

# **Lead Follow or Get Out of My Way @ Bumble Bee Ranch**

**Saturday, April 12th, 2025  
AERC Sanctioned Ride 25/50  
And a 12 Mile Fun/Intro Ride  
Ride limited to 110 riders**



Photo by Susan Kordish

**Ride Manager: Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss -- 602-770-5534 email – [luv4riding@aol.com](mailto:luv4riding@aol.com)  
Assistant Ride Managers: Taylor Pashong-Walck and Barbara Ann Clausen**

**Control Judges: Head Vet Mark Anderson DVM, Max Schmidt DVM, Bradley Scott Houser DVM,**

Bumble Bee Ranch was one of the original stagecoach stops from the 1800's. The ranch is a western working/recreational ranch located at the bottom of the Bradshaw Mountains, boasting over 74,000 acres of Sonoran Desert. The ranch provides outdoor recreational activities for any family or organized groups. The ranch will bring you back in time when cowboys, cattle, horses and stage coaches were our only means of survival and transportation in the old west. For more information visit their website [www.BumbleBeeRanch.com](http://www.BumbleBeeRanch.com).

**Entry: The ride is limited to 110 riders.** We request entries, signed release and payment to be received by April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Mailed in entries** will only be accepted until March 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 then **online only**. The option to email entry with confirmed payment is also available. There will be a \$25.00 late fee for entries received after April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025. We are offering a \$20.00 discount for junior and young riders (does not apply to fun ride). There is an additional fee of \$20.00 for Non-AERC members.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations prior to 5:00 pm Monday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 will receive a full refund. Cancellations after 5:00 pm April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 will be charged an administration fee of \$25.00. If a horse does not pass initial Vet in the day before the ride as determined by the ride Vets they will receive a full refund. A no show-no call, will not receive a refund. Once the applicant starts the ride, the entry fee is not refundable. Ride Manager must be notified of cancellation by the start of the ride or no refund will be issued. Please allow 7-10 business days after the ride for a refund to be returned.

**Trails:** There is little elevation gain as you make your way through the Sonoran Desert on single track cow trails, jeep roads, river beds and sandy washes. The trail can be hard packed and rocky in sections. Some sort of hoof protection is recommended for the trail. The 25 and 50 mile distances will have 1 vet check with a 1 hour hold. All vet checks and holds will be at base camp.

**Location:** The ride is located at Bumble Bee Ranch, 23925 S. Bumble Bee Rd. Mayer, Az. 86333. Take exit 248 off I-17 (Bumble Bee turn off) then go 5 miles. Larger rigs use caution. There is 1 mile paved then 4 miles is unpaved, narrow, curvy, steep, and has sections of washboard use caution. The last 5 miles are slow moving.

**Campsite/ Ranch entry fee:** Level parking area, with bathroom's and camp showers are included with the daily use fee of \$15.00 for overnight parking per night paid directly to Bumble Bee Ranch, you can pay Kelly at arrival. Parking with RV hookup (electricity and water) and Stall rentals are available for an additional fee. Contact Kelly at <https://www.bumblebeeranch.com> under events for pricing or to reserve a special hookup or rent a stall for your horse.

**Limited Distance:** There are 6 hours allowed for completion of the Limited Distance ride. Your time does not stop when you cross the finish line. Your time stops when your horse's heart rate meets the finish criteria of 60 beats per minute.

**12 Mile Fun Ride/ Intro ride:** The 12 mile ride offers an opportunity for new comers to learn about Endurance. You will get to go thru the process of vetting your horse before and after your ride. Vetting will be available Friday 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm or Saturday 7:30am – 8:00am the day of the ride. The 12-mile ride must be completed in 5 hours elapsed time. Riders under 16 years of age must wear a helmet and be accompanied by a competent adult.

**Junior Riders:** All junior riders must wear a helmet at all times while on an equine and ride with an adult sponsor. Those juniors who qualify to ride without a sponsor must have appropriate paperwork from AERC.

- Junior riders will receive a \$20.00 discount (does not apply to fun ride)

**Rules and Regulations:** This ride will be conducted in accordance with AERC: [www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org)

**Meals:** Spaghetti dinner Friday, April 11th, 2025 will be provided for the riders (crew and family not included) additional Friday dinners and Saturday BBQ Rib dinners are available and can be purchased in **advance** through the ranch by contacting Kelly at <https://www.bumblebeeranch.com> by April 7th, 2025. There is a bar available during dinner and ride meeting Friday to purchase beer, wine or spirits. \*Please do not bring your own alcohol to Friday dinner and ride meeting as that violates the liquor license for the Ranch.\*

**Awards:** A completion award will be given to each participant who completes the ride including the Fun/Intro riders. We also have Top Ten, Junior, and Turtle awards for the 50 and 25 mile ride. Please make sure you pick up your awards, we will not be mailing them out after the ride.

