

The Pine Tree Pioneer Endurance Ride

Tuesday, Aug 5 thru Friday, Aug 8, 2025

Endurance – 50 miles each day

Limited Distance- 25 miles each day

Intro- 10, 12, or 15 miles offered each day

50 / 50 / 50 Pine Tree Pioneer: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

25 / 25 / 25 Pine Tree Trifecta: Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

In Fryeburg, Maine at the Fryeburg Fairgrounds

WELCOME to the Pine Tree Pioneer. Pioneer and Trifecta are Wednesday thru Friday. Or enter any distance any day. Intro distances offered upon request. We are sanctioned with AERC and ECTRA.

RIDE CAMP is at the Fryeburg (Maine) Fairgrounds. There are 2 ‘race horse’ style barns with more than 20 spacious stalls along each side, dutch doors, and an overhang protection against rain. Stalls are available on a first come basis (at no charge). There is room in front of the stalls for camping and trailers. **As in the last couple years, you WILL be able to pen your horse out next to your trailer, or put them in stalls.**

The fairgrounds now charge us a \$35 per day fee for camping no matter if you have electricity or not. This is different than in the past where if you opted to not hook up you only paid \$10 a day. This is per vehicle not per rider. (So a family of three pays it one time per day not three times). This fee is collected by us and transferred to them. There are showers available right at ride camp. **Negative coggins tests within one year must be shown to unload.** The fairground is open from Sunday, August 3, to Sunday, August 10. Dogs must be confined or on leashes at all times unless they have management approval. You **MUST** pick up after your dog. Hay, shavings, and manure from your campsite or stall must be picked up and left in designated piles. There are gas/fuel and stores within 1 mile of the fairgrounds.

ENTRY FEE – We are trying to make the ride affordable for everyone. **Here’s how! FIRST, if you ride the 50 or 25 on multiple days, you get \$ 10 off the entry fee on your 2nd day, \$ 20 off on your 3rd day, and \$ 30 off on your 4th. SECOND, Juniors and Young Riders ride for \$ FREE.** Yes we once again have an anonymous donor who is picking up the cost for our young people!

Unfortunately, in the past, some people have left without cleaning their stalls. This means management must do it before they leave and we’re tired. So this year, we will be collecting a \$25 second check or cash for cleaning your stall(s). If you clean your stall, this will be returned or torn up. If you do not clean your stall, we will keep the fee. **Shavings are available for a fee.**

This year we will be accepting Cash, Check, Paypal (friends and family only), or Venmo. At the ride, you will be asked to leave a blank check (and settle before you leave) or pay Cash/Check/Venmo for each daily ride/expense. Checks must be written out to Pine Tree Endurance

All entrants must show a 2025 AERC membership card at the ride, no exceptions, or must pay an additional \$ 20 AERC fee per ride for the 25 and 50, \$1 per ride for the intro.

ENTRIES – To encourage pre-entering, we will give cancelled entries a refund of all monies paid less \$10 per day. This includes any horses not passing the pre-ride check. Only **no** shows who have **not** cancelled before August 1st will **not be** refunded. If you are mailing your entry to Quinn please have it post marked no later than July 30. There are no penalties for late entries.

FOOD – We think food is the most daunting part of a ride. To keep entry fees from increasing, no meals will be included with ride entry. We will, however, have some food if you want to join us. **Monday: Pot luck dinner.** Please bring something to share. **Wednesday: Pizza.** \$10 donation for all who are interested and we will order pies. **Thursday: Lobster!**, Lobster dinner and fixings. At this point the price has not been determined. As it gets closer to ride time we will let you know! If you think you may be interested in joining us for lobster indicate it on your entry and we will keep in touch. We are within a few miles of a number of different restaurants and grocery stores to help fill in your other food needs.

Mary Coleman, Louise Clarino, and Judy Ness will be making breakfasts of egg sandwiches, waffles or pancakes every morning. And, of course, coffee and donuts will be available each morning as well.

VETS – Our vets this year are Art King and Joan Hiltz. Treatment vet is a mobile unit that will come to us.

SCHEDULE - Starting Monday, and all days prior to rides, registration will go from 2 PM to 4 PM in the race barn office. Vetting will be from 4PM-6PM. Awards and a riders meeting will be held each evening at ~ 6:30 PM. Late arrivals will be vetted in after the riders meeting. **Riders must check in for each day of riding on the prior day (no matter what you said on your entry.)** .

50's – The 50's will go out everyday at 6:00 AM, though this is subject to change at the discretion of management and the riders. We always try to have places on trail for crews to meet their riders.

LD – A 25, starting at 6:30am is a limited distance endurance ride. There will be one hold, approximately half way. A separate pre ride briefing will be held for the LD.

Intro riders will go out mid-morning.

CREWS & TRAILS – Maps and directions will be provided for the riders and the pit crews. The trails consist of river crossings, dirt roads, hiking trails, single and two track trails, pipelines, potato fields, some moderate hills, and a couple of miles of tar road or shoulder. Please note that we will try to have a farrier on call who will come to ride camp when necessary in the evening. Please inform management if you need a farrier.

AWARDS – The awards and a ride meeting for the next day will be given each evening at 6:30pm. There will be awards for completion, top ten, best condition, Turtle, 1st Junior for the 50's and 25's. There will also be special awards for the Pioneer, Trifecta and any other categories we come up with.

