

The Pine Tree Pioneer Rides

Tuesday, August 6 through Saturday, August 10, 2019

5 Days / ~ 50 miles and ~ 25 miles every day

50 / 55 / 50 Pine Tree Pioneer, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

25 / 25 / 25 Pine Tree Trifecta, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

In Fryeburg, Maine at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds

WELCOME – The Organizing Committee invites you to participate in the Pine Tree Pioneer Rides to be held over 5 days from Tuesday, August 6 through Saturday, August 10, 2019. There will be a 50/55 mile event and a 25 mile event every day for 5 days. The rides are AERC and ECTRA sanctioned, and shall be governed by AERC rules and regulations.

We will have a 50/55/50 mile Pioneer Ride for this week, and we are running a 25/25/25 Trifecta. We will be giving awards to the best rider/horse combination that does the 3 days, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in either 50/55 or 25 miles. The fee for this ride is less than three individual rides, but if you decide not to ride one or two days, the fee goes to the normal daily rate. This is for same rider/same horse combos only.

As many of you know, we have had a blast at Fryeburg for the Western Maine 250 multi day rides for 8 years. We were able to go through the Saco River five of the eight years, so the odds are we'll be getting wet in the river again this year, and not from rain. If you remember, in 2007, our first year, and in 2010 and 2011, we went through the Saco River more than 4 times every day, and only one rider got wet (right, Donna C-S?) and she really did that on purpose.

The trails will contain no serious mountains or climbs. They will include dirt roads, good trails, potato fields and river crossings, if weather permits. We are expecting riders from other sections of the country, but we pride ourselves that this is a local ride for local riders. **It is our local people that keep these rides going year after year, and we thank everyone for their participation. Please know that if you come without a crew, management and other riders will do everything possible to help you on trail, in camp, and at the holds.**

The Pioneer Ride is the three middle days; Wednesday 50 miles, Thursday 55 miles, & Friday 50 miles or same days with a 25/25/25 Trifecta ride.

RIDE CAMP – The ride is at the Fryeburg (Maine) Fairgrounds all week long. At these fairgrounds, there are 2 'race horse' style barns with more than 20 spacious stalls along each side, with an overhang and dutch doors. There is room in front of the stalls for camping and trailers. **As in the last couple years, you WILL be able to pen your horse out next to your trailer, or put them in stalls. STALLS MUST BE LEFT CLEAN BEFORE YOU LEAVE. Please do not take a "tack stall" as we are not sure how many horses we will have and may not have any extra.**

The fairgrounds are fenced in, and water and electrical hookups are available for a fee. Volunteers will not be charged this fee for the days they volunteer. There are showers available right at ridecamp. **Negative coggins tests within one year must be shown to unload.** The fairground is open from Monday, August 3, to Sunday, August 11, but please call this ride manager if you want to arrive earlier. Dogs must be confined or on leashes at all times unless they have management approval. Hay, shavings, and manure from your campsite or stall must be picked up and left in designated piles. **Bring your own shavings.** Please dispose of your own trash, as this gets huge and unwieldy otherwise. There are gas/fuel and stores within 1 mile of the fairgrounds.

ENTRY FEE – We are trying to make the ride affordable for everyone, from riders to the ride managers. **Here's how! FIRST, if you ride the 50 or 25 on multiple days, you get \$ 10 off the entry fee on your 2nd day, \$ 20 off on your 3rd day, and \$ 30 off on your 4th and 5th days. SECOND, Juniors and Young Riders ride for \$ 45. And THIRD, 2019 ride managers may ride for 25% off the 50/25 entry fee, if they reciprocate. See the entry sheet for actual fees.** Unfortunately, in the past, some people have left without cleaning their stalls. This means management must do it before they leave. So this year, we will be collecting a \$25 second check or cash for cleaning your stall(s). If you clean your stall, this will be returned or torn up. If you do not clean your stall, we will keep the fee.

All entrants must show a 2019 AERC membership card at the ride, no exceptions, or must pay an additional \$ 15 AERC fee. **One \$20 entry fee is requested to enter the ride and please try to have to the ride secretary by July 25.** The Secretary will not be able to see mail received after August 2. There will be no penalties for late entries.

