

# Sweet Briar College Riding Program

## Questionnaire for New Students

Print and return by May 25 [entering fall '12] or Jan. 11 [entering spring '13].

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
last first middle

Please circle, check or write your answer as appropriate for the question. Remember, this is only a quick guide to your abilities and experience. Please be completely honest.

1. What is your objective in taking riding at Sweet Briar College? (check all that apply)

- ☐ Improve riding through instruction      ☐ School horses in training      ☐ Ride recreationally      ☐ Ride competitively  
☐ Ride on a team      ☐ Ride in the field      ☐ Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you ridden under formal instruction?

I have ridden year round for:    ☐ not at all    ☐ Less than 2 years    ☐ 2 to 5 years    ☐ 5 to 10 years    ☐ more than 10 years

How many times per week do you ride? \_\_\_\_\_

I have only ridden on a few trail rides with friends or family or just at summer camp for:

☐ Less than 2 years    ☐ 2 to 5 years    ☐ 5 to 10 years    ☐ more than 10 years

3. Type of riding you have previously done. (Circle all that apply)

Hunter                      Equitation                      Jumpers                      Foxhunting                      Trail Riding  
Eventing                      Dressage                      Western                      Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you interested in competing while at Sweet Briar?    ☐ yes (if yes, please answer below)    ☐ no

What level/areas? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you competed?    ☐ yes (if yes, please answer below)    ☐ no

In what divisions? \_\_\_\_\_

At what shows? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Do you have Field Riding experience?    ☐ yes (if yes, please answer below)    ☐ no

Foxhunting: ☐ yes    ☐ no    Flight/Name of Hunt \_\_\_\_\_    Hunter Paces: ☐ yes    ☐ no    Hunter Trials: ☐ yes    ☐ no

7. Are you planning to ride this fall at Sweet Briar?    ☐ yes    ☐ no

If not, do you plan to ride with the program in the future?    ☐ yes    ☐ no

If you plan to ride in the fall semester, please indicate the course that you feel best meets your riding level:

☐ **RDPR 162--Pre-position:** This course meets once a week for eight weeks. It is for students who have never ridden and/or those who have ridden but cannot tack up independently. *You do NOT need to attend Placement Rides.*

☐ **RDPR 163--Position:** This class is for students who can halter, lead, groom and tack up a horse with limited supervision and have ridden in lessons or at camp sufficiently so that they can post the trot, but cannot canter securely. *You do NOT need to attend Placement Rides.*

☐ **RDPR 164--Advanced Position:** This is a riding class for students who can ride securely at the walk, trot and canter but have had little formal instruction. These riders have had little jumping experience. *You should plan to attend Riding Placements.*

☐ **RDPR 171--Position and Basic Dressage/New Student Orientation:** This class is for riders who have had formal instruction that includes jumping. *All riders who are eligible for this course MUST attend Riding Placements, so that we can assign you to the appropriate section of this course.*

8. Do you have your own horse?    ☐ yes (if yes, please answer below)    ☐ no

Describe what you have done with it. \_\_\_\_\_

If space is available do you plan to bring it to Sweet Briar?    ☐ yes    ☐ no    If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you interested in employment at the riding center?    ☐ yes    ☐ no

10. Is there any other information you would like us to know? \_\_\_\_\_

**Return form to:**

Riding Center, Sweet Briar College, P.O. Box 6, Sweet Briar, VA 24595