

# Quitaque Climb



SANCTIONED BY AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE (AERC)  
SPONSORED BY TEXAS ENDURANCE RIDE ASSOCIATION (TERA)

**October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Intro, 30 Mile LD, & 50 Mile END**

**\*\*Region 9 AHA Endurance Championship**

**Oct 7<sup>th</sup>\*\***

Head Control Vet: Dr. Laura Blanton

Additional Vet: Dr. Carter Hounsel

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Ride Secretary: Monica Spaulding email: quitaqueclimb@gmail.com

**TRAILS:** Pole Canyon Ranch sits on the edge of the caprock escarpment. There is a mix of footing types on two-track ranch roads with rock, grass, packed topsoil, and sand. Canyons are numerous with steep climbs, descents, and creek crossings. Hoof protection is strongly recommended. There are creeks, ponds, and water troughs for water. There is extremely limited to no cell phone service on the trail.

**RULES:** Endurance is an athletic event for both horse and rider. The goal is to complete the marked trail within the time given as established by AERC standards with an equine that is fit to continue from checkpoint to checkpoint. Equines must pass a complete vet check before, during, and after the ride. All AERC rules will apply. Safety helmets are recommended for all riders but are required for juniors at any time they are on their equine, in camp or on trail. Junior riders must be accompanied by a designated adult sponsor (21 years or older) at all times during the ride. Juniors riding as Seniors must show AERC approval.

**PRIZES:** Completion award to all distances, Best Condition and possibly more ;)

AHA Awards: Purebred and Half Arabian will receive Champion, Reserve Champ, and Top 5 Plaques with ribbons. Best Condition awards will also be awarded to both divisions.

**GATE HOURS:** Ride camp will open on Thursday at 10:00 am, and close Sunday at 10:00 am.

Pole Canyon Ranch is open to the public. To arrive and camp outside official ride camp hours, please see <https://polecanyon.com/> or with questions contact ride management.

Registration opens at 12 pm Thursday. Vet check opens at approximately 3pm.

Pre-ride meeting approximately 7pm.

**CAMPING:** A Pole Canyon Ranch camping form must be filled out with payment submitted at registration to receive your vet card and number. *All RV hook ups are reserved for ride management and volunteers from Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> through Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup>.*

Pens will be available @ \$5 a night. FIRST COME FIRST SERVED. Water for horses and human is available in camp. All manure and hay must be cleaned from pens and moved to designated manure areas. Those who camp in the pasture may spread manure and hay. Do not spread shavings in the pasture! Please bag them or use a wheelbarrow to dispose of them in the designated area. There are bathrooms with showers. Dogs must be always on a leash. If you cannot keep your dog on a leash:

LEAVE THE DOG AT HOME! NO DOGS ALLOWED AT THE RIDE MEETING OR FOOD TRUCK AREA.

**Pole Canyon Ranch:** 2601 FM 689 Quitaque TX 79255

For information on best routes to ride camp or nearby amenities call Valerie L. Bixler DVM, 214-514-3618

# Quitaque Climb Entry Form

Friday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

(Office Use Only) Rider# \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC# \_\_\_\_\_ TERA# \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight Div. (circle one): Heavy (>210lbs) Middle (186-210 lbs) Light (161-185 lbs) Feather (<161 lb) Junior  
*Please complete the following for junior riders:*

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC# \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Friday:** Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC# \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Distance: **50 30 Intro**

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday:** Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_ AERC# \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Distance: **50 30 Intro**

## Entry Fees:

+ \_\_\_\_\_ Intro Ride \$65 Friday

+ \_\_\_\_\_ Intro Ride \$65 Saturday

+ \_\_\_\_\_ 30 Mile LD \$130

+ \_\_\_\_\_ 50 Mile END \$130

+ \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 Non-AERC Member Fee (LD or 50 distance)

+ \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Fee \$75 Friday

+ \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Fee \$75 Saturday

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

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: Valerie Bixler**

**Do not mail in your entry. Bring the completed entry form and payment to camp. Thank you!**

## Liability Release

As a participant in the Quitaque Climb Ride, \_\_\_\_\_ agrees to abide by the rules of AERC, TERA, AHA, and AHA Region 9. 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 or man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, control, or eliminate. Horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and those accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride covers, blameless for any accident, injury, or loss and free from all liability of such injury or loss that may occur due to my participation in the ride. I have read and understand this liability release.

