



Crawfish Crawl

SANCTIONED BY AMERICAN ENDURANCE RIDE CONFERENCE (AERC)

March 14th & 15th 2026

Louisiana's First AERC Ride in Almost 30 Years!!!
12 Mile Intro, 25 Mile LD, & 50 Mile Endurance

*****Special: Friday 13th: 12 Noon to 1:30pm*****
Introduction to Endurance Riding
Mini Clinic

Ahtus Melder Horse Camp in Kisatchie National Forest

Ahtus Melder Rd, Forest Hill, Louisiana 71430

Totally Primitive. Water will be trucked in for horses- non potable! Bring your own drinking water!

NO HOOKUPS Details on Page 4! Parking will be tight!

Parking space is limited to about 50 under 48 ft trailers (truck & trailer length), and 7-8 large trailers.

Registration will include size of your trailer. Please consider horse pooling to this ride!

Ride Manager & Secretary: Kerry Lowrey, (337) 424-7074 (KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com)

Assistant Ride Manager: Anna Whitmore (318) 305-3384

Head Control Vet: Dr. Carter Hounsel **Additional Vets:** Dr Ashley McNeal

Start Times: 25 & 50 TBD (Daylight for 50's), Intro: 9am Check In Starts at 2pm Friday the 13th

Jotform Entry Found Here:

<https://form.jotform.com/260337997607167>

Also check out our Facebook page for updates!!!

Hay WILL BE available if paid for upfront. It will be delivered to the campground.
Three string Alfalfa 100 lb Bales will be \$30, Alicia/Jiggs Bermuda 2 string 50 lb bales are \$12.

We will be using multi use trail which means hikers and motorcycles. Motorcycles are sparse and have been extremely courteous anytime we have seen them. Hikers yield to horses, horses yield to bikers.

PRIZES: Completion prizes to all distances. Best Condition, High Vet, Top Ten, Midpack, Turtle, AWESOME Junior awards, First Time Riders, etc

Special Thanks goes to the Louisiana Equine Counsel who has helped make this ride a reality!

<https://www.laequinecouncil.com/>

Crawfish Crawl Entry Form

My Truck & Trailer Combo is: **Under 48 Foot Long** or **Over 48 Foot Long** (Circle One)

Rider Name: _____ AERC# _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Home#: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Phone:** _____

If you are a junior the following must be completed:

Sponsor's Name: _____ AERC# _____

Sat: Horse: _____ AERC# _____ Distance: **50 25LD Intro**

Sun: Horse: _____ AERC# _____ Distance: **50 25LD Intro**

Entry Fees: (Fee includes Permit Fee & AERC Drug Fee)

INTROS 12 Mile Ride Pre Entry

+ _____ \$70 Intro

X _____ Days = _____

****No Discounts Apply ****

Deposit: \$30 by March 1st

30 _____ - Deposit Paid

_____ Total Due At Ride

JUNIORS Ride Pre Entry

+ _____ \$70 Junior (25/50)

X _____ Days

****No Discounts Apply****

+ _____ \$20 Non-AERC Member Fee

No Deposit Needed if Sponsor is Pre Entered by March 1st

_____ Total Due At Ride

YOUNG RIDERS Pre Entry

+ _____ \$100 Young Rider (25LD/50)

X _____ Days = _____

**** No Discounts Apply****

+ _____ \$20 Non-AERC Member Fee

Deposit: \$30 by March 1st

30 _____ - Deposit Paid

_____ Total Due At Ride

REGULAR RIDERS 25 & 50 Miles Pre Entry by March 1st

_____ \$135 1 Day Entry or

_____ \$250 (\$125 each day) 2 Day

Entry (Diff Horse ok)

Choose 1 Discount: (Choose 2 if riding 2 days)

- _____ - \$5 TERA or

- _____ - \$10 Cash At Ride or

- _____ - \$10 Military or Veteran

+ _____ \$20 Non-AERC Member Fee

- **50** _____ Deposit Paid by March 1st

_____ Total Due At Ride

Enter At Ride or Entering After March 1st:

_____ \$155 25LD or 50 Day of Ride

X _____ Days

= _____

_____ - \$5 TERA Discount or \$5 Cash At Ride Discount

_____ \$125 Young Rider ****No Discounts**

_____ \$80 Junior Rider ****No Discounts**

+ _____ \$20 Non-AERC Member Fee

_____ \$80 Intro ****No Discounts**

_____ Total Due At Ride

I need _____ Bermuda & _____ Alfalfa Bales. Zelle, Check, Paypal Friends & Family
Hay- \$12 Bermuda \$30 Alfalfa Total To Be Paid: _____

Deposit is NON REFUNDABLE. You only pay one deposit of either \$30, or \$50.

DEPOSITS: You ONLY have to send the Deposit amount to be pre registered. If you do want to send the whole amount in pre ride PLEASE make 2 checks out. One for the deposit, one for the remainder! Thank you!

