

FIREWORKS 30/50 ENDURANCE RIDES

Logistical Details

July 9th, 2022

Ride Camp is located at the SCCHA Graham Hill Showgrounds - 1145 Graham Hill Road in Santa Cruz. (Click below to see a map.) Camp will be open from 12 noon on Friday through 12 noon on Sunday. We have plenty of parking and lots of open space for big rigs, as well as 40 paddocks available on a first-come first-served basis; you cannot to save a paddock for someone arriving at a later time.

There is drinking water for horses and people, as well as showers and bathrooms at the clubhouse. No hosing off horses please due to the continuing drought.

Your entry includes camping Friday and Saturday night. If you want to come early or stay longer, please indicate which days on your ride entry and include the extra fees; we will email you camping passes for the extra days. We will be including in your rider packet a voucher for a meal at the food trucks. We are planning on doing awards and we'll provide the desert!

This year we may need to follow covid rules from Santa Cruz County, if so, we will let you know in advance what they are. Hopefully we are past covid rules.

We are aiming for a "GREEN" ride so please bring re-fillable water bottles: we will have big jugs with water, tea, and lemonade but no cups. We will have all the above and light snacks at the vet check.

All materials and information, including maps, will be sent July 1st. Please print and bring whatever you feel you will need, including maps and trail instructions. In the week before the ride we will be hosting a web based video conference ride meeting again this year. Stay tuned for more information. When you arrive at the Showgrounds and check in you will get your rider card, a participation award, and a swag bag.

SCHEDULE:

Check-in begins at noon on Friday.

Pre-ride Vetting: Friday afternoon when the vets arrive (about 3 p.m.), and continues until 7 p.m.

50-mile start: Saturday 6:00 a.m.

30-mile start: Saturday 7:00 a.m.

Some points to keep in mind:

1. We are not officially allowed to mark the trail in Wilder Ranch State Park (but usually we do sneak in a few ribbons and pie plate signs). All the turns are marked with State Parks sign posts and will be on your map, so come prepared to do a little bit of navigation. We will have spotters where we can, but if using your map makes you uncomfortable, think hard about whether this is the ride for you.
2. If your horse does not cross water well, please note that there is a very technical river crossing at this ride. You may want to consider if this ride is for you.
2. We do require hoof protection on all four feet, as portions of the trail can be rocky. Please make sure you have hoof protection on your horse when you vet in.
3. No crews are allowed at the vet check. As always, we will have hay, beet pulp, carrots, plenty of horse and people water, and we will get the crews bags there. We realize that going crew-less is more difficult, but we do it because we will lose our access to Wilder Ranch if we don't limit the traffic out there. We appreciate your understanding and your crew's compliance.
4. This is an AERC sanctioned ride, and you are responsible for knowing and following AERC rules:
https://www.aerc.org/static/Rules_Current.pdf
5. For new riders or those needing a refresher, there are some great AERC education videos on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqx4Qhez7S753wqU5MCnJ4w>

We are pleased and excited to host our endurance community again this year and look forward to seeing you in July!

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