

Dashing Through the Trails

@ Estrella Mountain Park

Saturday, December 14, 2019

AERC Sanctioned 35 & 50 mile rides, plus

10 mile Intro Ride

Limited to 100 rider/entries - no exception!



Rider Manager: Effe Conner text - 623-293-3914 or email - mlrarabians@yahoo.com

Assistant Ride Managers: Brittany Cartrette

ESTRELLA MOUNTAIN REGIONAL PARK: This 19,840 acres of desert and mountains became the first regional park in the Maricopa County Park System in 1954. Located near the meeting of the Gila and Agua Fria Rivers in the southwest Valley, the park includes a large wetland, or riparian, area. The majority of the park remains pristine desert, very similar in appearance to the landscape seen by the first settlers and explorers. The Sierra Estrella range, or Star Mountains, was once within the Mexican border, and remained so until the Gadsden Purchase in 1853. Today, many amenities are available to visitors, including the only grass picnic area (65-acres) in the Maricopa County Park System. This area has ramadas, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and playgrounds. There is also an 18-hole golf course that is open year around to the public.

The park's terrain is rugged/rocky desert and sandy washes. **Some sort of hoof protection is HIGHLY recommended!**

Entry: The ride is limited to 100 riders, no exceptions! Entries, signed release and payment are due by Friday, November 29, 2019. Please include a copy of your 2019 AERC card, or have it with you to get the \$15.00 non-AERC member fee waived. There will be a \$25.00 late fee for entries postmarked after Friday, November 29, 2019. We are offering a junior rider discount of half price. Ride entry fee includes hay and mash for horses at the out vet check, snacks for riders and Friday night dinner. Additional dinners can be purchased at \$12.00/meal.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations made prior to 5:00pm, Monday, December 9, 2019, will receive a full refund. Cancellations after 5:00pm, Monday, December 9, 2019, will be charged an administration fee of \$25.00. If your horse does not pass the pre-ride vet exam the day before the ride, as determined by the ride veterinarians, you will receive a full refund. A no-show/no-call, will not receive a refund. Once the applicant starts the ride, the entry fee is non-refundable. Ride Manager must be notified of cancellation before the start of the ride or no refund will be issued. Please allow 7-10 business days after the ride for a refund to be returned.

Trails: There is little elevation gain/loss as you make your way through this part of the Sonoran Desert on single track trails and sandy washes. These trails are hard packed and rocky in sections. On both the 25 & 50 mile distances, there is a 3 mile section of fairly deep sand with a gradual downhill. Please be prepared! Some type of hoof protection is HIGHLY recommended! There will be 1 vet check for both distances in the same area, and are out of base camp in the main park. Crews will have access, but we will need to keep the vehicles to a minimum, so carpool to this area if you can. In order to get into the main park without paying an addition fee, you must have your ticket from basecamp in your vehicle window. Horses will be using the same road as vehicles coming in and out of the vet check, so those of you choosing to drive, BE AWARE of horses on this road! Hay, horse mash and snacks will be provided at the vet check.

Location/Directions:

From the West: Take I-10 to Estrella Parkway (exit 126). Turn right (south) onto Estrella Parkway. Go 5 miles to W Vineyard. Take Vineyard PAST the main park entrance, around the outside of the park, to Indian Springs Road. Take Indian Springs Road for 3 miles East towards Phoenix International Raceway. There will be signs for the Competative Track parking. Follow these signs to basecamp. There will also be flagging along the side of the road to help direct you.

From the East: Take I-10 to Estrella Parkway (exit 126). Turn left (south) onto Estrella Parkway. Follow above directions.

From the North: I-17 to Loop 303 South. Take Exit 104A to merge onto I-10 East towards Phoenix. Take your first exit, Exit 126 (Estrella Parkway). Follow above directions.

The Park will have a booth set up to pay park entry fees. There is a \$7.00/day/vehicle fee or a \$15.00/vehicle overnight fee. This fee will also get you into the main park on ride day to get to the vet check. You must have

a paid slip in your front window! For those of you with a Maricopa County Park Pass, you do not need to pay a day fee, but if you are staying overnight, you will need to pay the \$15.00/vehicle overnight fee. **These fees go directly to the park and need to be paid by cash ONLY!** Also, the park gate is closed at 10:00 pm and will not be re-opened until 6:00 am the following morning.

Campsite/parking: base camp area is open and fairly flat. There will be a porta pottie on-site for those without LQ's. **ALL MANURE AND TRASH MUST BE PICKED UP! PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE AND TAKE CARE OF YOUR AREA BEFORE YOU LEAVE!!**

50 Mile Endurance Ride: Riders will have 12 hours to finish the course. This includes 1 vet check. No ties will be allowed, and **NO RACING TO THE FINISH!** The last mile of the course is along the paved road into base camp so it is **SUGGESTED** that you ride/walk your horse to the finish.

25 Mile Ride: Riders will have 6 hours to finish the course. This includes 1 vet check. Your placing is **NOT** when you cross the finish line, but when your horse's heart rate is at **60 BPM**.

10 Mile Intro Ride: Riders will have 4 hours to finish the course. You will vet in your horses either Friday between 2:00pm - 5:00pm, or Saturday morning at 8:00am. You will follow trail markings just like a regular endurance ride to learn about the sport. You will also vet your horse following completion of the course for learning purposes only. This is a technical intro ride, so please make sure your horse is conditioned for it! The course is rocky in sections, so some sort of hoof protection is **HIGHLY** recommended!

Junior Riders: All junior (16 & under) riders are required to wear a helmet at all times while mounted on an equine and ride with an adult sponsor. Those junior riders who qualify to ride without a sponsor must have the appropriate paperwork from AERC.

