

THE MUCKLERATZ RUN ENDURANCE RIDE

50 AND 30 MILE RIDES

WEISER STATE FOREST, SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

LIMITED TO 80 ENTRIES!!

The Muckleratz Run is an AERC sanctioned 50 and 30 mile endurance ride to be held in Weiser State Forest, Haldeman Tract in an area known as Muckleratz. I have heard two stories where the name Muckleratz came from. One is that it is a Pennsylvania Dutch word meaning "a place so quiet you can sleep like a log." The other involves a farmer named Muckle and the large overgrown rats that ran on his farm. During the depression when nearby residents could not afford to do anything else they would drive by the farm to see Mr. Muckle's rats. The ride site is near Elizabethville, PA just 45 minutes north of Harrisburg.

Any profits generated by this ride will be donated to Trail Blazers 4-H Horse & Pony Club, whose members have so generously volunteered to help put this ride on, to the Juniata Seeing Eye Puppy Club who will be preparing the meals, and Friends of Weiser State Forest whose members also help put this ride on.

ENTRIES: Entries will be limited to 80 due to parking at base camp. Once we have 80 entries a waiting list will be started.

RIDE RULES: As an AERC/ECTRA sanctioned ride we will follow AERC rules, which are available at www.aerc.org. Horses must be at least four years old to compete in the 30 and five years old to compete in the 50. Riders **MUST** wear ASTM approved hard hats anytime they are mounted and **NO** bare back riding is allowed.

BASE CAMP: The base camp is Camp Muckleratz, an old Boy Scout camp, located on the edge of the state forest. The camp has over 10 acres of open field for parking and camping, a lodge with a fireplace & kitchen, a 40 bed bunk house with a wash room with running water but no showers, outside primitive bathrooms and 2 picnic pavilions. There is running water outside the lodge but if possible please bring water with you for your use.

VOLUNTEERS: The bunk house will be available for volunteers. Volunteers eat for free.

CAMP RULES: You **MUST** clean your campsite before you leave. If the camp allows as in the past we will have a place to deposit manure.

Trash: may be deposited in the dumpster at the camp entrance. **This is a carry out forest so PLEASE DO NOT LITTER! If you must throw anything away on trail please save it for the water stops.**

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ARRIVAL: Riders may arrive at camp starting at 2PM on Friday, July 5. If you need to arrive earlier on Friday you will have to wait in the main parking lot. If you wish to arrive before Friday camping permits can be obtained from the forest. All riders **MUST** be in camp by 7PM, Saturday July 6. We will be vetting in starting at 3PM Saturday.

RIDE MEETING: We will have a ride meeting Saturday evening.

RIDE TIMING: The 50 mile ride will start at 6AM Sunday morning and the 30 mile ride will start at 7AM. Awards will be late afternoon/early evening Sunday. Riders may stay overnight Sunday but must be out of camp by 10am Monday morning

TRAIL: The 50 mile ride will be two 20 mile loops and a 10 mile loop. The 30 milers will do one 20 mile and the 10 mile loop. We will have a controlled start leaving camp. The trails consist primarily of single track and state forest snow mobile trails, but I doubt whether we will have to worry about snowmobiles in July. The snowmobile trails are closed to vehicles. Some are gravel, and the rest are grass and moss covered. The single track trails can be pretty rocky in places. There are several short stretches that will be along or crossing gravel roads that are open to vehicles. Due to the rocks and gravel we highly recommend shoes or boots. The 50 milers will probably climb the mountain 5 times and the 30 milers 3 times, but it is not a bad climb. Once on top it is fairly level with nice easy up and downs. The only thing I don't like about the trails is that there is no natural water available, so we will be hauling water in and have a water stop about every 3 or 4 miles.

This state forest is also very popular with mountain bikers and hikers so please watch out for them and please be courteous to them. We want to keep our forest open for everyone to enjoy.

HOLDS: All holds will be in camp.

AWARDS: Each rider will receive an entry prize at check in. Awards will be given for Top 10 and Best Condition for both the 50 and 30-mile rides.

MEALS: If you have ever been to our CTR you know we love to eat and feed you well. We will provide dinner Saturday evening, breakfast Sunday morning, snacks during the ride and dinner at the completion of the rides Sunday.

ICE: will be available at the kitchen. Please indicate quantity on entry.

DOGS: All dogs must be leashed and confined when left alone.

