

**AERC La Grange Ditch 50 & Weaver Basin Express 25**  
**Weaverville Ca July 1st 2023**  
**35 Rider Limit.**

Entry Fee includes your Camping, AERC Fee, EMMP Fee, Completion Award Drawing (must meet all completion criteria). Awards available in both distances for 1st, BC, and Turtle awards for slowest time with special awards for all riders 17 and under (that meet completion criteria.)



There will be no ride meeting. This flier and the emails you receive before ride day ARE the ride meeting.

All AERC rides can be different from each other in many ways. So even if you have tons of rides under your belt please be sure to read ALL the ride info here in this flier and

read all emails from ride management. We are getting to be a well established ride so most of you have been there and done that at our rides, but things change year to year. We always strive to make things better.



Head Control Judge and Treatment, DVM Dan Chapman.

Second Control Judge, DVM Ashley Sansom

**Ride start time for 25 and 50 5:30 AM** (beat the heat) Vet checks are all in Ride Camp. Pulse criteria at Vet Checks and Finish is 60 within half hour. 1 half hour hold for 25. 1 hour hold at 25 miles and 1/2 hour hold at 40 miles for 50. More detailed information below.

**CHECKING IN Starts at 1PM** Check in area will be mid camp, look for the 4th of July easy up.

You must check in prior to vetting in to get your wristband with your rider number and your vet card. You also will sign your Release of Liability at this time. I will be back to checking you all in myself this year, and being there for you to ask any questions. Please no horses in check in area.

**VETTING IN:** Will begin between 3 and 4pm Friday July 1st. Vet check area will be at back of ride camp again. There will be signs to guide you to the line for the vets. Riders need to form single file line. It will be expected that you keep your equine calmly standing near you as you que in line. All vetting will take place in vetting area for safety and liability reasons. Sometimes things come up to cause late arrivals. If vet is no longer in Vetting area please come ask me ( or call or text 530-739-3467) to get one of them for you.



## **Rider Instructions for 25 and 50 milers for Vet Checks, Pulsing, IN and Out, Start and Finish.**

### **50 & 25 MILE START 5:30 AM**

50 mile Riders head to front of camp by main road. You will be heading out on the Red loop. Call out rider number to out timer. Proceed down trail when timer calls the trail is open.

25 mile Rider head to also to front of camp but head out on White loop first. Call out rider number to out timer. Proceed down trail when timer calls the trail is open.

### **VET CHECKS & HOLDS**

Saddles off for all vet checks. Pulse Criteria 60 bpm all day. Vet check is all the way in back of camp so everyone will be passing by their camp to get there.

Volunteers will be in yellow mesh vests so riders can identify them as a Volunteers.

There is a trough and cooling water bucket with sponges several hundred feet up the road before you reach the In-Timer. It would be best to utilize this cooling station to be sure your equine's pulse is down before you are on the clock. There will be another cooling station just past the In-Timer on the left.

### **IN-TIMER**

In-Timer will ask you for your rider number.

They will write down your rider number and In Time (based on the official ride clock) on the in time sheet.

They will also write down your rider number and In Time on a Post-it note and hand it to you. Keep it safe, you will be handing it to a Pulse Volunteer next.


The in timer will then point you toward the P&R (where your official hold time will begin when your equine meets the pulse 60 bpm criteria).

### **PULSE STATION**

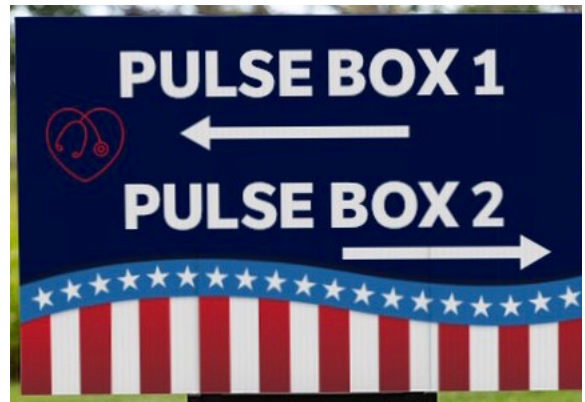
Riders need to form single file line. You will be expected to keep your equine calmly standing near you as you que in line. You MUST enter the Pulse Station from the roped off area that forms the line. Volunteers will enforce this for safety. No argument, please! We are forthcoming with what is expected on ride day, so please abide by our system and rules without being unkind to our Volunteers. It has to be said because bad behavior has happened.

