Endurance riding is an athletic event for both horse and rider in which the first goal is to complete the marked trail; and the second goal is to ride this trail as rapidly as the condition of horse and rider allows. Each AERC sanctioned ride is controlled to a certain extent by a qualified veterinarian and ride manager. All equines must pass the thorough vet checks before and during the event before they are allowed to continue. After the ride, the equine must pass another thorough check before being allowed a completion.

Directions: Kennard is 16 miles east of Crockett and 36 miles west of Lufkin on Hwy. 7. In 'downtown', turn south off Hwy 7 beside the Post Office onto County Road 4625 (or Broadway). There are AERC signs from here. Two miles south of Hwy 7, turn right into Camp. Follow the signs and make sure you don’t park/camp in trail.

Camping: The private pasture offers plenty of room for rigs of all sizes and will accommodate panel or electric pens for the equines and/or tents for the humans. We will have port-o-potties located throughout the pasture. Watch for trail ribbons and please don’t camp in trail. Please use pack-it-in/pack-it-out type camping. This is my horse pasture when not being used as camp so we greatly appreciate no feed left on the ground. Trash bags or buckets will be available for any leftover feed. There is city water at main camp, but it would greatly help if you bring your own water. Kennard has two convenience stores and a café. Remember to bring bug spray for humans and horses. We ask that you sponge to cool your horse instead of spraying with the hose.

Trails: Gently rolling hills down old logging roads and one-horse width wooded trails all on the Piney Creek Horse Trails through Davy Crockett National Forest, with some riding on gravel/rock FS and County Roads. In case of bad rain, all trails will re-route to the gravel roads. Shoes are not necessary but are recommended for 100 & 50 milers. 100 milers will have an out of camp check. We recommend all distances take a sponge with you for cooling and/or a scoop for watering from ponds on trail.

Meals: Dinner will be provided Friday night and Breakfast will be provided Sunday morning for all entrants, with fruit/snacks/candy available for riders on Saturday. Crews need to donate for these meals. For a donation, meals will be available all day Saturday for everyone. Cooks are not paid by management but they will take donations. All meals are provided for volunteers and vets.

Awards: T-shirts for completion awards. Top Ten for 50/100, Best Condition, middle of the pack and/or bottom ten, longest distance traveled, and anything else we can think of or get donated!

Entry Fees: 100 miles - $170  50 miles - $140  25 miles - $130
Discounts (one per entry please) Jr.’s - $30; TERA members - $5; Early Registration - $10
Please pre-register before October 7th. Thank you! Please take only one discount. Thank you.

Friday: Registration opens at 1 pm; Pre-ride checks start about 3 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm; briefing at 7 pm
Saturday: 100 milers start at 4 am; 50 milers at 6:30 am; 25 milers at 7:30 am.
Sunday: Awards for all distances at 7:30 am with breakfast

Come have fun with us in Davy Crockett National Forest
The Armadillo Ride abides by the AERC Rules (aerc.org), TERA Rules and the following rules:

1. The equines are under the control of experienced ride veterinarians who will do everything possible to help you evaluate your equine in order to complete the ride without hurting your equine. You must accept responsibility for your equine and yourself. The vets may disqualify any rider who has, in the opinion of the vets, abused his/her equine. The veterinarian’s decision will be final in all matters concerning the safety and well-being of the equines entered in the ride. If a rider elects not to continue for any reason, the equine must still be examined by the ride veterinarians.

2. Proof of a negative Coggins test dated within the past 12 months for all equines entering the property is required. Papers may be checked at the gate. Out of state equines must have current Health Certificate as per Texas law.

3. A junior rider is a rider who was under the age of 16 as of December 1, 2018. Juniors must be accompanied by a competent adult (18 or older) sponsor entered in the ride, and must list the sponsor on the form, and must finish within one minute of the sponsor. Failure of either to wait on the other will result in the loss of completion to both riders. Sponsors may be changed only with the approval of ride management. AERC ruling for 14-16 year old/500 mile completion can apply. ALL JUNIORS AT RIDE SITE MUST WEAR APPROVED SAFETY HELMETS WHILE ON HORSEBACK.

4. All riders must be present and accounted for at the start of the ride, no exceptions. Management strongly recommends ALL RIDERS wear approved safety helmets while on horseback.