RIDE MANAGER – Jessie Dowling, 21 Iron Ledge lane Whitefield ME 04353, jessiedowling@gmail.com, Cell (207) 465-5255

SECRETARY – Quinn Sawyer 1434 Hopeville Rd, Griswold, CT 06351. Cell 860-884-2382 or quinn Sawyer2005@gmail.com

THINGS TO DO – We encourage family vacations at the camp ground and have a full two pages of things to do while you are here. They will be available at the fairgrounds or contact Jessie if you want to talk more about some of the following vacation type things: beautiful 10 minute to 10 hour hikes in the White Mountains, canoe/kayak 5 minutes away on the Saco, drive or Cog Railroad up Mt Washington (6,288 ft high) , see moose, outlet stores, Conway Scenic Railroad, tour the Maine coast, swim, and others.

For safety and insurance purposes, helmets are required when mounted

How to get to Fryeburg, Maine

Fryeburg is on the New Hampshire border, just about opposite North Conway. From the south, from Rt 95, get on Rt 16 north in Portsmouth, New Hampshire for 1 ½ hours. When you get to Conway, get on Rt 302 south to Fryeburg. **From the west (Vermont)**, come down Rt 302 south, through North Conway and into Fryeburg. **From the east**, get on Rt 302 north from Portland, Maine for 1 ½ hours to Fryeburg.

In Fryeburg, get on Rt 5 north. The Fryeburg Fairgrounds will come up on your left in a mile. Go through the main gate straight and go down along the side of the racetrack to the barns at the far end on the right

SEE YOU IN AUGUST!!

The Pine Tree Pioneer

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Rider Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ E mail: _____

AERC #: _____ ECTRA #: _____ OTHER: _____

AERC Wt. Div: FW LW MW HW JR Birthdate: _____

Emergency Contact (name & phone): _____

If Rider is a junior, under 16 years of age, Sponsor: _____

Expected Date/Time of Arrival: _____ Size of Rig: _____

I agree to allow my horses to be tested for drugs (initial): _____

Horse #1 Name: _____

AERC#: _____ ECTRA #: _____ Breed: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Horse Owner: _____

Horse Owner Signature: _____

Horse #2 Name: _____

AERC#: _____ ECTRA #: _____ Breed: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Horse Owner: _____

Horse Owner Signature: _____

Horse #3 Name: _____

AERC#: _____ ECTRA #: _____ Breed: _____

Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Horse Owner: _____

Horse Owner Signature: _____

I tentatively plan to ride the following horses the following days: (Please indicate horse number)

Tuesday: _____ **Wednesday:** _____ **Thursday:** _____ **Friday:** _____

The Pine Tree Pioneer Ride Schedule

Rider(s) Name (Please print): _____

		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Day Pioneer/Trifecta (50 or 25)			\$ 275		
50 Mile	\$ 105	_____	_____	_____	_____
25/30 Mile	\$ 105	_____	_____	_____	_____
JRs/YRs	\$ 0	_____	_____	_____	_____
Intro	\$ 45	_____	_____	_____	_____

Daily AERC drug fee _____ 11 _____ 11 _____ 11 _____ 11 _____

AERC non member \$ 20/day

Intro non member fee is \$1

Fairground camping fee _____ days at \$ 35 a day = _____
Per camper not per person

LOBSTER DINNER? _____ (will email you with price before you have to commit)

T-Shirt Size _____

TOTAL _____

Make Checks Payable to: Pine Tree Endurance

Stall Fee \$25 in a separate check or cash _____

Total Payment Due: _____

Send by email or mail to:

Amount this Payment: _____

Quinn Sawyer
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Please read this release carefully and sign at the bottom:

As a participant in this ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC, the other sanctioning organizations, and the ride management. 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 and manmade hazards, which management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, eliminate, or control, that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable, and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I will hold the management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses blameless for any accidents, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride, and free from all liability for such injury or loss.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS LIABILITY RELEASE

Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian (for Junior Rider): _____

Horse Owner's Signature: _____

TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM PINE TREE AUGUST 5-8, 2025

Please note: No horse can start any of the Pine Tree rides unless this form has been completely filled out, signed
and returned to the ride secretary.

I, the undersigned, am the owner/agent authorized to give permission for medical care and to guarantee payment for such on behalf of the below named horses that are competing in any Pine Tree ride on the dates above.

I understand that if this horse is pulled at any point in the ride or stops because of a rider option, I am required to allow one of the Vets to perform a courtesy (no charge) metabolic/lameness safety check on the horse upon arrival back to base camp. At such time, if treatment is recommended for any condition I understand that trailering to a horse treatment facility is my responsibility and I will pay for any service performed there.

If the Vet recommends that referral to an equine hospital/clinic for further evaluation and treatment is in the best interest of this horse, and I cannot be reached after attempts have been made or am unable to make a decision, I choose the option below: (checkmark and Initial a choice)

_____ I DO NOT want this horse to be referred to an equine hospital/clinic.

_____ I DO want this horse to be referred to an equine hospital/clinic, but **only for a life threatening condition.**

_____ I DO want this horse to be referred to an equine hospital/clinic **for any condition (either career ending or life threatening)**

If I have given permission for referral, this form will be sent with this horse and will serve as permission for the referral hospital/clinic to treat this horse and to guarantee payment for such treatment.

Owner/authorized agent name (printed): _____

Owner/authorized agent signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Horse's #1 full name: _____ Nickname: _____

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

Horse's #2 full name: _____ Nickname: _____

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

Horse's #3 full name: _____ Nickname: _____

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

Insurance: ____ No ____ Yes – Contact Info: _____

Known medication allergies: ____ No ____ Yes -- List: _____