There will be 2 pulse boxes. Just one equine at a time in each pulse box.

Pulse person will approach left side of equine and reach for the area in front of girth to take pulse. Please stand out of their way, keep horse still. If your equine meets the pulse criteria, you will be asked for your sticky note.

Volunteer will write down the pulse time on the sticky note and CIRCLE  it. Please be patient as they write your rider number and in time from sticky note and pulse time on timing sheet. You will be handed back the sticky note, hang onto it. You will give it to Vet Scribe next.

If your equine does not meet pulse criteria, no second check, you will be sent to back of line...unless there isn't one... then you get a recheck 😊



### **VET CHECK**

Give Post-it note to Vet Scribe.

They will calculate your Out Time (Pulse Time + hold time). They will write it on the sticky note and underline      it. If two horses present at the same time and meet criteria and are obviously riding together, the scribes are instructed to give you the same out time.

If your equine passes the vet check, you will be handed back the sticky note, again hang onto it, you will need it for the OUT-TIMER.

As the vet checks your equine, the scribe will write down the grades on your vet card.

### **OUT TIMER**

Give Post-it note to Out-Timer.

They will place the Post-it into the "out box."

They will call out the rider number when you are free to go.

They will not let anyone leave early.

Time is by the official clock on Timer's table

### **FINISH**

Riders may race to cross the finish line, but remember your pulse down time is your finish time if you are in the 25.

The IN-TIMER will record your in-time (finish time for 50 mile riders), and provide a "Post-it" that contains your rider number and in-time.


All riders have 30 minutes after crossing the finish line for their equine to reach pulse criterion (60 bpm).

50 mile Riders DO NOT GO TO PULSE STATION after crossing finish line. Go straight to vet check from finish, you must show for a veterinary completion exam within 30 minutes after your in-time. This will be your pulse down for Completion. (Small ride, riders always well spread out, two vets, should be no problem getting to vet to pulse down in time even walking from finish line to vet check area, just keep forward motion and a eye on the clock) Present Post-its to the veterinary scribe. All completion exams are "tack off."

25 mile riders head to line to the PULSE BOXES TO FINISH where a volunteer will pulse down your equine and add your pulse down time to the Post-it. Riders must show for a veterinary completion exam within 30 minutes after their in-time. Present Post-its to the veterinary scribe. All completion exams are "tack off."

### **BEST CONDITION**

Top Ten riders will be weighed by the In-Timer volunteer at Finish Line. This includes 25 milers. Yes your 25 mile clock is still ticking, 25 mile riders will be weighed in the order they come into the finish line so you will keep your placing when you enter Pulse Station line and as long as your horse is down to criteria you will then get your finish time. Of course someone in top ten in the 25 who chooses not to weigh for BC can pass someone weighing for BC and place before them by getting ahead of then in the pulse line..

Your weight  will be added to your Post-it note. You MUST be weighed at that time, or you will not be considered for BC. Present for BC exam and CRI at one hour after your finish time. This is the best safest way we can set up the finish though we know there is always a bit of angst for some ( honestly including myself here) when the finish line and pulsing area and vet check have space between them. It is just a few hundred yards though and it seem to work very fairly the pasts two years so we will continue with this set up.

**AWARDS** There will a awards gathering at 7PM Saturday located at the area you check in middle of camp. Bring your wristband that your rider number is on and put in the can to enter the completion awards drawing. Please don't bring your equine to awards meeting.

**FOOD** There are restaurants that will provide take out and sit down dinning just 3 miles away. Just let us know you are leaving camp and we can keep a eye your horses. We have even had riders set up their portable corrals and go stay at local hotels. We will be providing fruit and water and ice tea on trail. There will be snacks and Holiday Deli sandwiches available in camp at check in area mid camp starting at 1PM Saturday. There will be a Potluck Friday at approximately 7PM. Our contribution to the potluck will be BBQ Pork Loin soft tacos.

