

SUGARLOAF SPRING FLING
RIDE INFORMATION
February 21, 2026

HELMETS: Helmets are required at all times when mounted. This includes in base camp, on trail and during competition.

PRE-RIDING: Pre-riding the trail is allowed. However, the entry fee includes a permit for riding ONLY on ride day (Saturday). If you plan on riding any other day, whether you are race registered or not, you **MUST** purchase a ride permit from the day riding kiosk up the road from camp and are required to carry on your person when riding. **There is a \$250 fine for NOT having your permit.** Please pay the \$5/day or \$25/year.

REGISTRATION: Rider packets will be given to you upon registration.

RIDE MEAL & BRIEFING: The Ride Briefing will be held Friday evening at approximately 6pm. Meal provided = salad, 2 types of chili, bread, and a few toppings to be provided. Bringing additional appetizers, sides or desserts to share is encouraged but not required. The meal ticket is included in the entry fee for riders and crew, and is provided at no charge for vets & volunteers.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST: Coffee will be available for everyone. Breakfast casseroles & fruit items will be provided for vets & volunteers only.

NEARBY AMENITIES: Please come prepared with your own meals for Saturday. There is shopping about 15 miles away in Hartsville (straight out Ruby Hartsville Rd.), 14 miles away in McBee (west on Hwy 1), and 20 miles away in Cheraw (east on Hwy 1).

AWARDS: We will be awarding: Top Ten, 11th Place, First to Finish, BC, HVS, 1st Junior, and Turtle in both the 25 and 50 mile, First Junior in the 25 and 50 mile, Completion prizes for all finishers. Ties allowed. All vet decisions are final. Awards ceremony will be held as soon as possible after riders finish on Saturday. Watch the board for a time announcement. If you need to leave before the awards ceremony, please see the ride manager to pick up your prizes or arrange for someone to get them for you. No prizes will be mailed or shipped.

HORSE WATER: Water troughs in camp & on trail will be available on Friday, but timing is uncertain. We highly recommend you bring horse water with you.

CAMP AMENITIES: This is a primitive camp site with no running water or structures. We will provide port-o-pots. You're welcome.

DOGS: Well behaved dogs are welcome! Unattended dogs must be on a leash or in a kennel or trailer. Please pick up your dog poop and dispose of in a non-traffic area.

HOLES: Holes created by pacing horses and digging dogs need to be filled in prior to leaving.

MANURE: Please dispose of manure by scattering in low people traffic areas.

TYING: No direct-tying to trees allowed. High-lines okay.

VET TREATMENT: Any treatment agreement between the treatment vet and yourself is a private treaty and must be paid before leaving camp.

FARRIER: There will be no farrier on site.

FIRE PITS: No metal or glass trash is allowed in the permanent fire pits. Personal fire rings are allowed as long as they are completely contained and extinguished appropriately when finished. Downed wood and pine cones can be burned in contained fire rings. **DO NOT CUT TREES.** Fire pit permission can change depending on weather conditions. Thanks for your understanding.

TRASH: Plan on hauling out all trash. There are no dumpsters or trash bins available. PLEASE be respectful and clean up your campsite.

GENERATORS: Loud generators must be turned off between 10pm and 5:00am. Quiet ones okay, but please just be respectful with site selection, generator placement and neighbors. There is plenty of room to spread out at this campground so that everyone can get a good night's sleep. Ride manager reserves the right to request any generators off at any time.

TRAIL INFO: Besides being beautiful, diverse and engaging, these trails are lovingly marked by our Trail Master, Patsy Gowen.

Footing – Hoof protection is not required. Trails are sandy, but not deep sugar sand. There are short sections of gravel with access to the sides, no rocks and very little mud. There are several places where caution will be needed when crossing pavement.

These are horse trails only and are used by day riders, and very occasionally bike riders. Please be courteous, slow down and ask to pass.

Forest Service Gates - Gates will either have a go-around or be open. Be aware of guide/support wires.

Be aware that Forest workers are often out on or immediately off of trails raking pine straw.

DIRECTIONS:

From the West take I 85 to SC 5 to SC 521 Bypass 9 in Lancaster to SC 903 to SC 151 to US Hwy 1. Travel 7 miles from McBee to HARTSVILLE-RUBY RD/SC 109 on US 1 north. Turn LEFT on to SC 109 /HARTSVILLE-RUBY RD. and go 3 miles. Turn RIGHT onto sandy road, Gasline Rd. and go 1 mile to EQUINE CAMPING and turn LEFT. This is camp.

