

**35 rider limit**

## RIDE INFORMATION AND RULES

La Grange Ditch 50/75



Weaver Basin Express 25



AERC Rides Shasta Trinity National Forest, Weaverville CA

### COST

La Grange Ditch 75 \$100

La Grange Ditch 50 \$85

Weaver Basin Express 25 \$85

Weaver Basin Express 15 Miles \$25

Junior Sponsors receive a \$10 Discount.

2017 AERC Ride managers receive a \$25 Discount.

Add \$30 after June 15<sup>th</sup> 2017.

17 and under ride for FREE! Veterans and active Military ride FREE! Active and Retired Law Enforcement, First Responders and Firefighters also ride FREE!



### START TIME

Due to this time of year on average being hot and to avoid two way traffic on narrow trails all riders start at 5:30 AM

### Awards

There will be awards in all distances for Completions. For all distance except 15 miles there will be 1<sup>st</sup> Place, 1st Junior, BC, and Turtle award for slowest time. There will be a e. No top ten or weight division awards so more can be spent on completion awards.

### SHASTA TRINITY ENDURANCE CHALLENGE SERIES AWARDS

Rules: Ride a minimum of 4 of the following rides in the same ride season, any combination of AERC distances on the same horse: Whiskeytown Chaser, 25/50 Redding CA, Van Duzen Doozie 100 Mad River CA, La Grange Ditch, 50/75 Weaverville CA, Weaver Basin Express, 25 Weaverville CA, Hat Creek Hustle I, 25/50 Old Station CA, Hat Creek Hustle II, 25/50 Old Station CA, South Fork Trinity River Ride, 55 Ruth CA, Redneck Ride, 25/50 Shingletown CA Please go to [www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org) and click on competition and go to the West Region ride calendar for entries and information for each ride. Each ride is managed by independent ride managers. Series is provided by CSHA Endurance. If you meet the requirements for the Shasta Trinity Challenge you will be eligible to purchase a choice of Gist Silversmith's buckles, fleece cooler, jacket, or vest. Awards will be ordered in December and will be presented at the 2018 Whiskeytown Chaser in Redding Ca or mailed at your cost.

### FOOD AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES, CHECK IN AND VET IN

There will be a potluck Dinner on Friday. Time will be posted at check in table along with ride meeting time. Check In 2PM Friday. Vet In 4 PM Friday. There will be fruit and drinks out on the trail. There are restaurants and stores within 3 to 5 miles of ride camp. We will provide a menu for one of the local restaurants and will phone in orders and pick them up for you. We also will be happy to keep a eye on your horses for you if you go to downtown Weaverville for a meal, shopping and sightseeing the historic downtown. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend and there is a big annual celebration in Weaverville. There are vendors at nearby Lowden Park and a fireworks display and Bull Riding Championships as well as a destruction derby over the weekend.

### DIRECTIONS

Take I 5 to Redding, from Redding go 299 West to Weaverville. Drive all the way into Weaverville's Historic Downtown and take a right on Highway 3 North toward Trinity Lake. Drive approximately 3 miles up highway 3 and after climbing a sweeping hairpin turn to the right, turn left onto a gravel Forest Service Road 34N95. It is a will be marked with a sign and flagging. Drive up the gravel FS road approximately .7 miles, road will climb and curve and pass through the gate. Ride Camp will be on right after climbing a short hill after the gate. From 101 take 299 East to Weaverville and turn left onto Highway 3 North and follow the rest of the directions from Redding.

## **TRAILS AND RIDECAMP**

Ride Camp was developed in 2014 by management with the cooperation of the USDA Forest Service and is a work in progress. Ride camp is on a ridge at 3200 with tall cedars, firs, pines and oaks.

Water is trucked into ride camp and available off the truck and in 70, 100 and 169 gallon troughs. You are encouraged to bring as much water on board with you as you can to help us keep up with demand and impact on local water supply. Water will be out on the trail both natural and in buckets/troughs. There will be water for sponging. Water is on the trail every five miles or less. Course is designed to provide as much shade as possible later in the day. **ALL VET**

### **CHECKS ARE IN RIDE CAMP.**

Trails are almost all 'single' or 'double' track on old wagon roads and mining ditches, with some dirt and gravel Forest Service roads. The longer the distance the more road there is. Nothing excessive though in the way of hard packed roads, elevation gain or loss or hard climbs. Trail goes up and down between 2200 ft to 4200 ft. There also lots of 'flat' sections along with very moderate grades or short climbs. There is not a lot of ups and downs though and these are not steep or hard rides. There will be people water and fruit on the trail. Trails have varied footing from rocky to soft red dirt. The soft dirt trails prevail though. Watch out for knee knockers on the narrower single tracks! The trails go through a diverse landscape. There is lush thick Oaklands and varied Conifer forest with some really large second growth...as well as a Maple and Alder and Dogwood lined creeks. There are archaeological remains of mining along the trail. Views of the Trinity Alps Wilderness abound. There are bridge and creek crossings. This trail has some ducking and dodging in some places and others are like a race track so keep your eyes open and watch out for trail hazards and enjoy the views of the stunning Trinity Alps !

## **RULES**

All AERC Rules apply.