CANCELLED ENTRIES – To encourage pre-entering, we will give cancelled entries a refund of all monies paid less \$10 per day. This includes any horses not passing the pre-ride check. Only **no** shows who have **not** cancelled will **not** be refunded.

FOOD – We think food is the most daunting part of a ride. To keep entry fees from increasing, no meals will be included with ride entry. Rocket Ron's food truck will be on site from Monday, Aug 5 to Thursday, August 8 for you to purchase meals. He makes the usual: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, chili, etc. and has specials every day. Last year some of his specials were lobster rolls and lobster mac and cheese. **Friday: Lobster!**, Lobster, dinner and fixings for \$20! If enough people indicate that they are interested, we will do it. Please be early and clear if you want the lobster meal. We have to order it in advance and changes and adds can mess up our count. We will give tickets with the sign up. You are also able to bring your own food.

And, of course, coffee and donuts will be available each morning. In Fryeburg, there are grocery and general stores within 1 mile.

VETS – We again have Art King as the 'anchor' vet for the entire ride and Robert Marshall will also be there.

SCHEDULE - Starting Monday and all days, prior to rides Vet In will go from 4 PM to 6 PM. Dinner, awards, and a riders meeting will be held each evening at ~ 6:30 PM. Late arrivals will be vetted in after the riders meeting. **Riders must register for each day of riding on the prior day (no matter what you said on your entry.) Registration will be open at Lucha's trailer from 4 to 6pm.**

50's – The 50's will go out everyday at 6:00 AM, though this is subject to change at the discretion of management and the riders. We always try to have places on trail for crews to meet their riders. The locations for the Saco River crossing(s) are beautiful, sandy locations with great footing. The water is generally low, but if the water rises, we do have an alternate means of getting across.

LD – An endurance 25, starting at 6:30am is a limited distance endurance ride. There will be one hold, approximately half way. A separate pre ride briefing will be held for the LD. Please note that to accommodate trails and vets, the LD ride could either be a 25 or 30 mile event.

CREWS & TRAILS – Maps and directions will be provided for the riders and the pit crews. The trails consist of dirt roads, hiking trails, single and two track trails, pipelines, potato fields, some moderate hills, and a couple of miles of tar road or shoulder. Please note that we will try to have a farrier on call come to ride camp when necessary in the evening. Please inform management if you need a farrier.

AWARDS – The 50's and the 25's awards will be given each evening at 6:30pm. There will be awards for completion, top ten, and best condition. There will also be special awards for the Pioneer, Trifecta and any other categories we come up with.

RIDE MANAGER – Sue Niedoroda, 1720 Challenger Ave., Davenport, FL 33897. 207-632-9696 or sniedoroda@yahoo.com.

TRAILS - Tom Hutchinson, cell 207-381-0090.

SECRETARY - Lucha Malato, 19 Winchester Drive, Califon, NJ 07830. Cell 201-970-6888. Email: LuchaMalato@gmail.com.

THINGS TO DO – We have a full two pages of things to do while you are here. Contact Sue if you want to talk more about some of the following vacation type things: beautiful 10 minute to 10 hour hikes in the White Mountains, canoe/kayak 5 minutes away on the Saco, drive or Cog Railroad up Mt Washington (6,288 ft high) , see moose, outlet stores, Conway Scenic Railroad, tour the Maine coast, swim, and others.

**Pack in / Pack out --- Please bring your trash home and dispose of it there.
Thanks!!**

For safety and insurance purposes, helmets are required when mounted

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Rider Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ E mail: _____

AERC #: _____ ECTRA #: _____ NATRC: _____ OTHER: _____

AERC Wt. Div: FW LW MW HW JR Birthdate: _____

Emergency Contact (name & phone): _____

If Rider is a junior, under 16 years of age, Sponsor: _____

Expected Date/Time of Arrival: _____ Size of Rig: _____

I agree to allow my horses to be tested for drugs (initial): _____

Horse #1 Name: _____

AERC#: _____ ECTRA #: _____ Breed: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Horse Owner: _____

Horse Owner Signature: _____

Horse #2 Name: _____

AERC#: _____ ECTRA #: _____ Breed: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Horse Owner: _____

