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2012 LIBERTY RIDE AWARDED BEST NEW SPECIAL EVENT BY VIRGINIA RECREATION AND PARKS SOCIETY

Orange County, VA — Orange County is pleased to announce that Orange County Parks and Recreation has been awarded *Best New Special Event* for a locality sized 25,001 to 50,000 for the **2012 Liberty Ride**, by Virginia Recreation and Park Society. The Liberty Ride is a horseback trail ride conducted annually in Orange County and is part of James Madison's Montpelier Constitution Day celebrations. Last year, the inaugural ride was a great success for participants and spectators. It is expected that the 2013 Liberty Ride will exceed expectations this Saturday, September 21, 2013. Proceeds raise funds for the Orange County Parks and Recreation Foundation, a 501(c)3 Organization whose mission is to help support the future of Orange County Parks and Recreation.

The Virginia Recreation and Park Society committee for Awards and Citations determines award winners in various categories and populations to be awarded at the Annual Virginia Recreation and Park Society Conference. The committee consists of nine members comprised from all over the state of Virginia who's duties include determining any changes to the current awards application, any changes made to the population size categories or award categories, selecting the winners in each category, creating the award presentation to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet, and facilitating the Awards Banquet at the conference. The committee chooses winners in 14 different categories and includes four different population categories. The Awards and Citations Committee takes pride in choosing deserving winners each year.

For more information regarding the 2012 Liberty Ride or the *Best New Special Event* Award, presented by Virginia Recreation and Parks Society, please visit our website at <u>orangecountyva.gov</u> or contact Parks and Recreation at (540) 672-5435.

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