From the East in Cheraw, take US 1/US 52/SC 9/ Market St. (these are all the same road) toward McBee or Columbia. Stay on US 1 about 17 miles. At the intersection of US 1 and SC 109 /HARTSVILLE-RUBY Rd. turn RIGHT. Continue 3 miles to sandy road, Gasline Rd. Turn right and continue for 1 mile to EQUINE CAMPING.

THERE WILL BE AERC SIGNS.

This campground does not have a street address, but a google search for 'Sandhills Equine Camping' in Bay Springs, SC should give you a good pin to navigate to. IF you use your GPS, **DO NOT** follow if it tells you to go on any sandy road other than the one mentioned, Gasline Rd. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AS GPS WILL SOMETIMES TAKE YOU ON SANDY ROADS WHERE YOU WILL GET STUCK.**

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Sand Hills State Forest, Patrick, SC ~ February 21, 2026

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE USE ONE FORM PER RIDER AND HORSE

NAME _____ AERC# _____

TELEPHONE # _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

JUNIOR RIDER: Y / N BIRTHDATE _____ SPONSOR NAME _____

HORSE NAME _____ AGE _____ BREED _____

AERC # _____ COLOR _____ SEX: M / G / S OWNER NAME _____

FIRST TIME RIDER: Y / N SERA MEMBER: Y / N DISTANCE: 25 MILE / 50 MILE / INTRO (circle one)

DATE ARRIVING _____ DATE LEAVING _____

Please notify SARAHARTHURLLC@GMAIL.COM (or 252-474-4404), if planning to arrive prior to Friday, February 20th.

WEIGHT WITH TACK: (circle one)	FEATHERWT < 161 LBS	LIGHTWT 161-185 LBS	MIDDLEWT 186-210 LBS	HEAVYWT > 210 LBS
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YOU MUST INCLUDE A NEGATIVE COGGINS NO MORE THAN ONE YEAR OLD WITH ENTRY

HELMETS ARE REQUIRED DURING COMPETITION AND AT ALL TIMES WHEN RIDERS ARE MOUNTED

50 MILE HORSES MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 60 MONTHS OLD, 25 MILE HORSES MUST BE A MINIMUM OF 48 MONTHS OLD

Adult Rider Fee (25&50)	\$160	
Junior Rider Fee (25&50)	\$110	
Intro Rider Fee (does not qualify for Early Entry Discount)	\$80	
AERC non-member fee (does not apply to Intro Riders)	\$20	
Camping Fee	\$10 per rig per night	
Early Entry Discount (postmarked or emailed by Feb 13 th)	Subtract \$30	
PAYMENT IN FULL IS REQUIRED WITH ENTRY!	TOTAL DUE:	

If you didn't include a Camping Fee, whose rig are you staying in? _____

If including a check, please make payable to Sarah Arthur

Paypal (friends & family!) to saraharthurLLC@gmail.com OR Venmo @Sarah-Marie-Arthur

Mail Entries To: Eric Rueter – Sugarloaf Entry
11045 Friendsville Road
Lenoir City, TN 37772
eric@fleetfootfarm.com

THIS IS A RELEASE - IT CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY.

As a participant in the SUGARLOAF SPRING FLING ENDURANCE RIDE, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC, SERA, ride management, and the Sand Hills State Forest. I understand that endurance riding involves being in areas that have many natural and man-made hazards which ride management cannot and declines to anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, away from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable; that as a result of participating in the SUGARLOAF SPRING FLING ENDURANCE RIDE, my horse or I may be injured, die, or my property damaged; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. It is expressly understood by the undersigned that Ride Management, all involved property owners, and all ride personnel will not endeavor to mark any and all hidden, obvious or potential hazards but will merely mark the trail to be used. I agree to take full responsibility for the animal that I am riding and myself. I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, Sand Hills State Forest, the State of South Carolina, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses blameless for any accident, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the SUGARLOAF SPRING FLING ENDURANCE RIDE and free from all liability for such injury or loss. In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the SUGARLOAF SPRING FLING ENDURANCE RIDE, I do hereby for myself and my heirs release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel, all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, AERC, SERA their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride, arising from negligence or any other fault. The foregoing release applies to me and to any junior who I sponsor. This release becomes effective immediately upon my arrival at the Sand Hills State Forest and remains in effect until I (we) have completely left these facilities/grounds.

In the event the rider is incapacitated, I agree to allow the treatment vet to reserve judgement in treating horse in order to stabilize its condition. I agree to pay the vet for these services.

I have read and understand this liability release.

RIDER SIGNATURE_____ DATE_____

HORSE OWNER'S SIGNATURE_____ DATE_____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE_____ DATE_____
(any rider <19)