Junior riders will receive a half price entry fee (does not apply to intro ride).

Rules and Regulations: This ride will be conducted in accordance with AERC: www.aerc.org.

Ride Photographer: Susan and John Kordish

We are very fortunate to have local Equine Photographer's Susan and John Kordish to photograph our ride again this year. Their ride photos can be viewed and purchased at ww.azcowgirlphotography.com. Susan's email is azcowgirlphotographyllc@gmail.com. Mailing address is Susan Kordish PO Box 204 Skull Valley, AZ 86338.

Meals: We will have dinner on Friday night. Dinner for riders is included in your entry fee. Additional dinners can be purchased at \$12.00 each and must be purchased in advance.

Awards: We will hand out awards after the last rider comes in on Saturday afternoon in each division. Please be patient as we get all paperwork sorted out so we make sure to get everyone their award. A completion award will be given to each participant who completes the ride, including the intro ride. We will award First Place, Top 10, Junior and Turtle for the 25 & 50 mile distances. Some specialty awards are being sponsored, so please plan to stay for those!

Dogs: I know endurance people like to have their canine companions with them. It is the park policy that they be on a leash **AT ALL TIMES! NO dogs are allowed on the trails during competition.** Please be courteous and pick up after your dog.

Weather: Arizona can get quite chilly this time of the year. Average temperatures are:

High 67 Low 45

Since we will be slightly higher in elevation, these temps are liable to be 5-10 degrees cooler and it is not uncommon for there to be a slight breezy during your ride. For the comfort of your horse, plan on sending a fleece cooler or light blanket to the vet check.

TENTATIVE RIDE SCHEDULE

Friday, December 13, 2019

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Registration/rider packet pick up

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Vet check-in.

There is no vet check in on Saturday morning. NO EXCEPTIONS!

6:00 pm: Dinner

7:00ish pm: Ride meeting followed by New Rider briefing

New Rider Briefing:

There will be an experienced, local endurance rider to provide information and be available for questions immediately following the ride meeting Friday evening. If you are new to the sport, please plan to attend this meeting. It is designed for riders new to the sport of Endurance riding. Questions are highly recommended.

There will be important information for riders to know prior to the ride on Saturday. If you can't make the ride meeting, please contact the Ride Manager so you don't miss out.

TENTATIVE RIDE TIMES

Please check the AERC website for schedule changes and updates

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7:00 am: 50 mile start

7:30 am: 25 mile start

9:00 am: Intro ride start

Awards given after last rider in each distance finishes

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Rider Information:

Rider AERC #: _____

Is this your first competitive ride? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

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Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Sponsor: _____

Weight Division: (circle one)

Junior (16 & under)

Featherweight (up to 160 lbs)

Lightweight (161-185 lbs)

Middleweight (186-210 lbs)

Heavyweight (211+ lbs)

Ride Distance: (circle one) 10 mile intro ride 25 mile ride 50 mile ride

Horse Information:

Horse Name: _____

Horse AERC #: _____

Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Horse Owners Name: _____

Owners AERC #: _____

Payment Information:

Entry Fee: (circle one) 10 mile intro - \$60.00 25 mile - \$110.00 50 mile - \$110.00

- Non AERC members must add \$15.00 to each distance for single event ride
- **Additional fee does NOT apply to intro ride**
- Junior riders are half price (**does not apply to intro ride**)
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Entries post marked/received after Friday, November 29, 2019 (+\$25.00) \$ _____

AERC Non-member Fee (+15.00) (**does not apply to intro ride**) \$ _____

Junior Riders - half price (\$55.00) \$ _____

Extra Dinner Tickets _____ @ \$12.00 each \$ _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Payment: (circle one) Cash Check Square Venmo

Mail entry form, signed release and payment to:

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"Please help ride management and pre-register"

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Participant Release Form

I wish to enter and participate in the Dashing Through the Trails endurance ride to be held on Saturday, December 14, 2019. I have read and understand the rules, conditions and regulation of this event and I hereby promise to comply with them.

In consideration of acceptance of my entry in this endurance ride, I acknowledge that I assume full responsibility for my own safety. I hereby, for myself, my heirs and my personal representatives, release any persons and Estrella Mountain Park from all liability for personal injury or property damage arising from any cause whatsoever, including the negligence of the person released and I hereby waive any right I may have now or in the future, to assert claims for personal injury or property damage against any of the persons or corporations, heirs and assigns from liability for personal injury and property damage and I waive my rights for claims for personal injury or damages against these persons or corporations including: Estrella Mountain Park, AERC and all ride staff, including, but not limited to Ride Manager, Ride Veterinarians and Ride Volunteers. I HEREBY certify that I fully understand that there are substantial risks associated with activities involving horses and endurance riding and hereby freely assume the risk and costs that I or my assistants my suffer from personal injury or property damage, including damage or injury to my horse, myself or themselves by my participation in the event or events named above.

Date: _____

Participant Name: _____

Signature: _____

Emergency Contact

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Minor Release:

MINORS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING SECTION SIGNED BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

We, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____ for and in consideration of our child's participation in the above referenced ride, do hereby release the following persons, corporations, heirs and assigns from liability for personal injury and property damage and I waive my rights for claims for personal injury or damage against these persons or corporations including: Estrella Mountain Park, AERC, and all persons under such child's direction and control. We do further authorize any officer, manager, supervisor or emergency personnel affiliated with the above referenced ride to consent in our behalf to any emergency medical treatment by a properly licensed person that may be required for our child and do agree to be responsible for any medical costs that may be incurred for the treatment of my child or their horse.

Name of Junior Rider: _____

Age: _____ **Birthdate:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____