big, massive "thank you" to each and every one of you for sharing this wonderful event with us. Drive on!

2025 Elk Creek Organizing Committee

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Member of the Ground Jury CT & HDT

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Thank You

- To each & every Volunteer for making this event possible!
- Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area for permitting us to use this beautiful land!
- Cheryl Banks-Thompson a "Non-Driver" who has been the Elk Creek Secretary for nineteen years!!
- Mary Coldren/FHI Competitions Committee
- Meredith Feters for her special fundraising efforts to make it possible to run the event with so few entries!
- Karen & Kelly from Triple Crown Feeds for their enthusiastic support & sharing the weekend with us!
- Laurie Lopez - ALL Volunteer Coordinator
- Coates & Barbara Bateman for the Fair Hill Welcome Sign decorations.
- The Elk Creek Committee for pulling another event together & their loyal helpers in setting up the event!



2025 Elk Creek CDE Awards Offered

Elk Creek Horse Driving Trial Awards -

** Ribbons will be awarded 1st-4th in each class.

Elk Creek Combined Test Awards -

** Ribbons will be awarded 1st-4th in each class.

Elk Creek Special Awards -

- Best Turnout – In Memory of Bob & Nancy Feters
- Best Young Horse - Ribbon in memory of Beale Wright Morris
- "Best" Volunteer - Volunteer of the Year Award
- Best Overall Training
- Best Overall Preliminary
- Best Overall Intermediate
- Best Junior Training
- Best Junior Preliminary
- Golden Gators - sponsored by Stafford Carriage Driving
- Cones Slayer - sponsored by Hannah Polson
- Cleveland Bay Horse Society of North America, Inc - Best of Breed rosettes to the high point Pure Bred and high point Part Bred for the combined test and the Driving Trial!.

Class ribbons and awards

See ADS Rule Article 912, 7.5.5 "Objections concerning scoring may be raised up to one-half hour after the official scores are posted for each Competition.

Exception: mathematical or transcription errors may be corrected up to 1 hour after the final classification for the event."



Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 5th

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm - Secretary Office Open

3:00 pm - Stables & Camper Pads Open

Friday, June 6th

8:00 am - Office Opens

9:30 am - Dressage CT Competition - Gallaher Road

10:00 am - Cones CT Competition - Gallaher Road

3:00 pm - Pony Measurement at Stables

5:00 pm - Competitor Briefing – Stables Tent

6:00 pm - States Night Reception – Stables Tent, Awards from CT

Saturday, June 7th

8:00 am - Office Open

9:00 am - Dressage HDT Competition - Gallaher Road

9:30 am - Cones HDT Competition - Gallaher Road

Sunday, June 8th

8:00 am - Office Open

9:00 am - Marathon Start @ Main Arena Gallaher Road

3:00 pm - Stables & Camper Pads Close

DRESSAGE TEST INFORMATION:

Training ALL - Training Test C 40 x 80 Singles, Pairs, VSE

Preliminary ALL - Preliminary Test C 40 x 80 Singles, Pairs, VSE

Intermediate - Intermediate Test B 40 x 80

Hybrid - Test of Choice

CONES INFORMATION:

Grass surface, clearance/speeds per ADS rules

MARATHON INFORMATION:

Type of Terrain: Gravel roads, tunnels, grass tracks, water crossings, woods, fields with moderately rolling topography

Level: Training: 1 sections, 5km (5 obstacles)

Preliminary: 1 sections, 6km(6 obstacles)

Intermediate & Hybrid: 1 sections, 7 km (7 obstacles)

Miscellaneous Information: ASTM/SEI approved helmet recommended. All dogs must remain on leash. ADS Medical armband for marathon.

***Reminder:** Helmets are MANDATORY when riding on ATV's & E-Bikes at all times.

*** The Organizer's rely on your honor to continue to respect & protect those around us.

STATES NIGHT PARTY!!

Friday following the briefing in the tent

Bring a dish that represents your state or region for all to share.
Beer/Wine/Water/Soft Drinks will be provided. Bring a Chair.

****Many thanks to Wendy O'Brien & Trout Walk Farm
for sponsoring the competitor party.**



ELK CREEK ENTRIES 2025

CT ENTRIES

TRAINING SINGLE PONY

BERLIN, BETH

BOARMAN, JENNIFER

MYERS, SHANNON

PEPPER, SANDI

TRAINING SINGLE VSE

MICHAEL, MICHELE

LASZCZYK, MACKENIZE

TRAINING PAIR VSE

DUCHNOWSKI, MARTHA

TRAINING SINGLE HORSE

BROWN, JENNIFER

GALE, ERIN

GUERRA, RODSWYN

HARRISON, LORI

IBARRA, JESUS

LAYTON, COLLEEN

TRAINING PAIR PONY

KOROSE, MARSHA

PRELIMINARY SINGLE VSE

PANTELIONE, KATE

PRELIMINARY SINGLE HORSE

DeFAZIO, LAURA

KEHLER, DEANNA

LAYTON, JOHN

PRELIMINARY FOUR-IN-HAND

PATRICK, BEVERLY

PRELIMINARY SINGLE PONY

DOME, ANNE
EADES, MARCY

INTERMEDIATE SINGLE PONY

GEMMELL, JILLIAN

DRIVING TRIAL ENTRIES

TRAINING PAIR PONY

KOROSE, MARSHA

TRAINING PAIR VSE

DUCHNOSKI, MARTHA

TRAINING SINGLE PONY

ANSELM, TRICIA
JACOBSON, DONNA
LASZCZYK, MACKENZIE
MYERS, SHANNON

JUNIOR TRAINING SINGLE PONY

RIESSE, QUINN (JR)

JUNIOR TRAINING SINGLE HORSE

SOETHE-AUER, DAKOTA (JR)

TRAINING SINGLE HORSE

BROWN, JENNIFER (HC)
DOLL, HEATHER
GALE, ERIN

TRAINING SINGLE HORSE - Continued

GOECKERITA, KRIS
GUERRA, RODSWYN
HARRISON, LORI
IBARRA, JESUS
LAYTON, COLLEEN

DRIVING TRIAL ENTRIES Continued..

PRELIMINARY VSE SINGLE

PANTELIONE, KATE

PRELIMINARY SINGLE PONY

DOLL, CYNTHIA

MILOJEVICH, KAREN

REISSE, BEN (JR)

PRELIMINARY PAIR PONY

FULGRAF, MEGAN

PAYNE, MELODY

PRELIMINARY FOUR-IN-HAND

PATRICK, PATRICK

PRELIMINARY HORSE SINGLE

BRIGGS, KAILYN (JR)

LYNDEN, KERSTEN (JR)

LAYTON, JOHN

MILLER, RYLEY

SARGENTI, DENNIS

SOLODAVIN, AARON

PRELIMINARY PAIR HORSE

TARJAN, ALICE

INTERMEDIATE SINGLE PONY

GEMMELL, JILLIAN

INTERMEDIATE SINGLE HORSE

MANN, PAT

HYBRED SINGLE HORSE

PALLONI, TIMOTHY 2*

STROUD, ALLISON 3*

Thank you to our 2025 Volunteers!

Special Thanks to Laurie Lopez, Volunteer Coordinator

Cassidy Binkley	Margaret Grillet	Vivian Miller
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