

FIRE UP! Endurance Ride

April 21, 2018

AERC Sanctioned 25/50/75/100 mile rides.

Base Camp: Base Camp opens at 10:00am on Thursday, April 19, 2018. It is located at the corner of San Bernardino Rd (aka County Line Rd) and Springer St.(double electrical pole line along the road), southeast of Ridgecrest, California. It is the site of the Valley Riders Equestrian Center and is currently undeveloped so camping is primitive (no electricity). There are accommodations, grocery stores and gas close by. Potable water will be provided. Porta Potties will be available. Base camp is at 2,500 feet.

Check In: Pre-Veterinary check-in will be on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at Base Camp. All horses should be checked in and numbered by Friday evening. **Riders who will be late, please call 775-376-6318 to set up a check-in time. Office opens at 1:00 PM.**

Ride Meeting/Start Times: The pre-ride meeting will be held at Base Camp at 7:00 PM.

All riders must start within 30 minutes after their designated start time – Subject to change at the ride meeting.

- 5:30 AM for 100 and 75 mile
- 6:30 AM for 50 mile
- 7:30 AM for 25 mile
- 9:00 AM for Fun Ride

The Trail: Riders will travel on trails and dirt roads east of Ridgecrest with all loops starting and ending at base camp. Hay will be provided at vet checks and at some water stops. This trail is considered moderate and considered a flat course. You will be riding on Bureau of Land Management trails. **NO SMOKING ON THE TRAIL.**

Awards: All riders completing will receive a completion award. Awards will be presented to top ten, 1st junior, and BC for 25, 50, 75 and 100 milers. Entry fee includes the ride, vet exams, AERC fees, drug test fees, BLM land use fees, water and hay for the horses during the ride, awards and rider's dinner.

Ride Rules: This is an AERC sanctioned ride and all rules will be enforced. See AERC rules at aerc.org

1. Juniors must wear an ASTM/SEI approved helmet.
2. There will be no ties.
3. The same horse and rider must pass all control points and stay on the marked trail in order to qualify for awards and completion credit.
4. Any top ten finishers who want to be considered for Best Condition must present their horse for the Best Condition examination within the time frame announced by the head vet.
5. Loose dogs in camp may result in rider disqualification. Please ensure your dogs are on a leash or kept within your rig.
6. Any abusive behavior or violation of any rule by a rider or associated crew will be subject to disciplinary action (i.e., disqualification and/or being asked to leave by ride management or a vet).
7. All horses must meet a pulse criteria within thirty minutes of crossing the finish line in order to meet Fit to Continue criteria and remain eligible for completion or placing.
8. Riders are responsible for keeping track of their vet cards.
9. A \$20 fee will be added when entering ride on or after April 20, 2018.

INTRODUCTORY RIDE: (will be discussed at the pre-ride meeting –Saturday only)

1. Pre-ride and post ride vet checks are required for completion.
2. This is not a race and no timings or placings will be given, just completion awards.
3. No AERC membership fee is required for the 15 mile introductory ride.
4. Juniors can ride for the same nominal fee but must wear an ASTM helmet whenever mounted and be accompanied at all times by their adult sponsor.
5. Dinner is included with the introductory ride.

Directions to Fire UP! ride camp

From the Inland Empire:

- North on I-15 to Highway 395.
- Continue North on Highway 395 approximately 90 miles to the Ridgecrest turnoff (China Lake Blvd).
- Continue north on China Lake Blvd to second stop light (Bowman road) at Walmart. Turn right.
FROM BOWMAN ROAD:
- Turn right onto San Bernardino County Line road when pavement ends. Make sure you stay left of center dirt median. Continue on this dirt road past all homes. Ride camp will be on your right at corner of Springer and County line road

From Los Angeles:

- North on I-5 to Highway 14 heading towards Palmdale and Lancaster.
- Continue North on Highway 14 approximately 120 miles to Highway 178 East (towards Inyokern, Ridgecrest and NAWS China Lake).
- Continue East on 178 (Inyokern Road) approximately 14 miles to China Lake Blvd. Turn right and follow this to 178 East towards Trona (Ridgecrest Blvd)
- Turn right onto Richmond Street (Fairgrounds) Follow this until it dead ends at Bowman.
- Turn Left onto Bowman and follow above directions to ride camp

From Points North:

- Where Highway 395 forks to the left (Highway 14 begins) take Highway 395 to the second Inyokern exit (Highway 178/Inyokern Road).
- Continue East on 178 (Inyokern Road) approximately 14 miles to China Lake Blvd. Turn right and follow this to 178 East towards Trona (Ridgecrest Blvd) where you will turn left
- Turn right onto Richmond Street (Fairgrounds) Follow this until it dead ends at Bowman.
- Turn left onto Bowman and follow above directions