**Dogs:** All dogs must be on a leash at all times. Please pick up after your dog. NO DOGS ALLOWED ON THE TRAIL.

**Weather:** Average    High 73    Low 43    **Sunrise:** 6:05am    **Sunset:** 5:32pm

Once again, we want to thank our sponsors Renegade Hoof Boots "The World's highest performing hoof boots, Made in the USA, "we will be having a boot raffle, tickets will be available for purchase for \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00. For more information about Renegade Hoof Boots go to [Renegadehoofboots.com](http://Renegadehoofboots.com)

**Mail entry form, signed release and payment to:**

Stephanie Palmer-DuRoss  
18109 E Cherry Hills Pl  
Queen Creek AZ 85142  
Phone 602-770-5534  
Email: [luv4riding@aol.com](mailto:luv4riding@aol.com)

PayPal payments are accepted if you use the friends and family option to avoid extra fees added to the ride for this convenience. Send PayPal payments to [luv4riding@aol.com](mailto:luv4riding@aol.com) Venmo payments can be made to @[Stephanie-DuRoss](https://www.instagram.com/Stephanie-DuRoss)

**Online entry and Volunteer sign up available at:**

<https://form.jotform.com/82488081788170>

## **TENTATIVE RIDE SCHEDULE:**

### **Friday, April 11th**

**12:00pm – 5:00p: Registration/Rider Packet Pick Up**

**2:00pm-5:30pm: Vet check-in: there is no vet check in on Saturday morning no exceptions**

**5:30pm: Dinner (Spaghetti w/meatballs, Caesar salad, Texas toast, soda, water, coffee, tea, and hot cocoa.) A bar is also available to purchase Beer, wine, or Sprits. \*Please do not bring your own alcohol to dinner and ride meeting as that violates the liquor license for the Ranch.\***

**6:00pm: Brief Ride meeting, Renegade boot raffle, New rider briefing**

### **New Rider Briefing**

There will be an experienced local Endurance rider to provide information and be available for questions immediately following the ride meeting Friday evening. If you are new to the sport, please plan on attending this meeting especially designed for riders new to the sport of Endurance riding.

All ride information will be emailed out prior to the event for those who do not want to attend the brief ride meeting.

**TENTATIVE RIDE TIMES - Please check AERC website for schedule changes and updates.**

### **Saturday, April 12th**

**6:00am: 50 mile start**

**6:30am: 25 mile start**

**8:00am: 12 mile fun/intro ride start**

**5:30pm: Awards Ceremony (by vetting and timing area)**

**6:45pm: Dinner at Pavilion (pre-arranged and paid thru Kelly at the ranch)**

### **Directions:**

From East-take highway AZ-202 to AZ-101 to I-17, go North to exit 248 (Bumble Bee turn off).

From North-take I-17 exit 248 (Bumble Bee turn off) go right it's about 20 minutes off the highway.

From South-AZ -51 to AZ-101, 101 to I-17, go North to exit 248 (Bumble Bee turn off).

Follow us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/LeadFollowOrGetOutOfMyWayEnduranceRide>.

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## Rider Information:

Rider AERC No: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first competitive ride? \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

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Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth-date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

## Weight Division:

- ☐ Junior (16 & under as of Dec 1 current year)    ☐ Young Rider (between 16 & 21 as of Dec 1 current year)  
☐ Featherweight (up to 160 lbs.)    ☐ Lightweight (161-185 lbs.)    ☐ Middleweight (186-210 lbs.)  
☐ Heavyweight (211 + lbs.)

Ride Distance: (Please circle one)    12-mile intro/fun ride    25-mile ride    50-mile ride

## Horse Information:

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse AERC No: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Information Ride only:**

Entry Fee includes Friday dinner: (circle one) 12-mile- \$50.00 25-mile- \$110.00 50-mile- \$130.00

- AERC Non-Members must add \$20.00 to each distance for single event ride (**does not apply to fun ride**)
- Attention junior riders you will receive a \$20.00 discount. (**does not apply to fun ride**)
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**Friday rider dinner** included in entry for all distances, are you attending? Circle one Yes No

<b>Entry Fee: 12-mile-\$50.00 25-mile-\$110.00 50-mile-\$130.00</b>	\$ _____
Entries received after April 4 <sup>th</sup> , will be charged a \$25.00 late fee	\$ _____
AERC Non-member fee add \$20.00 ( <b>does not apply to fun ride</b> )	\$ _____
Junior/Young Riders \$20.00 discount ( <b>discount does not apply to fun ride</b> )	\$ _____
Renegade Boot Raffle tickets \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00, _____ # of tickets	\$ _____
Total Due	\$ _____

