



# The Whole Hog

**“Soooo-ie Pig”**

**FRIDAY, April 26 &  
SATURDAY, April 27, 2024**

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE -RIDE IS FRIDAY AND  
SATURDAY (not Saturday and Sunday as in past)**

**Intro, 25 Mile LD, and 50 Mile Endurance Fri and Sat!**

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

**Come one, come all! No limit on participants!**

(OK, if 200 people sign up, we'll have to talk!)

**Ride Manager:** John Nowell, (972) 672-8250; [jcnowell@msn.com](mailto:jcnowell@msn.com)

**Ride Secretary:** Kerry Lowrey, (337) 424-7074 ([KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com](mailto:KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com))

**Assistant Ride Manager:** Bo Parrish **SS Rep:** Tommy Robichaux

**Head Control Vet:** Dennis Seymore **Additional Vets:** Carter Hounsel; TBD

**Ride Site:**

**LBJ National Grasslands, Operated by the  
U.S. Forest Service North of Decatur, Texas  
HQ at Valley View Campground  
(NOT TADRA Point!)**

***APPROXIMATE*** Start Times for all distances:

50 Miles: 7:00 AM

25 Miles: 7:30 AM

Intros: 9:00 AM

(Note: The times are approximate and for planning purposes only. Final start times will be posted when determined.)

**PRIZES:** Completion prizes for both distances. Best Condition, High Vet, etc.

**AND**

We'll be holding the "Taste of Endurance" Intro Rides again this year. See the ride's FB page for more info.

# The Whole Hog Entry Form

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

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

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

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home#: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Shirt Size: YM YL S M L XL Special Mileage Attempt? \_\_\_\_\_

Weight Div: Heavy (>210lbs) Middle (186-210 lbs) Light (161-185 lbs) Feather (<161 lb) Junior

**If you are a junior the following must be completed:**

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

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Sat** Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC# \_\_\_\_\_ Distance: **50 25 Intro**

**Sun** Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC# \_\_\_\_\_ Distance: **50 25 Intro**

Entry Fees: (Fee includes EVERYTHING!—Trail Access Fee, Camping fee of \$10/day (**but see "Camping" below**), & AERC Drug Fee)

+ \_\_\_\_\_ 25 Mile LD \$120 (**\$135 AFTER April 14th**)

+ \_\_\_\_\_ 50 Mile END \$120 (**\$135 AFTER April 14th**)

**Available Discount:**

**\$5 TERA Member discount\*\* TERA # \_\_\_\_\_**

+ \_\_\_\_\_ Junior Rider \$75 (LD or 50, No other discounts Apply)

+ \_\_\_\_\_ Intros \$60

+ \_\_\_\_\_ **\$15 Non-AERC Member Fee (DO NOT PAY if you are INTRO)**

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ OR CASH at the Ride

Make checks payable to: **John Nowell,**

Fill out Jotform @: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/990900021395424>

Mail Payment and Coggins Copy to: Kerry Lowrey, 163 Fisher McConathy Rd.,  
Anacoco, La 71403 Email: [KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com](mailto:KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com)

## LIABILITY RELEASE

**We will have a new liability release this year that you will be asked to sign at the ride. Each adult rider must sign his or her own release; you cannot sign for another adult rider. Parents or guardians will be required to sign the release on behalf of minors.**

**GREAT NEWS! Ernesto, from Kerry's New Year's ride, will be bringing his food truck to The Whole Hog! He will be open for business first thing Friday morning and will stay until Saturday evening.**

### Schedule:

Camp Opens:	10:00 AM Thursday
Vet-In Begins:	3:00 PM Thursday
Ride Meeting:	6:30 PM Thursday
Awards Meeting:	after 50's finish on Friday

### Directions to The Whole Hog (TWH)

**The headquarters and ride site for TWH will be the Valley View Campground at the LBJ Grasslands. If you have been here before, you probably have your favorite route; and all of you probably have access to a good GPS. Here are a couple of suggestions if you need them.**

**From the West, South, or East: Take US 380 to Decatur. Exit to FM 730. Take FM 730 north approximately 9.2 miles to CR 2461. Turn left on CR 2461, and then take an immediate right on CR 2560. Proceed approximately 4.7 miles to the junction of CR 2560 and CR 2675. Continue straight on CR 2675 for 2 miles to the entrance to Valley View Campground on your right.**

**From the North: Proceed to the city of Era, TX (consult your map). From Era, take SH 51 southwest to FM 455, about 12 miles. Turn right on FM 455 and proceed to FM 730, about 7.2 miles. Turn left on FM 730 and proceed south to CR 2461, about 7.6 miles. Turn right on CR 2461, and then take an immediate right on CR 2560. Proceed approximately 4.7 miles to the junction of CR 2560 and CR 2675. Continue straight on CR 2675 for 2 miles to the entrance to Valley View Campground on your right.**

**NOTE: If you come through the Decatur area, watch your speed, as there are always city and county law enforcement officers monitoring the area.**

**There should be ample parking for everyone, but a monitor will be on hand to help you park.**

**TRAILS:** The ride will be held on the trails of the LBJ National Grasslands, operated by the U.S. Forest Service. The terrain is gently rolling and varies from open meadows to some forested areas; it is not considered "technical". You may encounter some sandy areas. The trail surface is considered barefoot friendly. Trails are permanently marked and easily visible; additional trail markings will be provided where needed. The trails we will use are loops, and all vet checks will be held in camp

**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.

**GATE HOURS:** Camp will open on Thursday at 10:00am, and close Monday at 10:00 am. Water *for horses only* is available in camp. Riders, please bring your own water for your consumption. Vet checks will be in camp.

*ALL manure and hay must be spread nicely! Human trash must be packed out – no dumpster available!!*

**CAMPING:** The camping fee and day rider fee is included in your ride entry *for Thursday and Friday only*. You are responsible for your camping fee if you arrive before Thursday (or Saturday if you stay over until Sunday). This fee is \$10 fee per vehicle per day. You must pay these fees to the US Forest Service directly; a drop box is available to deposit your payment. There are no hookups available.

**Many thanks for your interest in The Whole Hog!**

**As always, I'm available to answer any questions.  
See you in April!**

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