


Tonto Twist 50



Go the Distance - Make a Difference

*3rd Annual Tonto Twist 50
Saturday, January 18, 2020
AERC Sanctioned 50 Mile Ride
(Limited to 55 Riders)*

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Control Judges: Peggy Brosnahan DVM & Debra Freiberg DVM

Thank you for your interest in joining us for the 3rd annual Tonto Twist 50. We look forward to seeing you! Once again, 100% of the ride proceeds will be donated to the AJ Mounted Rangers, a Non-Profit Organization dedicated to helping the children of Apache Junction. If you are interested in sponsoring an award please contact Lancette as soon as possible. Available award sponsorships: 1st place, Best Condition, Top 10, Juniors, Middle of the pack, Turtle & Lucky 13.

The Tonto Twist Endurance ride will take you through the Tonto National Forest, Utery Park and the Goldfield Mountains in Mesa & Apache Junction. We are blessed to have this beautiful area to ride and we are excited to share it with you.

Base Camp Location: The Rodeo Park Event Center @ 1590 E Lost Dutchman Blvd Apache Junction, AZ 85119

The rodeo park is large and easily accessible. The entrance gate will be marked with ribbons and a sign. We are permitted to camp on the east side of the grounds. There is lots of room but please park wisely so rigs are able to maneuver around easily. Horse water is available in camp but it may be more convenient for you to bring your own. There are flush toilets on site but no showers or RV hook-ups. To ensure future use of this site it is imperative that the rodeo ground rules are followed. Glass bottles are prohibited. Dogs must be on leash or contained at all times. All manure, hay, shavings and trash must be deposited at the designated locations. Our super duper pooper scooper, Ayden Hickey will be onsite if you would like help over the weekend please text him @ 480-707-7031. Base Camp will open at 8am Friday January 17th, 2020. However, if long distance travel requires a Thursday arrival please contact Lancette to make special arrangements.

Ride Entry: The ride is **limited to 55 riders**. Entries **received** on or before Monday January 6th is \$115.00. Entries **received** after January 6th is \$140.00. We **can not accept on site entries**. Therefore, if your entry and payment is not **received** by **Wednesday January 15th** we **will not** be able to enter you into the ride.

Refund/Cancellation Policy: Ride entry cancellations received **on or before January 11th, 2020** and horses pulled at check-in will receive a refund less a \$25 administration fee. No refunds for ride entry cancellations **after January 11th, 2020**.

Check-in: Rider check-in is from 12:30 to 4:45. Horse vet-in will be from 1:00 to 5:00. There will be no vet checks during dinner, the ride meeting or Saturday morning.

Ride Packet: Once your entry has been processed your ride packet will be sent to you via email. The ride packet will include PDF maps and cue sheets for each of the 3 loops. It will also include information about using the Ride With GPS app to navigate the course. If you are unable to receive email or print your ride maps, please contact Lancette prior to the ride and she will print the maps for you. You will receive your vet card at check in.

Friday Dinner: We will have a potluck dinner at 5:15 pm. Ride management will provide dessert, paper goods, utensils, water & soda. You may sign up to contribute to the meal at [Sign Up Genius](#) or just contact Ellen Hickey at 602-684-0750. Traditionally the potluck has been stellar, with a wide variety of delicious dishes and plenty of food for all. Let's do it again!

Ride & Safety Meeting: 6pm Friday January 17th, 2020. **Important information will be given. All riders are expected to attend.**

Trail Navigation:

Conventional: The trail will be marked with ribbon tied to clothes pins (a different color for each of the 3 loops) some signs and field chalk. If you would like printed maps of each loop please print at home from the PDF file sent in your electronic ride packet.

GPS: Once again we will be offering [Ride With GPS](#) to navigate the course. Ride With GPS can provide navigational confidence for a more enjoyable ride. We encourage you to use this amazing tool. Many riders are familiar with the app as this is our 3rd year to offer it. For those who are new to the App, it is very user friendly. We are happy to help you get set up for the ride. Please contact Lancette, well before ride weekend. Friday at basecamp tends to be very busy. I assure you, it will be time well spent. Using Ride With GPS will allow you to navigate the 3 loops of the ride via your smartphone. You will see the route on your smartphone and receive voice navigation. Once your registration is processed, we will send your ride packet electronically. The packet will include a link to join the Tonto Twist 50 Event. Click on the link and you will be asked to **sign in** (if you already have a Ride with GPS account) or **sign up** (if you do not). This is a **very**

easy process and will take only a few minutes. Once complete you will have access to the 3 ride routes (loops) and all the premium features of the Ride With GPS program at **no cost** to you. Premium features include **voice navigation and offline map storage** which allows you to use the maps on your smartphone without needing cell phone service or internet. You will need to **Download Maps for Offline Use** while you have internet service, so it may be best to do this at home. The Ride with GPS help menu is the best I have seen and the program is very intuitive. I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible and start recording your training rides at home so that you are familiar with the program before the ride. Additionally, you may export the ride routes to many different types of GPS units. Go to [Ride With GPS](#) for instructions and a list of supported units.

