

# Northeast Challenge

## 30/50 Endurance Ride

### August 29, 2020

#### PLEASE READ THIS YEAR'S REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY!

With Covid-19 changing everything, we had to adapt for our ride. The increase in ride fees reflects this and there will be a limit on riders. We can only allow 40 riders to attend.

#### PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANYONE BUT YOURSELF.

We are only allowed 50 people, which means 40 riders and 10 vets/volunteers. This means crews will not be allowed.

We can only accept riders from the following states: ME, NY, NH, VT, CT, NJ. If you do not live in one of these states, unfortunately we cannot accept your entry.

Entries will be accepted STARTING July 27 and will be accepted by postmark date. Only entries sent by US postal mail will be accepted; NO e-mail entries. Please do not send your entries before this date; they will not be accepted. After 40 riders, we will start a waiting list.

**Location:** 251 Brock School Rd, Buckfield, ME, 04220. Do not follow GPS directions. We will attach directions to the ride.

**Schedule:** Ride camp opens Friday, August 28 and riders will start vetting at 1 pm. Riders will be given a vet time as they register. On Saturday, the 50-mile riders will start at 6 am and 30 mile riders will start at 7 am.

**Facilities:** This is completely bare bones. There is no electrical hook up. We will have port-a-johns. There will be plenty of water available for the horses.

**Meals:** WE WILL NOT BE PROVIDING MEALS. You will have to bring food for yourselves.

**Entries:** PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Crew or extra people will not be allowed. Only riders and their horses will be allowed at camp. Entry for all riders requires \$25

deposit as a separate check. Entries postmarked after August 17, must be accompanied with a \$50 late fee.

**Important:** As we can only allow 40 riders, entries will be accepted by their postmark date. The first date we will accept postmarks is July 27. After 40 riders, we will start a waiting list.

**Awards:** Completion awards will be given at registration. First-to-finish, Best Condition and Top Ten will be handled separately after the ride.

**Ride Manager:** Sarah Jack; [sarahjack15@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjack15@gmail.com); 207-899-7024

### **DIRECTIONS TO THE RIDE:**

FROM MAINE TURNPIKE EXIT OF GRAY, MAINE (EXIT 63)

1. Get off Gray Maine exit and turn left at light
2. Go 1/8 mile to light and take right onto rt 26 A North
3. Continue approx. 1 mile to slight left onto Rt 26 N
4. Turn slight right onto Shaker Rd/ME-26. Continue to follow ME-26. ME-26 is 0.2 miles past Wild Acres 25.2 mi
5. Turn right onto Paris St/ME-26/ME-117. Continue to follow ME-26/ME-117. ME-26 is just past Horne St. Bessey Collision Center is on the corner. If you reach Marston St you've gone about 0.1 miles too far 1.5 mi
6. Turn slight right onto Market Sq/ME-117. Continue to follow ME-117 to Buckfield. Smilin' Moose is on the right 0.4
7. Turn left onto Hill St/ME-117 to ward Buckfield and stay on Rt 117. Continue to follow ME-117. 5.6 mi
8. Turn left onto N Whitman School Rd. N Whitman School Rd is 0.8 miles past Corbett Rd. Once you pass Corbett go slow as the left onto Whitman is in the middle of the hill only ½ mile ahead. 1.0 mi
9. Turn right onto Paris Hill Rd. 0.1 mi If you arrive in the daylight and the visual is clear, look straight ahead and to the right to about "2 o'clock" and you will see the hill range the trails wind through. The trail goes right by the large white farm you can see out in the distance at a 2:00 direction as well as the one you can see straight ahead.
10. Take the 1st left onto Allen School Rd. which is at the foot of the hill 100 yards ahead so go slow 1.4 mi
11. Allen School Rd becomes Brock School Rd. for no apparent reason and you will never know it...just look for ride camp signs 0.5 mi
12. 251 BROCK SCHOOL RD is on the left. WELCOME TO RIDE CAMP!

IF COMING FROM THE NORTH, TAKE RT 26 INTO SOUTH PARIS AND DO NOT FOLLOW GPS DIRECTIONS.