Circle one Cash Check PayPal Venmo

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**Venmo** payments can be sent to @[Stephanie-DuRoss](#)

**\*\*Extra Friday meal tickets, Saturday food options, RV hookups, or Stall rentals contact Kelly at the ranch at <https://www.bumblebeeranch.com> \*\* Ranch day use fee and/or overnight fee needs to be paid to Bumble Bee Ranch at arrival.**

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**“pre-registration is required”**

## Lead Follow Or Get Out Of My Way Ride At Bumble Bee Ranch

23925 S. Bumble Bee Rd. Mayer, Az. 86333 **April 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2025**

### Volunteer sign-up sheet

We need YOU!!!! Dependable Volunteers are the key to keeping our sport alive. This ride cannot happen without them. Below is a list of spots available. Please fill out or email if you can help in any way.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Trail marking and un-marking

April 10<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

April 11<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

April 13<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Vetting in Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>

Horse numbering 1:30 pm- 5:30 pm (1/2 people) \_\_\_\_\_

Vet Scribe 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm (3 people) \_\_\_\_\_

Ride day April 12<sup>th</sup>

Gate monitors 5:10 am – 8: 30 am (two people)

Checkpoint Campground 9:00 am-1:45 pm (two people) \_\_\_\_\_

Base Camp: (please circle where interested) 7:45 am – 4:30 pm

Out Timer (2 people) \_\_\_\_\_

P & R In Time Slip Vet Scribe (10+ people) (experience helpful)

\_\_\_\_\_

Drag rider/ribbon take down 3 – 4 rider and horse \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer lunch maker (1/2 people) 8:30 am- 4:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

\*Disclaimer just because you sign up for a spot does not mean that is where you will be. We will do the best we can to put you where you want to go but may have to adjust depending on where needed and circumstances as they arise\*

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**Participant, Crew, Volunteer and Veterinarian Release Form**

I wish to enter and participate, crew, volunteer, or offer Veterinarian services in the Lead Follow or Get out of My Way ride to be held on April 12, 2024. I have read and understand the rules, conditions and regulations of this event and I hereby promise to comply with them.

In consideration of acceptance of my entry, participation, volunteerism or Veterinarian service in this event, I acknowledge the inherent risks involved in my activity, I assume those risks and full responsibility for my own safety.

I hereby, for myself, my heirs, and my personal representatives and any other person or entity who may assert a claim, release and waive any and all claims or cause whatsoever, against any and all persons and/or entities their shareholders, directors, officers, members, managers, agents and employees from any and all liability for personal injury, illness, disability, death or property damage arising from or relating to my entry, participation, volunteering or providing veterinarians services in this event. I SPECIFICALLY AND KNOWINGLY AGREE THAT I EXPRESSLY INTEND TO REALEASE the persons and entities, their shareholders, directors, officers, members, managers, agents, and employees from THEIR OWN NEGLIGENCE.

Additionally, without limitation, I hereby waive any right I may have now or in the future, to assert claims for personal injury, illness, disability, death or property damage against any of the persons or entities, heirs and assigns from liability for personal injury and property damage, and I waive my rights for claims for personal injury or damages against these persons or entities including: Bumble Bee Ranch, AERC, and all event staff, State of Arizona, and all other sponsors, their agents, representatives, employees, successors and assigns. This includes but not limited to Ride Managers, Ride Veterinarians, and Ride volunteers

I HEREBY certify that I fully understand that there are substantial risks associated with activities involving horses and endurance riding, and hereby freely assume the risk and costs that I or my assistants or crew may suffer from personal injury, illness, disability, death or property damage, including damage or injury to my horse, myself, or themselves by my participation in the event named above.

Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases and the Covid-19 agreement to participate.

**I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.**

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

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**Minor Release:**

MINORS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING SECTION SIGNED BY THEIR PARENT OR GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE.

We, the undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ for and in consideration of our child's participation in the above referenced ride, do hereby release the following persons, corporation, heirs and assigns from liability for personal injury, illness, disability, death and property damage, and I waive my rights for claims for personal injury, illness, disability, death or damage against these persons or corporations including: Bumble Bee Ranch, AERC, and all ride staff, including but not limited to Ride Manager, Ride Veterinarians, and Ride volunteers and all persons under such child's direction and control. This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. We do further authorize any officer, manager, supervisor, or emergency personnel affiliated with the above reference ride, to consent in our behalf to any emergency medical treatment by a properly licensed person may be required for our child, and do agree to be responsible for any related medical costs that may be incurred for the treatment of my child or their horse.

Name of Junior Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