Do not tie your equines directly to tress. High lining is allowed as long as equines can not reach trees to damage them. Please clean up and bag your hay and manure and fill in any holes made by your horse(s). Management will haul it away and will provide bags. Please pick up your trash and place in trash cans or pack it out with you.

Please NO campfires. Camp Stoves and gas BBQs OK with campfire permit. We will have permits available to fill out in camp.

When mounted on your horse in camp please keep it to a walk.

Dogs now must be leashed at all times per Forest Service orders.

Keep noise down after 12AM. No generators on between the hours of 12 AM to 5AM.

Participants under 18 MUST wear helmets when on horses in camp or on the trail.

When out on the trail if asked by another trail user for trail, yield it at best opportunity. Do not block trail. If you want to pass, ask for trail (DO NOT TAILGATE!) and pass quietly and calmly. Do not run by without letting a fellow rider or a public trail user unassociated with our event know you are passing. If you see a rider (or other trail user) ahead, slow down to a slow jog or walk. Trails are narrow in places and we do not want anyone 'blown' off the trail if their horse gets startled by the sudden rushing appearance of another horse behind them. Also do not barge up on another rider at the water troughs or creeks, ask if is ok first. Do not leave another rider and horse at a water trough or a creek without asking if it is ok to go on without them.

No going off marked trail, users must STAY ON TRAIL.

No littering on trail.

Scooping and Sponging allowed only from designated sources.

No abuse of horses.\* No unsportsmanlike behavior.\*

Be kind to management and volunteers and other trail users please.

Participants are responsible for cost of treatment if needed by treatment veterinarian.

No Tampons, Sanitary Pads or Diapers thrown down into the porta potties!

**\*What is deemed abusive or unsportsmanlike will be at the discretion of ride management**



## La Grange Ditch 50/75 & Weaver Basin Express 25 AERC Rides

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Rider AERC # \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse AERC# \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Owner (If other then you): \_\_\_\_\_ Owner AERC # \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's AERC # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

July 1<sup>st</sup> La Grange Ditch 75 Miles \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

July 1<sup>st</sup> La Grange Ditch 50 Miles \$85 \_\_\_\_\_

July 1<sup>st</sup> Weaver Basin Express 25 Miles \$85 \_\_\_\_\_

July 1<sup>st</sup> Weaver Basin Express 15 Mile Ride \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee each day after June 15<sup>th</sup> + \$30**

Discount JR Sponsor -\$10 \_\_\_\_\_

Discount 2017 AERC Ride Manager Ride Name \_\_\_\_\_ -\$25 \_\_\_\_\_

AERC day rider fee for non AERC members each day (Does not apply to 15 mile ride)+\$15 \_\_\_\_\_

Active or Retired Firefighters & Law Enforcement or Veterans or Active Military & 17 & under FREE(circle one)

TOTAL..... \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Solomon Homicz: Mail to PO Box 581 Weaverville CA 96093

### CHECK CASHING AND REFUND POLICY

Checks are cashed May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. All of entry refunded if canceled by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 thereafter 50% percent will be refunded until June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017. No refunds after June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017 for any reason. All cancellations and no shows have the option to pay forward their entry to South Fork River Ride or next year's Weaverville Rides and will receive a certificate for full credit. Refunds and certificates for credit may take up to 30 days after the ride to process. This is the only our family can continue to afford to put on rides and pay it forward by giving free entries to 17 and under, Veterans, Active Military, Active and Retired Firefighters and Law Enforcement. We have been averaging 12 free entries that fall into this category at each of our rides as well as several entries given out for fund-raisers like AERC raffle, volunteers etc...

**EXPENSES INCURRED BY PARTICIPANTS WITH TREATMENT VET ARE THAT INDIVIDUAL'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PAY!**

### Please Read Information Packet & Ride Rules Release of Liability

I \_\_\_\_\_ acknowledge that I have read the Rules and Information Sheet for La Grange Ditch Challenge, and Weaver Basin Express, and know and understand it's contents. I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport which carries inherent risks of injury and damage to myself, my horse and property. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding .I hereby release the American Endurance Ride Conference \*(hereinafter referred to as "AERC" ) and the Homicz Family from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of AERC or the Homicz Family. In consideration of my participation in events organized or sponsored by AERC and the Homicz Family. I wave, release and discharge AERC and the Homicz Family, and their directors, officers, agents and members, their representatives, heirs, executors, and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals, or any property arising out of my participation. This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs, and assigns. I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless AERC and the Homicz Family, and their officers, directors, members, and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court cost, and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which case this release is upheld. AERC and the Homicz Family and their agents or employees shall not be liable for any damage which may accrue from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, running away, state of health, injury to person, horse or property.

I acknowledge that I have read this Release of Liability and know and understand its contents.

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

### PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THIS SECTION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ The undersigned parent or guardian of the above participant in consideration of my minor's participation in the event, agree that the terms and conditions in this Release Of Liability shall be binding as to damage or injury to my minor, his/her animals, and property arising out of his/her/ participation in events. I acknowledge that I have read this Release Of Liability and the Rules and Information Sheet for the Weaver Basin Express and know and understand it's contents. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_