



HOUSTON AIRPORTS PRESENTS *the* 2011 IAH Airport Express Endurance Ride

Saturday, May 14th & Sunday, May 15th
Benefit for St. Jude Research Hospital

Sanctioned by American Endurance Ride Conference
Sponsored by Texas Endurance Ride Association

Hitch up your saddle to get ready to join us for the first "Airport Express Endurance Ride" on May 14th and 15th, 2011, at George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) for a 25 and 50 mile ride on each day. In addition, a 10 mile Fun Ride for those that would like to find out more about the sport of Endurance or just get out and enjoy the beautiful airport trails. And lastly, take time to become a member of the only elite group riding on an active airfield in the nation, named "The Houston Airport System AIRPORT RANGERS".

Endurance riding is an athletic event for both horse and rider. The goal is to complete the marked trail within the time given with a horse that is fit to continue from vet checkpoint to the next. All horses must pass a complete vet check before, during and after the ride. Remember – **"TO FINISH IS TO WIN"**

CAMPING

The George Bush Intercontinental Airport is located in North Houston, TX. Camping will be at the North Trailhead located at 5100 FM1960. Watch for the signage for the event site and horse parking. There is plenty of room for all sizes of rigs, camping and horse pens. One parking area is hard base, but the other two are soft grassy pasture type. One area will allow continuous generator usage; the other two will require them off at 10:30 PM. Port-O-Cans and horse water will be provided by the Houston Airport System (HAS).

Pack it in – Pack it out applies as well. Dogs must be on leash or penned at all times. We ask to please abide by these rules as we would love this event to become an annual ride for all us. **All guests are required to sign an Airport release form which is included in this entry flyer.** For additional information about the Airport Ranger program, please visit www.iahrangers.com or www.fly2houston.com

NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST WITHIN 12 MONTHS IS REQUIRED ON ALL EQUINES ENTERING THE EVENT SITE AT THE AIRPORT. YOU CAN MAIL THEM IN WITH ENTRY, BUT ALSO HAVE THEM READY WHEN ENTERING THE GATE.
CURRENT HEALTH CERTIFICATE IS SUGGESTED ON ALL OUT OF STATE EQUINES

Directions: From I-45 – take exit #66 (FM 1960) east for 5 miles. A marked turn will be on your right just past Farrell Rd. From Highway 59 take the FM 1960 exit west for 6 miles. A marked turn will be on your left.

TRAILS

The IAH Airport trail surface is mostly natural grass with some sand. It's mostly flat to gently rolling hills along with some beautifully covered wooded and open areas. Each flagged and signed trail will take you through wooded areas, clearings, and bayou crossings. Road crossings are minimal and will be monitored by the Houston Police Department and IAH Airport Public Safety. The Airport System will provide water on trail. Rain or shine the ride continues so if it rains there will be some good mud to ride through - **Great for barefoot horses.**

AERC RULES

All AERC Rules apply. In addition, **Approved safety helmets are required for all riders.** All riders must be at least 8 years or older and if under 16, each rider must be accompanied by a designated adult sponsor (21 years or older) for the duration of the ride. If Junior has 500 miles and is AERC approved to ride as a Senior, no sponsor is required.

There will be three (3) Vet checks out from base camp, about a 15 min. drive by car. Ride Management will provide transportation of crew supplies to vet check, if needed. A food vendor will be located at Vet check #1/3 – located at directly behind the building at 16930 John F. Kennedy Boulevard. The Control Veterinarian will set criteria for the ride. All Vet decisions are final.

Starting times:

- **50-milers** at 7:00am **25-milers** at 7:30am **FUN RIDE** from 8:00 to 9:00 am

SADDLE UP! FOR ST. JUDE

The Houston Airport System, AERC, and the Airport Rangers have teamed up to raise funds and awareness for St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN. The overall ride is aligned with the "Saddle Up! for St. Jude" benefit trail ride. Riders can actually go to the St. Jude web site. To call up this event, simply type in "Airport Express", to read about the program, pledge funds, build your fund raising page with your picture and "about you" as well as track either yourself or someone you are sponsoring. To find out more information and get started log onto www.stjude.org/saddleup. With this unique partnership and dynamic cause, we hope you will make this a successful event by participating and harassing others as well. The potential for an event this size and the good hearted people that will all are could bring in many extra dollars to the awe inspiring charity which treats and find cures for children with cancer and other catastrophic illnesses at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please take a little time to get familiar with this incredible site. Don't be the one that did not sign up to make a difference one stride at a time. *(It is not mandatory to give to participate in the rides)*

