

MARIPOSA
"RUN FOR THE GOLD"
25 & 50 Mile Elevator Ride
June 28 & 29, 2008



Rider Name _____ AERC# _____ AGE _____
 Address _____ Phone() _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Horse Name _____ AERC# _____ AGE _____
 Breed _____ Sex _____ Color/Markings _____
 Owners Name _____ AERC# _____
 Owners Address _____

CATEGORIES-PLEASE CHECK One:

Junior _____ Birth date _____ Featherweight(160#/below) _____
 Lightweight(161-185#) _____ Middleweight(186-210#) _____ Heavyweight(211#up) _____

As a participant in the Mariposa 25 or 50 Mile Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and by the rules of this ride. 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 man-made hazards which Ride management expressly declines to anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate or warn against; 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 release, hold harmless and indemnify the California State Horsemen's Association, "Run For The Gold" Ride Management, all ride personnel, Rich Theodore, Clarissa Hale, Circle 9 Ranch, Tom & Elaine Seymour, Virginia Scott Family, U. S. Forest Service and all liability arising from accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS LIABILITY RELEASE

Riders Signature _____ Date _____

I Give permission for emergency medical treatment:

Parent or Guardian of Junior Rider _____

Sponsor of Junior Rider _____

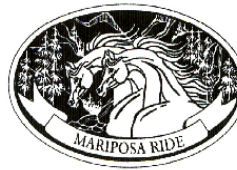
Juniors & 2008 Ride Managers are 1/2 price Entry Fee.

_____ 25 Miler	Saturday _____ Sunday _____	\$90.00 per day	X _____	= \$ _____
_____ 50 Miler	Saturday _____ Sunday _____	\$ 90.00 per day	X _____	= \$ _____
_____ Non AERC Member ADD		\$ 15.00 per day	X _____	= \$ _____
_____ Friday Dinner		\$ 5.00		\$ _____
_____ Extra Saturday Banquet		\$ 10.00		\$ _____
_____ Extra Sunday Banquet		\$ 10.00		\$ _____
_____ Late Entry ADD		\$ 20.00 (After June 20th)		\$ _____
_____ Team Entry		\$ 5.00		\$ _____
		Total Enclosed		\$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: CSHA ~ % Rich Theodore ~ 4103 Triangle Road ~ Mariposa, CA 95338



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This ride will be run under the sanctions of the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC).

Sponsored By:
CSHA Endurance Program
Rich Theodore, Chair

INFORMATION

Ride Managers: Rich Theodore: 209-742-7895
Clarissa Hale: 530-347-1367
Ride Secretary: Mary Darlene Theodore
209-742-7895 E-mail: wildcat7@sti.net

The Mariposa "Run For The Gold" operates under a U.S. Forest Service special use permit in the Sierra National Forest.



Accommodations: The base camp is located at the Historic Circle 9 Ranch, 6654 Jerseydale Road approximately 13 miles from the town of Mariposa. Park rigs in a grassy meadow. Potable water and water troughs for Horses will be available. On Friday, there will be a **"Bring your own meat BBQ"** from 5PM-9PM. We will provide the BBQ for cooking the meat you bring, as well as, baked potatoes, beans, salad, bread, coffee, tea & dessert for a cost of \$5.00. You provide the meat of your choice. Awards Dinner will be held on Saturday night 5 – 9 PM. Sunday Dinner will start at 3 PM with Awards presentation beginning approximately 6:30 PM.

The Trail: The rides will be on mountain trails, fire and abandoned logging roads, that cross streams and seasonal creeks, across private ranches and the U.S. Forest. You will ride through the beautiful scenic splendor of California's Southern High Sierra with views of Yosemite's snow capped peaks. There will be water troughs near radio check points and at vet checks. **We will supply water for riders also!** The ride will start and finish at the "Circle 9 Ranch" in Jerseydale. We would like to stress the importance of having a WELL-CONDITIONED horse as this could be a difficult ride, depending on weather conditions. We encourage riders to have crews and crew maps will be available.

Veterinary Inspection: A pre-ride veterinary inspection will be held at the "Circle 9 Ranch" between the hours of 3:00 PM and 9:00 PM on Friday, June 27th. The pre-ride vet check for Sunday's ride will take place during Saturday's vetting as vets are available. There will be a pre-ride meeting at approximately 8:15 PM at the dinner area. All horses must satisfy the ride veterinarians as to condition and soundness before being allowed to proceed at any time during the ride.