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RIDE OFFICIALS

RIDE MANAGER: Jim Theurer, jimbob113@hotmail.com, 717-433-8694

RIDE SECRETARY: Laura Theurer-Bomgardner, muckride@gmail.com

HEAD CONTROL VET: Dr. Joan Hiltz

CONTROL VET: Nick Kohut

CONTROL VET: Whitney Jones

TREATMENT VET: Howard Todd

FARIER: Bryan Carr

Cancellation Policy: full refund until June 28, refund less \$25 between July 1 and July 5, no refund if cancelled after July 5.

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DIRECTIONS TO CAMP MUCKLERATZ

- **FROM THE SOUTH:**

- From Harrisburg Interstate 81S take Exit 67A/67B to 322 West towards Lewistown and travel 11.3 miles to Route 147 North
- Stay on 147 North 6.4 miles to the only traffic light in Halifax
- From the light follow Route 225 North 9.3 miles
- At the Weiser State Forest sign turn RIGHT on Mountain House Road.
- Once on Mountain House Road continue to follow the signs to Weiser
- Go .6 miles and make the first LEFT onto Dietrich Road (PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON THIS TURN AS IT IS ON A CURVE GOING DOWNHILL!)
- Go .6 miles to the stop sign & turn RIGHT (still on Dietrich Rd)
- Go .9 miles to the Y and bear RIGHT onto White Oak Road into Weiser State Forest
- Go past the maintenance sheds & watch for sign to Camp Muckleratz on LEFT about ¼ of mile

- **FROM THE NORTH**

- From Hazelton Interstate 81S take Exit 107 (Tremont/Tower City) to Route 209 South
- Follow Rt. 209 South to Elizabethville
- Turn LEFT onto 225 South in Elizabethville
- Continue on 225 South .9 miles to the top of the mountain
- Turn LEFT on Quarry Road
- Quarry Road runs into Dietrich Road
- Follow Dietrich to the Y, turn RIGHT on White Oak Road into Weiser State Forest
- Go past the maintenance sheds & watch for sign to Camp Muckleratz on LEFT about ¼ mile.

MUCKLERATZ ENDURANCE RIDE MEALS

ALL RIDERS RECEIVE ALL MEALS WITH PAID ENTRY!

ALL RIDE VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE ALL MEALS FOR FREE!

- **Saturday July 6**
 - Dinner 6 pm
- **Sunday July 7**
 - BREAKFAST 5:00am - 7:00am
 - SNACKS and DRINKS available all day
 - LUNCH/DINNER available after 11:00am

MUCKLERATZ ENDURANCE RIDE

SIGN UP SHEET FOR MEALS

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR ALL MEALS

All extra meals: \$ 5.00

	Rider	Volunteer	Extra meals
Saturday Dinner			
Sunday Breakfast			
Sunday Lunch/Dinner			

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LIABILITY, RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION FORM

This release must be signed and returned with your ride entry. No cross-outs or additions are permitted.

As a participant in a ride sponsored by the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), I agree to abide by the rules of AERC, www.aerc.org.

In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the Muckleratz Run Endurance Ride, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel, AERC, ECTRA, PA DCNR, Trailblazers 4H Club, Juniata Seeing Eye Puppy Club and Camp Muckleratz from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me, my crew and my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride. "Ride" includes from the time I and my horse arrive at base camp until the time that we leave the premises, as well as the actual event. "Horse" means the animal(s) I am riding.

I understand that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity and am aware that 1) the ride involves being in areas for extended periods of time far from communications, transportation, medical and veterinary assistance; 2) that these areas may have natural and man-made hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, modify or eliminate; 3) that both my own horse and those of other contestants can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and can panic, bite, rear, kick, strike, stumble or fall; 4) that as a result of participating in the ride, I or my horse may be injured, die or my property damaged.

I agree to take full responsibility for myself and my horse and for any other party or animal that accompanies me; I recognize that the ride is a strenuous activity and I represent that I and my horse are in adequate physical and mental condition to participate. I recognize that my participation is voluntary. I consent to a random drug test to be performed on my horse.

I understand that if the horse I am riding is pulled for metabolic reasons and requires treatment on-site or an additional recheck by ride vet, this horse may not leave base camp until released by an authorized ride vet. Furthermore, I agree and authorize necessary and urgent treatment by a ride vet for a horse that I own, in the event this horse is ridden by another entrant and I am unable to provide explicit permission before or during the injury or illness event. I also agree I am responsible for all expenses incurred in such an injury or illness event.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE LIABILITY RELEASE, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Rider's Name (print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature _____

(If junior rider) Date _____

Horse Owner's Signature _____ Date _____