**RIDE CAMP** Ride camp was built by us with cooperation of USDA Forest Service in 2014, the first year we held this ride. The dust has settled but it is still a primitive camp.

It is on a wooded ridge on what we call Trinity County Flat. If you have a extra large rig, let us know so we can park you 'up front'. We provide portable toilets.

Ride camp opens Friday 12:01 AM, meaning as early on Friday as you want but no Thursday arrival unless you use only water you haul in yourself. Water Truck won't be there until Thursday afternoon and we will be busy with set up but will be all ready for you Friday!

We will have approximately 1000+ gallons of water in Camp for Friday. We ask that you haul in a much as you are able and we should make it through Friday just fine, just like last year. We do not have anywhere you can fill your water tanks nearby.

The water truck will be back Saturday at 6 am for the duration. No water worries on ride day! He does a fabulous job keeping everything full and cold.

**TRAILS** Course is Single track on 95% of the 50, 99% on the 25. Views abound. There are technical single tracks with drops offs, twists and turns and bridges, creek crossings, knee knockers and low limbs and eye jabbers. We do notice and care about cleaning out the low limbs and eye jabbers and clearance is improving, though some low limbs are considered features by Bicyclists and Hikers so look for caution tape and slow down when you see it. Caution tape can also mean other obstacles you need to slow down and look out for like washouts, large boulder in middle of trail. Not every hazard is marked but those that are, take seriously please. The loops are color coded, the map, the ribbons on clothes pins and laminated arrows will be all color coordinated for each loop. Example 50 miles is 22.5 mile Red loop, 17 mile White with Black Stripes loop, 8 mile Blue loop. The footing varies. There is great footing, moderate footing and some rocky spots. The course does not have extreme elevation changes but there is elevation gain and loss on short burst that adds up. We work hard on course design to keep you in the shade during the worse of heat of the day. No matter how hot though we cool off up here at night and mornings are cool. There is natural water as well as in troughs for drinking and tubs to sponge out of. Sponging water is kept cool and fresh as often as necessary. Water is available on the course every five miles or less. Map is at the end of this pdf.

**DIRECTIONS** Ride camp is located on Forest Service Road 34N95 off Highway 3. This is a gravel road and surface and grade are rated by FS for 2wheel drive passenger cars. You have less then a mile on gravel road.

**From Interstate 5** at Redding CA go west on 299 toward Eureka and Weaverville. After passing through most of Weaverville you will enter the historic district and turn right into Highway 3 North toward Yreka. Approximately 3 miles up Highway 3 Past the Airport and past the end of a sweeping turn you will turn left onto a gravel Forest Service Road 34N95. There will be large sign on highway 3 across from the turn. Ride camp is on the right less then a mile up the gravel road. **From 101** take 299 east and enter Weaverville and Highway 3 is the second left after the Court House

**PARKING** There will be a volunteer parking you.

**Pull up to parking attendant station at front of camp and wait to be parked!**





### Refund Policy:

**REFUNDS** Full refunds up to 30 days before the rides. 50% refund between 30 and 14 days before the rides. No refunds for ANY reason after 14 days before the rides. All cancellations have option to pay forward entry fee to a future entry. Refunds after checks are cashed and for payments via Pay Pal or by Credit Card with online sign up may take up to August 1st.

Where does it go? Rider entry fees are calculated in an attempt to cover cost of putting on this event which includes but is not limited to expenses that seem to just keep going up ...permit, vets, awards, water hauling, aerc fees, Ca drug (EMMP) fees, fuel, trail marking supplies, etc...and providing free entries for 17 and under as well as to our hardworking AERC Ride Managers annually. Event income is also used to purchase awards to be donated for the CSHA State Endurance program. Because of expenses and our small rider limits and the unlimited free entries for kids and ride managers our refund policy is not negotiable

*Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible State or local Agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information is also available in languages other than English.*

To file a complaint alleging discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provided in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 ; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov) This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

**Bronze (\$170) or Silver (\$220) Gists  
Silversmiths Buckles may be purchased  
by anyone upon completion of either  
distance. Contact Ride Manager to order  
after ride.**