Fire Up! Endurance Ride Entry Form

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Rider: _____ AERC # _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: ___ Zip: _____ Phone (_____) _____ email address _____

Emergency Contact Name and Phone Number: _____)

Horse name _____ Horse AERC # _____

Horse age _____ Breed _____ Owner _____

- Sr. Division **Featherweight** (Rider with tack, up to 160 lbs.)
- Sr. Division **Lightweight** (Rider with tack, up to 185 lbs.)
- Sr. Division **Middleweight** (Rider with tack, up to 210 lbs.)
- Sr. Division **Heavyweight** (Rider with tack, over 211 lbs.)
- Jr. Division – 15 years & under as of Dec. 1, 2017
- Young Rider Division – 16 – 21 years as of Dec. 1, 2017

Entry Fees

	Price	Total
25 mile ride	\$110.00	\$ _____
50 mile ride	\$110.00	\$ _____
75 mile ride	\$220.00	\$ _____
100 mile ride	\$220.00	\$ _____
Intro Ride (no other fees are applied)	\$ 40.00	\$ _____
Late fee if entry postmarked after April 14	\$40.00	\$ _____
Non AERC Member	\$15.00	\$ _____
Juniors Deduct \$20.00	- \$20.00	-\$ _____
Extra meal tickets (one ticket included with entry)	\$15.00 each	\$ _____
	Total Enclosed	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to Gretchen Montgomery. Cancellations from the ride received prior to 4/17/18 will receive a full refund. Cancellations received after 4/17/18 will receive refund less a \$30.00 administrative fee. No refund for cancellations after 4/26/18. Checks will not be cashed until after the ride. Send entries to:

**GRETCHEN MONTGOMERY
1610 EAST FRANKLIN
RIDGECREST CA 93555**

Please sign release on back.

FEI riders only add: 1* = \$275.00 2* = \$325 3* = \$375
Checks made out to Carolyn Hock. Paypal is also accepted for FEI fees.

Fire Up! Endurance Ride Agreement and Release of Liability

I, _____, in consideration of the acceptance of this entry hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the Fire Up! Endurance Ride. I am aware that participating in these events involves the risk of injury to my person and property, involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate, that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I voluntarily accept all risk of personal injury (including death), and property damage arising from my attendance and participation in these events. As lawful consideration for being permitted to participate in these events, I hereby agree that I, my heirs, personal representatives, and assigns will not make a claim against or sue the Fire Up! Endurance Ride, its employees, officers, directors, members, agents, or affiliated entities for any injury or damage arising from the negligence of other acts, however caused, of the Fire Up! Endurance Ride, its employees, ride veterinarians, officers, directors, members, agents, contractors, members, employees, agents, contractors, guests, invitees, and affiliated entities from all actions, claims or demands, that from my participating in the Fire Up! Endurance Ride. I agree that this release includes injury or damaged caused in whole or in part by negligence, active or passive, of the Fire Up! Endurance Ride and its members, employees, ride veterinarians, landowners, agents, and contracting parties. I have carefully read this agreement. I understand that it is a complete release of liability and promise not to sue or make a claim. I am aware that it is a contract between myself and the Fire Up! Endurance Ride.

Date _____ Signature _____
(If a minor, under the age of 18, parent(s) must sign below)

Minor Indemnity Agreement and Release

I, _____ am the parent or legal guardian of the following minor(s) who will be participating in the Fire Up! Endurance Ride:

_____ I am aware that participating in these events involves the risk of injury (or death) to person or property of these minors. I agree to maintain adequate insurance coverage for them. As Lawful Consideration for the participation of these minors in this event, I hereby agree that I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Fire Up! Endurance Ride and its officers, directors, members, employees, ride veterinarians, agents, guests, invites, and contracting parties from any claim, demand, complaint or cause of action asserted by or on behalf of any of the minors for personal injury or property damage, however caused. This agreement extends to injuries to the minor caused in whole or in part by the negligence, active or passive of the Fire Up! Endurance Ride and its officers, directors, members, employees, ride veterinarians, agents, guests, invitees, or contracting parties. All juniors under the age of 16 must be sponsored and stay with their sponsors due to insurance and the hazardous nature of the trail. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.

Sponsor's Name _____

I have carefully read this agreement. I understand that it is a binding contract between the Fire Up! Endurance Ride and me, and that it requires me to indemnify these entities against claims for injuries to the minor(s) listed above.

Date _____ Signature _____