**Deposit & Hay Order may be paid through Zelle,
Paypal with Friends & Family option only,
or Check Arriving by March 1st**

I will accept electronic payments for the full amount BEFORE the ride IF you pay any fees associated with the payments and IF you include all ride info with the payment (distance, person, day, discounts included, etc) Thank you! (337) 424-7074 For Zelle. Email below for **Paypal CHOOSE FRIENDS AND FAMILY**

No electronic payments will be taken at the ride!! CASH IS PREFERRED at the ride!!

Make checks payable to: **Kerry Lowrey**

Mail Payment, Entry Form, & Liability release to: **Kerry Lowrey, 163 Fisher McConathy Rd., Anacoco, La 71403** or Email: KareBearLowrey@hotmail.com

Please confirm I received it if via email- it likes to throw things into my Trash folder!

The Crawfish Crawl Liability Release

Liability Release As a participant in the The Crawfish Crawl Ride, I,

agree to abide by the rules of AERC, TERA, and the The Crawfish Crawl ride rules. 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, modify or eliminate: that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that 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 _____

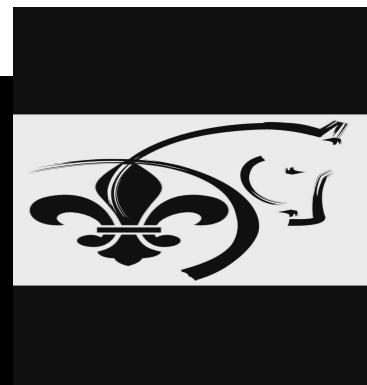
Junior Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Known Drug Allergies: _____

Medical Condition: _____

Please be courteous at all times and remember we are doing this for FUN!!!

Our Sponsors:



Louisiana Equine Counsel

Schedule:

Friday Check In:		2pm
Friday & Sat Vet In:		After 3pm That Day
Rider Meeting:	Fri 7pm	Sat- LISTEN FOR HORN!
Award Meetings:	Sat 7 pm	On Sat 1 hour after last rider finishes the 25 & 50

Directions

Latitude: 31.03702582 **Longitude:** -92.57329261

The Ahtus Melder Equestrian Camp is located just off LA Hwy 112 West approximately one mile past the Forest Road 258 turnoff to the Loran/Claiborne Trailhead Camp. Turn south on Forest Road 267 and take an immediate left onto Forest Road 269. The camping area is on the right in the grassy area under the large pines.

True to its primitive nature, the camp offers no modern amenities—no restrooms, running water, or picnic tables to disturb the natural tranquility. Instead, visitors embrace a genuine leave-no-trace ethos, carrying in supplies and packing out all waste, preserving this pristine corner of wilderness for fellow adventurers.

The Ahtus Melder Equestrian Camp offers primitive camping on a first-come, first-served basis. It is particularly suited for equestrians and RV campers, with some level paved parking spaces available.

TRAILS: The primary recreational activity at Ahtus Melder Equestrian Camp is horseback riding. The campground offers open camping for horse riders and access to the Claiborne Multiple-Use Trail, which also supports dirt bike riding. However, motorized vehicles are not allowed to use the camping area. The area connects to the Claiborne Multiple-Use Trails, which include 88 miles of trails, old logging roads, and fire lanes for riding through sandy creek beds and pine forests. **Terrain:** Hard-bottom white sand trails, creeks, and hilly pine forests. **Difficulty:** Trails vary from easy to very challenging. **Rules:** No horseshoes required; Coggins test is mandatory. Breastcollar is recommended! There are many exposed roots at this ride that riders need to be aware of, and some riders may want to have shoes because of that.

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 12 Noon, and close Monday at 12 Noon. Water for horse and human will be available in camp. Vet checks will be in camp.

CAMPING: Please no riding on the trails on ride days unless you are entered in the ride. You may pay the Ahtus Melder Daily fee to ride the day before the ride if you so wish. Generators off at 10 pm, on at 5:30 am. No All night generator area per the campground rules.

Weather: Each season paints Ahtus Melder in dramatically different hues. Winter transforms the camp into a crisp wonderland where temperatures dip into the low 20s, occasionally dusting the pines with snow (though chances remain modest at around 10%). Spring awakens the forest with perfect riding weather, as temperatures climb into the comfortable 70s with cool 50-degree mornings ideal for early trail rides. Summer brings the full Southern experience—steamy 95-degree afternoons that make those shaded pine groves especially inviting, while warm 76-degree nights invite stargazing from your tent. Fall delivers perhaps the most magical camping conditions, with moderate temperatures and changing forest colors creating an equestrian paradise. For the month of March average high temps are in the 70s and low temps are in the 50s. Weather is usually stable by this time of year but occasional thunderstorms can appear.

This campground does not handle rainfalls of 5+ inches very well. If storms are present the week of the ride please watch closely for any announcements. Please ignore any people talking about cancellation unless it comes from myself!! (Kerry Lowrey)

Thank you & Hope to see you there!!



To Finish is To Win!