RIDE STAFF

- **Ride Manager:** **Darolyn Butler**
- **Co-manager:** **Debbie Linebarger**
- **Head Vet:** **Dennis Seymore**
- **Secretary:** **Vicki Hudson 713-299-8115**

For event details or if you need additional information, please contact Darolyn Butler at (713) 816-5558 or (281) 446-7232 or via Email: darolyn@swbell.net

To learn about the **Airport Ranger** program go to:

<http://www.fly2houston.com/about-airport-rangers>

SCHEDULE FOR THE AIRPORT EXPRESS

FRIDAY – MAY 13TH

- Gates to the camping area will open at 9 am
- Registration - 1:00 pm
- Pre-Ride Vet-In - 3:00 pm until Dark
 - Note: Pre-Ride vet checks will not be conducted after sunset.
 - Late arrivals will receive their pre-ride vet check in the morning prior to ride start
- **Dinner & Pre-Ride Meeting** – 6:00 pm
- A casual dinner meal will be provided for the Riders only on Friday and Saturday. Additional meals for family, crew, etc. are \$10 for extra meal tickets. (Profit to St. Jude)
- **New Riders Meeting** – 7:00 pm
- Check your horses and get to bed – Tomorrow will be the First “Airport Express”

SATURDAY – MAY 14TH

- Check-in 15 min. prior to your start time to qualify for the ride
- 6:45 am for **50-milers**—Start Time 7:00 am
- 7:15 am for **25-milers**---Start Time 7:30 am
- 8:00 am for **10 mile FUN RIDE** check-in before you leave with official timer
- **25 Mile** Cut Off – 1:30 pm
- **50 Mile** Cut Off – 7:00 pm
- **Fun Riders** Cut Off - 1pm (For safety, it is necessary to clear the finish course as the 50/25 milers will be coming in on the same trail.) Registration - 1:00 pm
- Pre-Ride Vet-In - 3:00 pm until Dark
 - Note: Pre-Ride vet checks will not be conducted after sunset.
 - Late arrivals will receive their pre-ride vet check in the morning prior to ride start
- 6:00 PM Following the rides for the day, join us at a laid back dinner with musical entertainment.
- New Riders Meeting – 7:30 pm
- Awards and Special recognitions – 8:00 pm

SUNDAY MAY 15TH

- Check in 15 min. prior to your start time to qualify for the ride.
- 6:45am for **50-milers**—Start Time 7:00 am
- 7:15am for **25-milers**---Start Time 7:30 am
- 8:00am for **10 mile FUN RIDE** check-in before you leave with official timer
- 25 Mile Cut Off – 1:30 pm
- 50 Mile Cut Off – 7:00 pm
- **Fun Riders** Cut Off – 1 pm (For safety, it is necessary to clear the finish course as the 50/25 milers will be coming in on the same trail.)
- Awards and Special Recognition program – Approximately 1 hour after all riders have finished

THANK YOU FOR COMING TO THE INAUGURAL IAH AIRPORT EXPRESS!

REMEMBER TO PACK IT OUT LEAVE YOUR SPACE THE WAY YOU FOUND IT.

SCATTER YOUR HAY AND POOP PLEASE (ITS GOOD FERTILIZER FOR THE AIRPORT'S HAY PROGRAM!)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! DAROLYN, VICKI, DEBBIE, TAMMY & ALLLLL THE OTHER HELPERS!!!