5. The same horse & rider must pass all checkpoints, stay on the marked trail, and do the trail in the correct order to receive completion and placing. No ties, unless finish line personnel cannot distinguish which horse was ahead.

6. Vet criteria will be discussed at the pre-ride meeting. Riders are responsible for understanding this information.

7. There is no minimum time limit for completion in any distance. Maximum ride time, INCLUDING HOLDS, for completion is 24 hours for 100 milers, 12 hours for 50 milers, and 6 hours for 25 milers.

8. To receive completion, riders must present their equine for pulse within 30 minutes of reaching camp/vet check. The equine must be metabolically fit to continue and have no gait aberrations that are consistently observable at a trot and must have a pulse of 64 or less for 100/50 milers; 60 or less for 25 milers unless Vets set lower finish criteria. For Best Condition judging, equines must be presented one hour from the finishing time (or whatever time the Vets determine) and riders must weigh before the hour presentation.

9. Riders are responsible for all farrier and vet fees that may be individually incurred.

10. Riders are responsible for containment of their equines.

11. All dogs must be supervised during ride and meetings.

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We look forward to having a fun weekend with you! ☺
Please pre-register. Include complete, legible entry form, payment and copy of Coggins.

37th ARMADILLO Endurance Ride
October 19, 2019 100/50/25
Sanctioned by AERC - Sponsored by TERA - Held by Special Use Permit from the USFS, Davy Crockett

Rider Information:
AERC #_________________ TERA #_____________ Name_____________________________________________________
Address_______________________________________ City_____________________St_____Zip____________
Telephone_____________________________________
T-Shirt Size: Small Medium Large X-Large Rider Division: Fwt Lwt Mwt Hwt Jr
Jr B'day_______________ Sponsor signature_____________________________________________________

Horse Information:
AERC #_________________ Name_____________________________________________________
Breed______________________________________ Age_____DOB__________________________
Color______________________________________ Sex: Mare Gelding Stallion
Owner & AERC #: _______________________________________________ (can write ‘same’ if rider is horse owner)

Entry Fee: (please circle your distance) $xx for camping/$x for ride
100 miles - $170 50 miles - $140 25 miles - $130 $________
Jrs - $30 discount TERA members - $5 OR Early Registration - $10
♦ Please take only one discount. Thank you. - ___________

Additional Fees: AERC membership not current +$15 +________

Please make checks payable to: Linda Parrish Total: $________

USFS Trail Use Fee - $10/day trail access fee
You will need to make out a separate check for USFS/USDA trail use fee. Do NOT include this fee/check in this paperwork. Please be prepared to pay this fee on site; there will be envelopes and a USFS Fee Box @ registration table for this fee.

Complete your entry by signing the releases below/on back. Thank you.
U. S. Forest Service Waiver and Armadillo Endurance Ride
Liability and Medical Release

I, ______________________________, acknowledge and accept that practicing for and participation in the Armadillo Endurance Ride event, held in the Davy Crockett National Forest on October 19, 2019 involves the risk of personal injury. By my signature I hereby waive all rights to file a claim or lawsuit against the United States for any injury or damages which may occur during practice for or participation in the Texas Endurance Riders Association’s Armadillo Endurance Ride.

Upon acceptance of my application for entry in the Armadillo Endurance Ride held October 19, 2019 in the Davy Crockett National forest with camping on the LNB, I agree to abide by the rules of the AERC, TERA and the Armadillo Ride. I understand endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communication, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I acknowledge that I assume full responsibility for the safety of myself and the animal I am riding. By my signature, I hereby waive all rights to file a claim or lawsuit against LNB, the ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, for any injury or damages which may occur during practice for or participation in the Armadillo Endurance Ride.

I agree to allow and be financially responsible for any necessary emergency medical treatment by any medical institution in the event of my injury or illness.

Any Known Drug Allergies: ______________________________________________________

Any Medical Condition: ______________________________________________________

I have read and understand this liability release.

Signature_________________________________________ Date________________

Parent/Guardian
Signature_________________________________________ Date________________

Emergency Contact ___________________________________ Phone___________________________

Mail to: Linda Parrish, 2222 Co Rd 4625, Kennard, TX 75847
         Phone: 936-852-3532 Or 936-222-3178
         Email your completed entry, or for more information: lindapparab@valornet.com
Please mail on or before October 9th. Thank you!