## RULES

- Sponge from sponge buckets or natural water, do not sponge from water troughs.
- Do not put anything in water troughs like feed.
- Scooping is ok.
- Dogs on leash please and clean up after your dog.
- No trash in porta potties
- No abuse of equines.
- No abuse or arguing with management or volunteers or other riders by rider or crew
- No fires, camp stoves and BBQs OK. Permit required from Weaverville ranger station.
- 17 and under must wear helmets at all times while in horseback in camp or on trail.
- **ALL MANURE AND HAY MUST BE COMPLETELY CLEANED UP AND BAGGED.** You may leave the bags at you campsite for us to haul out.
- Don't litter. Don't mix trash in with your bagged manure and hay in Weaverville (yes this happened)
- Don't smoke on trail. Use caution when smoking in camp and be courteous of non smokers. If there are fire restrictions you must smoke in vehicle only.
- Stay on trail.
- Allow others to pass you when safe to do so.
- Do not pass anyone without letting them know you are there and wait until they can safely pull aside.
- Be courteous to other public trail users.
- Do not leave others at water stops with out asking if it's OK to ride off. Riding off can make a horse that is drinking well stop drinking.
- **WALK YOUR HORSE ACROSS PAVED ROAD**
- Do not dump your grey or black water from a RV in our ride camps.
- No running generator between 10pm and 4am.
- In Weaverville Ride camp use visibly weed free feed and use hay bags, hay nets, or other off the ground feeder.
- Additional rules and guidelines may be given verbally by management. Things can change.
- All AERC Rules apply.
- Violation of rules is grounds for forfeiting ride entry and refusal of future entries



\$25 off entry for CSHA State Endurance Program Members! CSHA State Endurance Program counts EVERYTHING you ride that is AERC sanctioned! This is not a local series that only counts a few rides. This program counts every AERC ride you complete in any state and uses the CSHA Endurance points system to calculate for year end championship awards. Nothing to turn in after each ride, it is all automatically done once you sign up. No Ca residency required either.

Step 1 - Use the attached Trinity Horses and Long Ears club application to join CSHA. Make check or money order out to their club and mail directly to them. ( you can skip this if you are a Direct CSHA 2022 member or of another 2022 CSHA affiliate local club, like Redwood Empire Endurance Riders or Santa Cruz County Horsemen's Association to name a couple of them. Not sure your club is a member? Contact me and I will check with CSHA State Office.)

Step 2 - You then use the attached CSHA State Endurance Program application to register for the program once you are a CSHA member. Rides only count after you sign up. Mail it to Audra Homicz, the address is on application. Send with a Check or Money order made out to CSHA for the program fees. Your Program fees go directly to the Program.

This AERC ride is a fundraiser for the CSHA State Endurance Program. We use proceeds to purchase top five awards to be donated to the program and to purchase awards to be donated to other rides if funds allow.

CSHA is a historic organization established in 1942.

The CSHA State Endurance Program was established in 1972.

Visit our website @ <https://californiastatehorsemen.org/programs/endurance-program/>



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**Weaverville CA July 1st 2023**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

AERC#\_\_\_\_\_ Equine AERC#\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone#\_\_\_\_\_

2023 AERC Ride Managers, 17 and under ride free (unless not a AERC member then must pay \$15 Day Membership).

La Grange Ditch 50 \$150 ☐

Weaver Basin Express 25 \$150 ☐

AERC Fee for non AERC member (including juniors) \$15 ☐

CSHA State Endurance Program Member Discount -\$25 ☐

Pay Pal Transaction Fee \$5 ☐

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

For Pay Pal use dogwoodspringsfarm@yahoo.com (there is a \$4.00 added transaction fee to cover what Pay Pal charges us) Email or mail entry, check or money order payable to Solomon Homicz to PO Box 581 Weaverville Ca 96093 Checks will be cashed after May 1st 2022. \$30 return check fee if your check does not clear.

Release of liability and emergency info will be taken care of at check in!

