

FIREWORKS 30/50 ENDURANCE RIDES

Logistical Details

August 28th, 2021

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 will not be allowed to save a paddock for someone arriving at a later time. There is drinking water for horses and people, and showers and toilets at the clubhouse. No hosing off horses please.

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.

This year may be different as we have to follow covid rules from both AERC and Santa Cruz County. There will be lots more information as we get close, and we may require proof of vaccine or a negative Covid test. We may not have any meals or meetings, or awards ceremonies. If any of this changes we will let you know, but for now plan on proving you are Covid free, being self-sufficient, and joining us for a ride meeting from Facebook on August 25th.

We ARE STILL 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 out August 24th. Please print and bring whatever you feel you will need, including maps and trail instructions. When you arrive 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 being allowed to mark the trail in Wilder Ranch State Park. 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. We do require some kind of hoof protection on all four feet, as portions of the trail can be rocky.

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 August!

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Go to <https://sccha.wildapricot.org/event-4320393> to enter online or download a paper entry form. You will also find a link to directions and to maps.