2011 IAH Airport Express

50 MILES - 25 MILES RIDE COMPETITIONS - SATURDAY & SUNDAY
10 MILE FUN RIDE ON SATURDAY & SUNDAY

MAY 14-15TH, 2011

THANK YOU FOR PRE-REGISTERING. It WILL HELP WITH THE PLANNING

AERC# _____ Rider Name: _____ pymnt method _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Tel: Ce: _____ Ho: _____ Email: _____
 Weight Division (**circle**) Heavy (211+ lbs) Middle (186-210 lbs) Light (161-185 lbs) Feather (160 lbs or less)
 Junior Name: _____
 For Junior Rider (Under 16)
 Sponsor's Name: _____
 Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Sat. May 14 Horse Name: _____ AERC# _____ Rider # _____
 Horse Owner: _____ AERC # _____
Circle - 50-mile 25-mile Fun Ride

Sun. May 15 Horse Name: _____ AERC# _____ Rider # _____
 Horse Owner: _____ AERC # _____
Circle - 50-mile 25-mile Fun Ride

Ride Entry Fees

50 Miles - **\$95** 25 Miles - **\$80** Fun Ride - **\$35** (No discounts on Fun Ride) AERC Non-member Fee - \$15

Saturday May 14

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\$ _____ Total Sat.

Sunday, May 15 (One may apply only two discounts.)

+ _____ Ride Entry Fee (see fee schedule above)
 + _____ \$15 Non AERC Member Fee (does not apply to Fun Riders)
 - _____ <\$20> Discount for Junior rider (under age 16)
 - _____ <\$10> Early entry discount (per day/per entry)
 - _____ <\$5> TERA discount TERA # _____
 + _____ \$10 Extra meal tickets (Profits go to St. Jude Research Hospital)
\$ _____ Total Sun.

= \$ _____ Total Fees due

Ck # _____ Make checks payable to Darolyn Butler

Email: darolyn@swbell.net

Mail Checks & entry to: Vicki Hudson / Airport Express
 13002 Lakeside Terrace Drive
 Houston, TX 77044

Email: hou1vsh@aol.com



**2011 IAH AIRPORT EXPRESS & ENDURANCE RIDE
"AERC" RELEASE OF LEGAL LIABILITY**

As a participant of the IAH Airport Express endurance ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and the ride management. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses are excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding/handling. I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses blameless for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participating in the ride, and free from all liability for such injury or loss.

Rider Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian of Junior Rider _____ Date _____

Horse Owner, if different from rider _____

**THE HOUSTON AIRPORT SYSTEM & GEORGE BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT
RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

I, _____ hereby request permission to enter upon the premises of George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston to participate in the 2011 IAH Airport Express Endurance Ride(s) ("Event") scheduled May 13-15, 2011. I make this request with full knowledge and understanding that my participation in the Event will potentially involve serious risk of harm to me including, but not limited to, risks of accident, serious bodily injury, including death, broken bones, head injuries, trauma, pain, suffering, and property damage. I assume all these risks of harm to me, my horse, and all my other property.

FOR ANY AND ALL OF MY PARTICIPATION OF ANY KIND IN THE EVENT, I HEREBY AGREE TO RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE CITY OF HOUSTON, THE HOUSTON AIRPORT SYSTEM, AND GEORGE BUSH INTERCONTINENTAL AIRPORT/HOUSTON, TOGETHER WITH THEIR AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, SUBCONTRACTORS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY "CITY") FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY, CLAIMS AND DEMANDS OF ANY KIND OR NATURE, WHETHER ACCRUED OR UNACCRUED, THAT ARISE OR MAY ARISE AS THE RESULT OF MY DEATH, MY PHYSICAL OR MENTAL INJURY OR INCAPACITY, OR DAMAGE TO OR LOSS OF MY PERSONAL PROPERTY, REGARDLESS OF THE SOLE OR CONTRIBUTORY NEGLIGENCE OF THE CITY AND REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE CITY IS IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY.

I agree to follow any rules established for the Event, including the rules in the American Endurance Ride Conference handbook, and to exercise reasonable care while participating in the Event. I understand that if I fail to follow the rules or if I fail to exercise reasonable care, I can be removed at any time from the Event, without recourse and refund.

By executing this Release and Waiver of Liability, I certify that I have read it in its entirety, understand all of its terms and have had any questions regarding its effect satisfactorily answered.

Signature

Printed Name

Emergency Contact Name

Emergency Contact Number

Legal Guardian Signature (if under 18)

Date