Entry Fees: \$90 for the 25 miler and \$90 for the 50 miler,(per day) if your entry is postmarked on or before June 20th. Entries postmarked after June 20th, add a \$20 late fee. Full refunds will be given if ride management is notified by June 26th. **Juniors and 2008 Ride Managers are half price.** NO SHOWS RECEIVE NO REFUND! The entry fee includes the \$5.00 California Drug Fee. **Complimentary donuts and coffee will be provided on Saturday & Sunday morning before the ride.** The Saturday & Sunday meal is included with the your entry for the 25 miler and 50 miler. Friday night "Bring Your Own Meat" BBQ cost is \$5.00. Extra meal tickets may be purchased for family & crews as follows: Friday night \$5.00 each, Saturday & Sunday night \$10.00 each. A \$20.00 fee will be retained if Horse cannot pass veterinary Check-In. CHECKS WILL NOT BE CASHED UNTIL AFTER THE RIDE.

AWARDS: Presentation of awards will be at the Saturday & Sunday night banquet.

25 Miler - Buckle award OR commemorative Wine Glasses to all finishers and an Award to Best over-all condition will be presented.

50 Miler - Buckle award OR commemorative Wine Glasses to all finishers.

Awards to: Overall Winner, 1st in each category, Top Ten and Best over-all condition will be presented.

TEAM Awards: Bring a team or join a team and receive a special award. All proceeds to benefit the AERC Pacific South International Team.

SPECIAL AWARDS: There will be special awards given to horse and rider combinations who complete the Buck Meadows Boogie 2 Day, 50 miles each day, April 19th & 20th and the CSHA Mariposa "Run For The Gold", 2 day 50 miles each day. Awards are sponsored by California State Horsemen's Association. See details at the ride office.

Bake Sale: Proceeds benefit the Mariposa County 4-H Equine Project.

Farrier: Available on Friday afternoon and during the ride Saturday & Sunday.

Directions: From Merced, CA, take Hwy. 140 East to Mariposa/Yosemite. As you enter the town of Mariposa, turn right onto Hwy 49 South and continue to Bootjack. Turn Left on Darrah Road for 5 miles and Darrah Road becomes Jerseydale Road. Go approximately 3 miles to the Circle 9 Ranch. Parking will be on the left. **From Fresno,** take Hwy 41 North to Oakhurst. Turn Left on Hwy 49 (1st Red Light) and proceed for approx. 15 miles to Triangle Road. Turn Right and proceed for approx 6 miles to Jerseydale Road. Turn right and follow signs to Circle 9 Ranch. Watch for signs and pink ribbons along this route to help direct you.

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RIDE RULES

1. Horses must be at least four (4) years old for the 25 miler and at least five (5) years old for the 50 milers.
2. Mares in foal will not be permitted.
3. All horses must be shod or use hoof protection.
4. Abuse of the horse and the use of stimulants or pain killers is prohibited. ALL horses are subject to saliva and/or urine tests.
5. JUNIOR RULING: A JUNIOR is a rider under the age of 16 as of January 1st, 2008, and MUST be accompanied by a competent adult sponsor and finish within ONE MINUTE of that sponsor. **Helmets are required for juniors.**
6. The same horse and rider must pass all control points and stay on the marked trail.
7. THERE WILL BE NO TIES.
8. Horses must stand all Vet Inspections, and the opinions of the Veterinarians are final.
9. Failure to start at the designated time will disqualify the horse and rider.
10. The ride must be completed in 6 hours for the 25 miler and 12 hours for the 50 miler.
11. All horses must be presented for a pre-ride Veterinary Inspection between the hours of 3:00 PM and 9:00 PM on Friday, June 27th and on Saturday during vetting when Vets are available at the “Circle 9 Ranch” campsite.
12. All horses and riders must be at the starting line and prepared to begin the ride at 6:00 AM for the 50 milers and 6:30 AM for the 25 milers. A violation of any of the rules will be subject to immediate disqualification of the horse and rider.
13. NO SMOKING allowed while riding the trail at any time, or on the roads marked for the ride. Smoking will be permitted only at designated areas. This rule will be enforced by the ride officials and the U.S. Forest Service.
14. **Each rider must record IN and OUT of all control points. The responsibility for recording IN and OUT rests with the rider.**
15. Hikers have the right-of-way at all times. Any entry who does not show caution and courtesy when passing hikers will be disqualified from the ride.
16. Horses MUST be kept under control at all times. Any horse endangering horses, riders, or anyone along the trail is subject to immediate disqualification.
17. All horses, with the entered rider, must finish the ride at the designated finish line and present their horse for post ride examination in order to receive an award.
18. Any UNSPORTSMANLIKE conduct to either riders or horses or ride workers will result in disqualification.
19. DOGS MUST BE ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES.
20. All decisions made by Ride Management are FINAL.
21. AERC will record points and mileage for AERC members as described in the current rule book.
22. ONLY Competing horses will be allowed on the trail during the ride. (i.e. NO Pace Horses)
23. In the Limited Distance ride (25 miler) we will award a Best Condition Award to one of the first 10 horses to complete the ride. The standard AERC form for judging BC will be used. Remember the LD horses complete the ride when they meet the finishing criteria, not in the order they cross the finish line.