Horse Owner Signature: _____

Horse #3 Name: _____

AERC#: _____ ECTRA #: _____ Breed: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Horse Owner: _____

Horse Owner Signature: _____

I tentatively plan to ride the following horses the following days: (Please indicate horse number)

Tuesday: _____ **Wednesday:** _____ **Thursday:** _____ **Friday:** _____ **Saturday:** _____

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Rider Name (Please print): _____

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Day Pioneer/Trifecta (50 or 25) \$ 220	_____	_____	___ \$ 0 ___	___ \$ 0 ___	_____
50 Mile \$ 92	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
25/30 Mile \$ 92	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
JRs/YRs (50 or 25) \$ 45	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
RM's that reciprocate < 25% >	< _____	_____	_____	_____	_____ >
Daily AERC drug fee	___ 6 ___	___ 6 ___	___ 6 ___	___ 6 ___	___ 6 ___
Total	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<u>50/25 mile multi day deduct</u>	_____	< _____	_____	_____	_____ >
		<u>2nd Day <\$ 10></u>	<u>3rd Day <\$ 20></u>	<u>4th & 5th Days <\$ 30></u>	
Lobster Dinner Friday night	_____ @	\$ 20 each		_____	
AERC non member \$ 15/day	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Electric/Water Hookup (Fairground fee)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
		_____ days	X \$ 32 =	_____	
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TOTAL	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Make Checks Payable to:

Stall Fee \$25 in a separate check or cash _____

Pine Tree

Total Payment Due: _____

And send to:

Lucha Malato
19 Winchester Drive
Califon, NJ 07830
 201-970-6888

Amount this Payment: _____

Amount Due: _____

Please read this release carefully and sign at the bottom:

As a participant in this ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC, the other sanctioning organizations, and the ride management. I understand that 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 manmade hazards, which management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, eliminate, or control, that horses can be 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. I will hold the management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses blameless for any accidents, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride, and free from all liability for such injury or loss.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS LIABILITY RELEASE

Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian (for Junior Rider): _____

Horse Owner's Signature: _____

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How to get to Fryeburg, Maine

Fryeburg is on the New Hampshire border, just about opposite North Conway. From the south, from Rt 95, get on Rt 16 north in Portsmouth, New Hampshire for 1 ½ hours. When you get to Conway, get on Rt 302 south to Fryeburg. **From the west (Vermont)**, come down Rt 302 south, through North Conway and into Fryeburg. **From the east**, get on Rt 302 north from Portland, Maine for 1 ½ hours to Fryeburg.

In Fryeburg, get on Rt 5 north. The Fryeburg Fairgrounds will come up on your left in a mile. Go through the main gate straight and go down along the side of the racetrack to the barns at the far end on the right

SEE YOU IN AUGUST!!

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I'd like to think you read the entire entry form, but heck, I'm realistic, so here is the Refrigerator Posting Executive Summary:

- 1 Please sign up in advance. There is no late fee for this ride. We will keep only \$10 if you must withdraw from any event.
- 2 2019 ride managers (that reciprocate), Juniors, Young Riders, and multi day riders get great discounts.
- 3 You have the ability to ride the Pioneer or Trifecta Ride with the same horse, 50/55/50 or 25/25/25 on the three middle days, or you can do any of the 5 days of rides on any combination of horses.
4. Whatever you complete on the 3 day Pioneer or Trifecta Rides, you get credit for those days.
- 5 Pack In / Pack Out - Bring your trash home and dispose of it there, please. Thank you!
- 6 Please indicate if you want electricity and water for your trailer, at \$32 per night. This is a good excuse to hook up a solar panel for electricity.
- 7 All five days are in Fryeburg, Maine. **You can pen your horse out next to your trailer, or keep them in the stalls. STALLS MUST BE CLEANED BEFORE YOU LEAVE OR YOU WILL FORFEIT YOUR DEPOSIT.**
- 8 We will have on-trail crewing locations.
- 9 There are showers and flush toilets at the fairgrounds.
- 10 There are tons to do here in Western Maine for anyone; boat, hike, fish, shop, sight-see