About the Trails: The trails are multi-use trails. You may encounter hikers, bikers, off road vehicles, other equestrians, wildlife etc. You will travel on AJ City Equestrian park trails, Tonto National Forest trails, roads and Usery Mountain Park trails. You will travel on a variety of footing, some rocky stretches, some hard packed forest roads & stretches of deep sand. The majority of the trail is nice footing. The course is moderate to difficult; please bring a **fit** horse. Some sort of hoof protection is needed. There are several horse step overs and 4 paved road crossings. The A.J. Mounted Rangers will be at the road crossings to assist you. There will be 3 loops. The **Bulldog loop (1)** has about 2400 feet of elevation gain and is approximately 30 miles long with a gate into a 1 hour hold at basecamp. We will provide some hay and horse water at strategic spots along the trail but please be prepared to manage your horse and yourself for a long 1st loop. The **Goldfield loop (2)** is approximately 14 miles with a pulse down and trot by at basecamp. Once cleared, you will go on to the **Prospector Park loop (3)** which is approximately 6 miles of mostly flat trail with mostly nice footing.

Saturday Lunch: Ride management will provide sandwiches, chips, a sweet and a drink to all riders and their crew member on ride day. To ensure we have enough food for all, please indicate on the entry form if you have a crew member who would like lunch. Lunches will be available for pick up at the exit to the vetting area.

Saturday Dinner: We will have an **awards** and **volunteer appreciation** dinner at basecamp. The event will start at 6:30pm. We encourage you to attend to help celebrate a great day on the trail with amazing horses, good friends and to show your appreciation to our dedicated volunteers. We will be serving Wendy & Kevin's famous indian fry bread tacos. A meal that can be enjoyed by meat lovers as well as vegetarians. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

Completion Award: If you would like to receive a **personalized mahogany horse name plaque** (made by my husband) or a **ride shirt** (See page 5) as your completion award we must have your entry form and payment by **Thursday January 2nd, 2020**. This is the amount of time required to receive shirts of proper size and color. We know many of you love your ride shirts and this is the only way we can afford to offer them. If

you are unable to get your entry to us by January 2nd you will receive a TBD completion award. Be sure to pick up your award before you leave.

Rules and Regulations: The ride will be conducted in accordance with AERC rules go to www.aerc.org for the details. It is your responsibility to know the rules of the sport. The Apache Junction Rodeo ground rules and ride management require **Dogs to be on a leash and under control at all times.** Thank you for abiding by this rule.

Ride Photographers: Susan and John Kordish from Skull Valley will once again be dedicating their weekend to photograph the ride. Since 2011, Susan and John have shot many of our local rides and have had many Endurance News covers. Susan has been a photographer for over 20 years. She can be reached by Email at azcowgirlphotographyllc@gmail.com or Susan Kordish PO Box 204 Skull Valley, AZ 86338. Phone # 928-925-2498. Your ride photos will be available for viewing and purchase at www.azcowgirlphotography.com. Susan and John are part of our endurance community and work very hard to capture these special events. They are grateful for rider support which allow them to continue to be out on the trail photographing rides.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday January 17th, 2020

8:00 am Base Camp Opens
12:30 to 4:45 Rider Check In
1:00 to 5:00 Horse Vet In (Sorry No Vetting Saturday morning)
5:15pm Potluck Dinner,
6:00pm Ride/Safety Meeting (**All riders are expected to attend**)

Saturday January 18th, 2020

7:00am 50 Mile Ride Start
6:30pm Awards/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Sunday January 19th, 2020

Clean up and vacate Rodeo grounds by 12 Noon.

Like our page and follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tontotwist50>

Tonto Twist 50 Ride Shirt Description

The shirt is available in mens or ladies. The body of the shirt is grey with a color block **(12 to choose from)** on the sides and shoulders. A slightly modified Tonto Twist 50 ride logo will be printed on the left chest. Go to the Tonto Twist 50 Facebook page to see a photo of Ellen in the ladies size small (without logo) the mens shirt is not contoured and is not a V-neck otherwise the same. They seem to run true to size.

Heather Challenger Colorblock Tee - Ladies

- The breathable 3.8-oz 100% polyester jersey heathered material is met with 100% polyester interlock panels to create an eye-catching color-blocked look.
- Raglan, open-hem sleeves add to the crisp, sporty look of this athletic Sport-Tek® tee.
- The gently contoured silhouette follows the curves of the body.
- For all-over comfort during your tough workouts, flatlock stitching eliminates internal seams to avoid uncomfortable rubbing.
- Able to withstand your toughest workout, double-needle stitching in the sleeves and hem assure that this shirt will retain durability.
- Color block choices are: **White, Black, Red, Gold, Purple, Forest Green, Maroon, True Navy, Carolina Blue, True Royal, Deep Orange, Lime Shock.**
- Sizes: XS-4XL.

