

## **ACPS Region III Glenwood Park Exhibitors' Guide**

### **INTRODUCTION**

In 1963, Daniel Sands donated Glenwood Park in trust to the people of Virginia for the advancement of horse sports, with the proviso that proceeds from equine events held there would be donated to worthy charities. ACPS Region III has been privileged to hold its annual pony show at Glenwood for more than 20 years.

Region III's highly-favored (and reduced-rate) status with Glenwood's trustees is a result of our scrupulous observance of Park rules and our unblemished record of leaving the Park in better shape than it was when we arrived.

This brief guide is aimed at giving both first-time and veteran exhibitors an overview of what Glenwood expects from us in return for the extraordinary beauty and ample amenities the Park provides.

### **PARKING AND UNLOADING**

To avoid congestion in front of the Bedford Barn, it is strongly recommended that arriving exhibitors park their trailer rigs in the authorized areas; walk their ponies to their assigned stalls; and, after unhitching their trailers, use their trucks to bring tack, bedding, feed, etc. to the barns.

Trailer parking areas to the south (right) of the entrance road and to the east of (uphill and behind) the grandstand area are clearly signed, as is the low-lying area to the north (left) of the entrance road where parking is **ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN**. Please observe these directions!

### **BARN RULES AND PROCEDURES**

Detailed rules will be prominently posted in all three barns. The most important are the following:

1. No nails, screws, hooks or screw-eyes may be used either inside or outside the stalls. Please use baling twine and spring clips for water and feed buckets.
2. The barn aisles must be kept clear of obstructions at all times, in order to give drivers of the Park's Gators unimpeded passage for the removal of soiled bedding and manure. Please do not place tack trunks, hay/straw bales, chairs, etc., further than two feet into the aisle in front of your stall(s). If you are exhibiting multiple ponies and/or are planning multi-day boarding, you might want to consider renting an extra stall for your supplies and equipment. Also, if you groom and tack your ponies in their stalls or outside the barns, it would help the "barn bosses" do the cleanup job more safely and efficiently.
3. Glenwood's definition of a "clean" stall is one that has been stripped of ALL bedding and material, including baling twine and stall cards. Region III's "barn bosses" will rigorously enforce this definition in the process of clearing departing exhibitors for refunds of their stall deposits.

### **SHOW SERVICES AND AMENITIES**

#### **1. Manure and Soiled Bedding Removal:**

Be sure to bring several plastic tubs in order to take advantage of the show's most popular service—regular removal of manure and soiled bedding. Place your filled tubs alongside the barn aisle, and they will be emptied into patrolling Gators for the disposal of their contents at a pile well away from the barn area.

#### **2. Overnight Camping and Showers:**

The shaded hillside behind Steinman Barn is a natural location for the tents or RV's of those who want to enjoy the spectacular beauty of Glenwood Park around the clock. The hillside is a short walk from the Park's jockey house, where a hot water shower is available 24/7. Bring your own soap, washcloth and towel, and understand that you can't lock the door!

#### **3. Hydration:**

July's third week in Virginia is usually the year's hottest (and often the summer's rainiest). During the show's two days, four iced five-gallon water coolers (with cups) will be placed at strategic points around the grounds.

#### **4. Alimentation:**

All exhibitors have to eat, and a food concession will be on the grounds on both show days at the food court to the immediate north of the Park's grandstand. Tables and chairs will be available.

**5. Elimination:**

The natural consequences of eating and drinking will be addressed by the placement of ten portable toilets around the Park's grounds: two in the major trailer parking area; two in front of the Bedford Barn; two next to the food court area adjacent to the grandstand; three under the oak trees near the dressage and sand rings; and one in the waiting area for exhibitors south of Ring Two in front of the grandstand.

**6. Trash and Waste Disposal:**

Lined trashcans are placed at both ends of every barn aisle; adjacent to each iced water cooler; around the food court; and in the high-traffic areas on the Park grounds. These are intended for the disposal of small-volume waste, not for the high-volume waste from plastic-wrapped bedding. Please put your plastic bedding wrappers in the low-sided dumpster in front of the jockey house between the Bedford and Steinman Barns.

**7. Secretarial Services:**

The Show Secretary's desk is located on the first level of the Park's three-story stewards' stand. It is your destination for late entries; lost and found; emergency announcements over the Show PA system; and return of your stall deposits after you have been cleared for departure by a "barn boss."

**8. Advertising:**

A large bulletin board on an easel in front of the stewards' stand (complete with pushpins) is available for exhibitors who want to advertise sale ponies, equine services, or horse/pony products.

**9. Commercial Satisfaction:**

The Region III Connemara Boutique will be operating on the ground level of the Park's stewards' stand, with outstanding Connemara-labeled goods ranging from saddle pads to polo shirts. Other vendors will be encamped on the slope between the food court and the show's in-hand ring.

**10. Photographic Fulfillment:** Although Bruce was unavailable last year, BHS Photography will be our show photographer again this year. He and his wife will be camping on the grounds so there will be ample opportunity for you to order your show photos.

**LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

**1. Getting to the show rings:**

Exhibitors making their way either to the north-in-hand show ring in front of the Park's grandstand (Ring 2), or to the three other (performance) rings elsewhere on the grounds, can avoid the hilly and rough road from the barn area behind the grandstand by leading (NOT RIDING) their ponies through the gates across from the exercise paddock in front of the Bedford Barn and onto the fenced racecourse, exiting at the gates just west of the dressage ring.

**2. Schooling:**

ACPS Region III's favored status with Glenwood Park's trustees is highly dependent upon our strict compliance with the rules they have established for the protection of their racecourse. Under no circumstances should any of our exhibitors violate those rules by riding their ponies into areas that the trustees have declared off limits to us. Schooling areas will be available in the ring where the trail class will be held, and in a small part of the Park property outside of the steeplechase course. On Sunday, exhibitors can also school in the dressage ring.

**3. Checking Out:**

When your stalls are "clean," as Glenwood Park defines that term (see Barn Rule 3 above), find an ACPS Region III "barn boss," identified by a green baseball cap, and ask him to clear you for refund of your stall deposit. He will inspect your stall(s) and either ask you to finish the cleanup or inform the show secretary by walkie-talkie that you have been cleared for your refund. Once you have been cleared, go to the secretary's desk on the first level of the stewards' stand to reclaim your deposit check.

**CONCLUSION:**

Region III volunteers and the Park maintenance staff make possible the comforts and ease you will enjoy at this show. Your observance of the Park's rules and Region III's requirements for waste disposal and checkout will enhance your current pleasure, help our volunteers, and ensure our future welcome at this wonderful venue.