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## GENERAL COVID GUIDELINES

**IF YOU RESIDE OUTSIDE OF: NY, NJ, CT, NH, VT, ME, PLEASE DO NOT APPLY. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT YOUR APPLICATION.**

**PARTICIPANT NUMBERS:** Maine allows us 50 total people. I have 10 absolutely necessary volunteers/veterinarians and plan on 40 riders. Please do not bring anyone with you unless they are registered to ride or are one of my volunteers. Unfortunately we will have to ask them to leave.

**NO RIDE BRIEFING:** Instead, you will receive a rider packet at registration: hard copy of the ride briefing notes; each distance's start time, mileage, order and color of loops, heart rate criteria, and hold times. (I will have a Q&A in the field outside after all vet checks are completed, likely around 7PM. Social distancing and face masks will be required throughout camp)

**REGISTRATION:** Please mail in your entry and two checks. It should include: completed entry form, signed COVID agreement, signed release form, copy of Coggins, a non refundable check for \$25, and the balance check that is refundable if you cancel. The secretary will have a packet ready for you and everyone will be wearing a mask. REMEMBER to stay 6 ft apart. MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED.

**MEALS:** There will be no meals offered so please bring your own.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Will receive prepackaged lunch and drinks at the holds.

**NO AWARDS CEREMONY/MEETING:** Instead, completion prizes will be given at registration and Top Ten and BC will be at Ride Managers trailer to be picked up by riders after completion of ride.

**SOCIAL DISTANCING:** Please be considerate of other campsites and adhere to social distancing standards of AT LEAST 6 feet APART at all times. When visiting other campsites PLEASE wear face covering. And ask them to wear theirs. Camp sites will be marked accordingly to allow social distancing.

**FACE COVERING or MASKS:** Face covering and/or masks **will be required:** At vet in, at in and out timers, at pulse timer, at ALL vet checks, and EVERYWHERE, except your own trailer. **Carry masks on trail so you have it when you reach the in timer.**

**VETTING IN:** You will be given a vet in time when you arrive in camp. Please adhere to that time to limit the number of people up at the vet-in area. **ONE HORSE ONE HANDLER!**

**VET CARDS:** Riders will not carry their vet cards. Scribes will be holding onto the ride cards.

**START LINE:** In order to observe Social Distancing Riders **must stay at least 6 feet away from other horses when warming up unless riders traveled to ride together.**

**WATER STOPS/TANKS/GATES:** Please stay 6 feet apart unless you are with a person you travelled to ride with.

**HOLD AND VET CHECK PROCEDURES:**

1. As you come off trail: **PUT ON MASK FIRST.** Stop at in-timer tent and stay 6 feet away from other horses. You will all get the same time. The timer will hand you a slip of paper with the time on it. BE PATIENT PLEASE. The hold time will be one hour, so you will have plenty of time.

2. Proceed to your crew area and drop tack. NO TACK on horses during pulse or vetting. MAKE SURE YOUR PULSE IS DOWN BEFORE COMING IN to the pulse timer.

3. As you approach the pulse timer (ONE HANDLER PLEASE), call out your rider number, and listen for it to be called back. You will be given a time slip with the pulse time AND out time on it. BE PATIENT. Everyone calling pulse at the same time will get the same time, but you must be 6 feet apart and have on masks. SAVE YOUR TIME-OUT SLIP because you will need to hand it to the timer on the way back out on trail.

4. **Pulse will be taken by the vet.** Hand both time slips (in time and pulse time) to scribe and they will write on your card. IF YOU DO NOT PASS PULSE, START ALL OVER AGAIN WHILE RESPECTING SOCIAL DISTANCING.

5. PLEASE observe social distancing while in the vet area. Stand on the OPPOSITE side of your horse from the vet.

**FINISH LINE:** As you approach...STOP..PUT ON MASK. The timer will record your finish time on their sheet and give you a slip just like the holds. Follow the same procedure as the holds regarding pulse time and veterinary exam. REMEMBER: your pulse time is your finish time if you are a 30 miler. Finish time for 50 mile riders is when you cross the finish line.