Heather Challenger Colorblock Tee - Men's

- The breathable 3.8-oz 100% polyester jersey heathered material is met with 100% polyester interlock panels to create an eye-catching color-blocked look.
- Contendor tees feature raglan, open-hem sleeves add to the crisp, sporty look of this athletic Sport-Tek® tee.
- For all-over comfort during your tough workouts, flatlock stitching eliminates internal seams to avoid uncomfortable rubbing.
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Rider Information:

(You may open in Adobe Acrobat click Fill & Sign to complete form on your computer before printing, or hand write legibly please)

Rider AERC No: _____ Is this **your** first 50 mile ride? _____

Will you have a crew member that would like lunch on Saturday? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Junior Riders: (A Junior is a rider who is under the age of 16 as of 12/1/19)

All junior riders must wear approved safety helmets and be accompanied by a competent entered adult (21 or older) sponsor throughout the competition. Parent or guardian must sign below.

Age (as of 12/1/19) _____ Birth-date: _____ Sponsor: _____

Weight Division: (Check One)

____ Junior (Under 16 as of 12/1/19)
____ Featherweight (Rider w/tack 160 lbs or less) ____ Lightweight (Rider w/tack 161 to 185 lbs)
____ Middleweight (Rider w/tack 186 to 210 lbs) ____ Heavyweight (Rider w/tack 211 lbs or more)

Horse Information:

Horse Name: _____ Horse AERC No: _____

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

Horse Owner's Name: _____ AERC No: _____

Completion Award: Horse Name Plaque, Ride Shirt or Other TBD:

If your entry and payment are received by **January 2nd, 2020** you may choose either a personalized mahogany horse name plaque or a Tonto Twist 50 ride shirt. Please indicate your choice below. If your entry is received **after January 2nd** you will receive the **other TBD** award.

Please indicate your choice below:

Personalized Mahogany Horse Name Plaque:

_____ I would like to receive a personalized mahogany horse name plaque. The name I would like engraved on the plaque is written **legibly** below. (Short barn names are recommended) (Does not need to be the name of the horse you are riding).

Horse name

Tonto Twist 50 Ride Shirt:

_____ I would like to receive a Tonto Twist 50 ride shirt. Please indicate choice below.

_____ Ladies (Circle size) XS, S, M, L, XL, 1XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
(Circle Color Block) White, Black, Red, Gold, Purple, Forest Green, Maroon,
True Navy, Carolina Blue, True Royal, Deep Orange, Lime Shock

_____ Mens (Circle size) XS, S, M, L, XL, 1XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL
(Circle Color Block) White, Black, Red, Gold, Purple, Forest Green, Maroon,
True Navy, Carolina Blue, True Royal, Deep Orange, Lime Shock

Other TBD Award:

_____ I was unable to get my entry in by January 2nd so I will receive the other TBD award.

Ride Fees:

Entry Fee: \$115.00 (Rec'd on or before January 6th, 2020)	\$ _____
Entry Fee: \$140.00 (Rec'd after January 6th, 2020)	\$ _____
Camping Fee: \$15.00 (includes both Friday & Saturday night)	\$ _____
AERC Non-member fee: \$15.00	\$ _____
Saturday Night Awards/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: \$8.00 per person	\$ _____
Total Due	\$ _____

Please make your check payable to **Lancette Koerner**, mail with your **completed entry form and signed Participation Agreement** to 2313 N Sinagua Cir Mesa AZ 85203. We do not accept electronic entries or payments. Get your entry in early so you can receive the completion award of your choice.

Refund/Cancellation Policy: Ride entry cancellation received **on or before January 11th, 2020** and horses pulled at check-in will receive a refund less a \$25 administration fee. No refunds for ride entry cancellations **after January 11th, 2020**.

Do you intend to use **Ride With GPS** to navigate the ride **Yes** _____ or **No**_____

Thank you for your entry to the Tonto Twist 50! If you have any questions or concerns please contact Lancette @ 480-650-3124 or Tontotwist50@gmail.com . See you soon!

Participation Agreement

As I participate in the **Tonto Twist 50 Endurance Ride**, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and the aforementioned ride. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which ride 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 anytime. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I will hold AERC, ride management, all ride personnel and all property owners over whose land the ride passes blameless for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in this ride and free from all liability for such injury or loss.

Junior riders (under 16 as of the first day of the current ride season) entered in the ride will be accepted and allowed to ride only if accompanied by an entered competent adult (21 or over). Juniors will not be allowed to start or continue on from any point without an adult sponsor. Junior riders must wear approved protective helmets.

I have read the rules, conditions and regulations of this ride and will abide by them.
Parent/Guardian signature gives permission for emergency medical treatment for junior.

Rider's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____