**Be sure to read refund policy in ride information before payment!**



# TRINITY HORSES & LONG EARS

Post Office Box 1815 Hayfork CA 96041

## Membership Application

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

(1) Primary / Family- Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Application Date / /

Cell or second Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ New / Renewal Circle one

*Additional Family Members Included in Membership:*

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (Youth Membership Only) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (Youth Membership Only) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (Youth Membership Only) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (Youth Membership Only) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address / P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Application Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

**All official Club communications and notifications will be by E-Mail**

**Family Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 per calendar year Due January 31**

**Individual Membership \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 per calendar year Due January 31**

Family membership is allowed 1 vote. Voter must be 18 years of age. Please designate the voting member if more than 2 family members are enrolled. Family membership Qualifications:

a) Any two persons of the same household and /or their children who are juniors.

b) Any two persons who reside in the same household.

c) Any adult and his/her children/grandchildren who are juniors. Adult must be parent or legal guardian of the children/grandchildren.

Name Designated voter \_\_\_\_\_

**Photo/Video Permission:** I have read and understand that photos and video images, in which I may appear, are taken at Trinity Horses and Long Ears events are sometimes included on the Trinity Horses and Long Ears website and/or Trinity Horses and Long Ears Facebook Page, in print, newsletters and other promotional media and by signing below, accept these conditions for membership.

**Signature of Member or Parent/Legal Guardian if Minor /Member applicant is under 18 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_**

Total Amount Included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Send Completed Form & Dues to: **Trinity Horses and Long Ears, P O Box 1885, Hayfork Ca 96041**

Office use Received payment: Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 3-7-19

**CALIFORNIA STATE HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**  
**STATE ENDURANCE PROGRAM**  
**REGISTRATION 20\_\_**

**Name(s) & Division** (JR, FWT, LWT, MWT, HWT put division next to each

name): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Type of C.S.H.A. Inc. Membership: Individual or Club** (Circle one)

Name of Club and type of membership (Family or Individual) \_\_\_\_\_

**Must be a direct member in good standing with verifiable membership in C.S.H.A. or be a current member through a Club that has a club membership to C.S.H.A. in verifiable good standing.**

**Family (includes one horse per family member) \$20.00....** \_\_\_\_\_

**Individual(Includes one horse)\$12.50.....** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Horses \$12.50 Each.....** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check payable to C.S.H.A. Inc.**

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Application** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to :**

**Audra Homicz PO Box 581, Weaverville, Ca 96093**

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

**Date received** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entered in QB** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chk#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**GL Acct** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Membership verified** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments Mailed to State Program Chair** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entered in Program Roster** \_\_\_\_\_

Revised 10.22.14

## How The CSHA State Endurance Program Works

\$20.00 program fee for Families, \$12.50 for individuals & each additional horse. Points only count after you sign up with the exception of renewals in by December 31st will count all December rides. Season runs concurrent with AERC season (Dec 1st - Nov 30th ) ALL AERC Rides 25 miles and up are sanctioned automatically by this program and count toward points. Nothing to turn in, results are calculated by the program from AERC online records. 1 Point for every mile, 1 Point for every horse passed, place points for top 5 based on miles ridden.

### All AERC Sanctioned Rides 25 miles and up count toward CSHA Endurance Points!

Season is concurrent with AERC season. Do not need to be CA resident.

There are awards for top 5 placings for 1 horse and 1 rider combinations in Junior division and each weight division. You may appear in these standings on as many horses as you have signed up for program. Awards for 1st places are a choice of a jacket or buckle or a variety of other

options that varies each year. 2nd through 5th Place awards varies annually and may be hats, halter plates etc. Other awards include a High Point Overall BC award and the Richard Theodore Overall High Point Rider Award that is won by the rider with the highest points out of all divisions, combining points from all horses that rider has signed up for the year.

## Weight Divisions

### Junior

Under 16 as of Jan1st of year competing.

### Featherweight

160 lbs and under including tack.

### Lightweight

161 lbs - 185 lbs including tack.

### Middleweight

186 lbs - 210 lbs including tack.

### Heavyweight

211 lbs & up including tack.

### PLACE POINTS 25 to 49

1ST 25 PTS  
2ND 20 PTS  
3RD 15 PTS  
4TH 10 PTS  
5TH 5 PTS

### PLACE POINTS 50 to 74

1ST 50 PTS  
2ND 40 PTS  
3RD 30 PTS  
4TH 20 PTS  
5TH 10 PTS

### PLACE POINTS 75 to 100

1ST 100 PTS  
2ND 80 PTS  
3RD 60 PTS  
4TH 40 PTS  
5TH 20 PTS