## NORTHEAST CHALLENGE 2020 COVID-19 GUIDELINE AGREEMENT

Please read carefully, initial each bullet point, and sign below. This form needs to be mailed with your entry form, along with a copy of current Coggins, certificate of rabies vaccination, and release form.

\_\_\_\_ We are limiting our gathering to 50. This means **a limit of 40 riders and 10 volunteers**. ONLY PEOPLE **registered for the ride and ON THE RIDE MANAGER'S volunteer list will be allowed in base camp**. PLEASE DO NOT bring friends or family or crew, we will unfortunately have to ask them to leave.

**ARRIVAL:** Upon arrival, people will remain in their vehicles until these steps occur:

\_\_\_\_ Each person in the vehicle must confirm they have not had a positive COVID-19 test **or been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the last 14 days**.

\_\_\_\_ It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure that they are healthy before attending. **Please do not attend the ride if you are showing signs** of illness to include, but not limited to: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or loss of sense of smell or taste.

\_\_\_\_ **\*\*\*FACE COVERING or MASKS:** Face covering and/or masks will be required at ALL times except in your own camp. Six feet social distance will also be required.

\_\_\_\_ If you are NOT WILLING to follow any one or more of these guidelines, please do not attend the ride, and allow another rider the chance to compete. These guidelines are for the safety of others and you.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to these COVID-19 guidelines for the NORTHEAST CHALLENGE Ride that I am attending on August 28-30.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**This page MUST be returned with entry form or you are not entered in the ride!**

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Rider's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_  
AERC # \_\_\_\_\_ ECTRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Weight Division \_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact (name & number)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Junior's DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Junior's Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner \_\_\_\_\_ AERC # \_\_\_\_\_  
ECTRA \_\_\_\_\_  
Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_  
Please attach copy of up to date coggins

### Entry Fees:

Entries are due by August 17 , 2017. There will be a \$50 late fee.

Circle one:

Rider Fees	JR: -\$50 from total	Total due
50 Mile	\$140	
30 Mile	\$140	
Late Fee (entry postmarked after 8/17)	\$50	
Non-AERC member	\$15	
Deposit(\$25 non-refundable)	-	

Send entries to : Sarah Jack 75 Priest Rd, Nottingham, NH 03290

Mail your entry form, signed release form, signed COVID-19 agreement, one check for non refundable \$25 deposit, one check for the remaining balance due, negative coggins.

Make checks out to: Northeast Challenge



## RELEASE FORM

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

In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the NORTHEAST CHALLENGE 50-mile endurance ride, 30-mile limited distance ride, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride volunteers, AERC, ECTRA, and their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride arising from negligence or any other fault. "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 I am riding or have entered.

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 not close to communications, transportation, medical and veterinary assistance; (2) That these areas have natural and man-made hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, modify, or eliminate; (3) That both my own horse and those of other participants 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 or die or my property may be damaged.

In the UNLIKELY event that my horse is seriously ill or injured AND I (RIDER/OWNER) AM NOT AVAILABLE, I authorize ride management, acting on the permission of: (name) \_\_\_\_\_ (or Sarah Jack 207-899-7024) if this person is not available), to authorize treatment (including referral), and if necessary transport the horse for that treatment. I assume responsibility for any resulting expenses.

In the event that the Rider/participant initiates a lawsuit against ride management, ride volunteers, AERC, ECTRA, and their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials as a result of his/her participation in the ride, and said Rider/participant fails to establish liability or fault of the above named entities, the undersigned agrees to pay all litigation costs and legal expenses incurred by the above named entities in defending said lawsuit. It is further agreed that the above named entities may assign their right to recover legal fees and expenses to their insurance carrier.

I agree to take full responsibility for my horse and myself. I recognize that the ride is a strenuous activity, and I represent that my horse and I are in adequate physical and mental condition to participate. I recognize that my participation in the ride is voluntary. I agree to wear certified (ASTM F1 163/SEI) protective headgear at all times when mounted throughout the ride. In addition my participating equine will have a negative Coggins test and a proof of rabies vaccination, both dated within 1 calendar year from August 28, 2020. I also consent to a drug test upon my horse if requested.

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

Rider's name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Rider/junior rider' signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

Junior rider age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Junior's sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian name, if Junior (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Horse name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_