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Known Drug Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Riders are subject to disqualification for the following: disrespect or harassment of another rider, veterinarian, volunteer, or ride manager. Blatant disregard for camp rules. Reckless endangerment of their horse or fellow riders such as racing into camp or rushing past unmounted riders, failure to control their horse in the vet check.

Rider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pole Canyon Ranch**  
**Quitaque Climb Endurance Ride**  
P. O. Box 25 -- Quitaque, Texas 79255  
polecanyon@polecanyon.com  
www.polecanyon.com

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: rider...volunteer...radio...vet  
Make/color of Vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate: \_\_\_\_\_  
Description of Trailer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please list others in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Camping: **RV Parking** \$25 nightly per site with water and electricity  
**Primitive Camping** \$20 per night

Number of nights for site w/water & elec. = \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 per site = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (RV site # \_\_\_\_\_)  
Number of nights for site w/o water & elec. = \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 per site = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Pens:** \$5.00 per pen daily

Number of pens (\_\_\_\_) X number of nights used (\_\_\_\_) = \_\_\_\_\_ X \$5.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Dump Station:** \$5.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total remittance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Leave remittance with ride secretary to pick up your vet card and number.**

**POLE CANYON CAMP RULES**

**No firearms allowed.**

***DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH AT ALL TIMES***

***NO DOGS ALLOWED AT THE RIDE MEETING OR FOOD TRUCK***

***NO DOGS ALLOWED IN THE RESTROOM YARD***

**Take responsibility for your dog's waste. There are trash barrels located near the pens.**

***Place all trash in trash barrels. RM will provide trash bags. Ask for one!!***

***Quiet time (Generators off) @ 10PM***

***Pens must be cleaned. Place manure through the wire fence at the wheat field east of the pens.***

***Wheelbarrows available at the pens.***

***DO NOT SCATTER SHAVINGS- use a wheelbarrow and place in wheat field***

***Spread manure.***

***Pole Canyon Ranch is open range. Cows will come into camp. Keep hay inside your trailer!***

***Keep your trailer doors closed to prevent unwanted visitors!***

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE  
OF DANGERS, RISKS AND HAZARDS  
OF RECREATIONAL HIKING, BIKING, AND/OR EQUESTRIAN RIDING  
OR OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

I hereby acknowledge that I have knowingly and willingly entered a Recreation Agreement, or become a party bound by the terms and conditions of a Recreation Agreement by and between Pole Canyon Ranch. (hereinafter the Owner, whether one or more), and the undersigned guest. I understand the terms, provisions, and conditions of this agreement.

I further acknowledge and understand that no warranty, either express or implied, is made by the Owner as to the condition of the Owner's property (hereinafter the recreation premises) or of any roads, buildings, gates, or other improvements located thereon. This document serves to warn me that dangerous conditions, risks, and hazards do exist. My presence and activities on the recreation premises expose both me and my property to dangerous conditions, risks and hazards, including but not limited to: poisonous snakes, insects and spiders; erosion and general condition of the land, both on and off roadways, ranch roads, trails or senderos, creating rough, hazardous and dangerous driving, recreational activities including: equestrian riding, biking, hiking, camping and walking conditions; animals both wild and domestic that may be diseased and/or potentially dangerous; deep water; and the use of vehicles. I hereby state that I am aware of these facts and expressly assume all such dangers, risks, and hazards.

In consideration for the right to enter the recreation premises, I hereby release and agree to protect, indemnify and hold harmless the Owner and his or her respective heirs, agents, employees and assigns from and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action and damages, including attorneys' fees, resulting from any accident, incident or occurrence arising out of, incidental to or in any way resulting from the use of the recreation premises and any improvements located thereon, whether or not caused by the Owner's negligence or gross negligence. This release applies during the time that I am permitted on the recreation premises. I hereby further covenant and agree that I, my heirs, successors and assigns will not make any claim or institute any suit or action at law or in equity against the Owner or his or her respective heirs, agents, representatives, employees, successors or assigns by reason of conditions of the recreation premises or activities occurring thereon.

As used in this release, the terms *I, my person, myself* and *guest* include minors in my care while on the leased premises.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse or other adult \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and D.O.B. of child(ren) if release is for minor(s):

Name	D.O.B.
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**WARNING:** Under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), an equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from inherent risks of equine activities.