

35 Rider Limit

Ride Rules & Information SOUTH FORK TRINITY RIVER AERC Endurance Ride



Welcome to the South Fork Trinity River AERC Ride held in the wilds of Southern Trinity County, in far Northern California. The ride will be taking place in the Six Rivers and Shasta-Trinity National Forests, and Ride camp will be at the Ruth Rodeo Grounds in Ruth Ca.



COST

\$100 early bird entry

Add \$30 after May 15th 2017

\$25 Discount for 2017 AERC Ride Managers.

\$10 Discount for Junior Sponsors.

17 and under, Veterans, Active Military, Active and Retired Firefighters and Law Enforcement ride FREE!

CHECK IN, VET IN AND START TIME

Check in starts 2 PM Friday at the kitchen window up at the Kitchen/Dinning/Dance Hall. Vet in starts at 4PM next to Kitchen/Dining/Dance Hall. Ride start is at 6:00AM.

MEALS

Dinner is NOT included in your entry fee. We will have dinner available Friday and Saturday Nights for \$10.00 each night. If you want meals you must pre purchase and pay with your entry. Tacos Friday. Spaghetti Saturday. Time will be posted at check in along with vet in and ride meeting time. There will be snacks for the riders at the vet check included with entry fee. April Moore and Ranch Party will be playing live for a dance on Saturday night, 1 ticket included with entry all others \$10 cover.

AWARDS

Completion awards for all who complete.. 1st Place, 1st Junior, BC, Turtle awards. No top ten awards. No weight division awards so more can be spent on completion awards.

SHASTA TRINITY ENDURANCE SERIES CHALLENGE AWARDS

The South Fork Trinity River Ride is part of the Shasta Trinity Challenge AERC Endurance Series. Each ride is run by a independent ride managers. Series is provided by CHSA Endurance. Complete a minimum of 4 rides on the same horse, any combination of AERC sanctioned distances at the following rides:

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/ Zenia CA, and Redneck Ride 25/50, Shingletown CA. If you meet the requirements for the Shasta Trinity Challenge you will be eligible to purchase a choice of Gist Silversmith's buckles, or a Schneider's fleece cooler for your horse, or a jacket, or vest or other awards choices. Awards will be personalized and ready for you by the 2018 Whiskeytown Chaser.

TRAILS AND INFORMATION ABOUT THE AREA

The trails include Forest Service roads and tough technical, single track trails that have been used by hunters, miners, and packers since the 1800's. Some were used by native populations long before that. These are trails built to get from point A to Point B in the days before there were even wagon roads in the area. This area was the last hold out of the natives in Trinity County and was one of the last mapped regions in Ca. This is a ride that is doable in the time allowed but it is not a flat and easy ride. There is a lot of elevation change from 2000ft to over 5000ft. You **MUST** have a fit horse. 2017 course will be wheeled for accurate measurement. There will be less road for 2017. It will still have the tough pack trails and the beautiful, idyllic easy South Fork Recreation Trail. The South Fork Recreation Trail winds along and above the South Fork of the Trinity River and has a few narrow spots and a bridge crossing over the South Fork of the Trinity River, though it will be halfway through the ride before you get there, so no worries if you have a horse that just needs to blow off a little steam first. There is plenty of water on the trail. This is not a ride where the trails are perfectly groomed and you are minutes from help. We love the rugged beauty of this back country, but you have to always have respect for it. We will have a treatment vet on hand but should your horse need hospitalization, the closest vet hospital is 2+ hrs to the coast, or 3+ hrs to the valley. This ride provides you the opportunity to have an excellent and unique weekend in some of California's most stunning and historical country! You can see photos and videos of the area, the trails, and get updates at our Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1517389931839015> /and also the Shasta Trinity Endurance FB Page, <https://www.facebook.com/shastatrinityaerendurance>



VET CHECKS

There will be a one hour hold and vet check out of ride camp. There will be human food and drinks at vet check. There will be horse water in troughs at vet check. Bring your own horse food. Crew bags will be hauled to out check.

CAMP AND AREA SERVICES

We will be camping at the Ruth Rodeo Grounds. There is plenty of room, even for bigger rigs. You can arrive up to 6 days before the ride. Limited amount of corals available first come first serve, \$10 per horse for the weekend for corrals. Nearby in Ruth just a few miles from the rodeo grounds there is a small grocery store/gas station (gas and diesel). To be safe you should top off the tank on the coast in Fortuna (or Hydesville, 3 miles up 36 from Fortuna), or Red Bluff in the Valley, before you head out West Hwy 36. There are local fire and emergency rescue services, and a small medical facility for basic things, but the nearest hospital is in Fortuna, 2+ hours away.

DIRECTIONS:

From the Coast/Hwy 101:

Head to Fortuna on Hwy 101. Just past Fortuna (if coming from the North), or Just before Fortuna (if coming from the South) is the Hwy 36 turnoff. Drive East through Hydesville, Carlotta, Bridgeville and Dinsmore. You'll go through the valley, then pass the Forest Service on the left and head up the hill. Go down the hill and you'll go through Mad River (a post office, bar, burger joint, and butcher, all in one spot, and if you blink you will miss it!). Cross over the bridge, and 1/2 mile after Mad River you take a right turn On Mad River Road towards Ruth / Ruth Lake.

Follow the Mad River Road 17 miles, and take a right turn after the Ruth Zenia sign, cross bridge and immediately after bridge turn left and stay on paved road and signs will lead you into the Ruth Rodeo Grounds.

From the Central Valley/I-5:

Head to Red Bluff on I-5 and head west on Hwy 36. Past Platina, Wildwood and Forest Glen, and over South Fork Mountain until you reach the turnoff, Mad River Road, towards Ruth / Ruth Lake (you leave Hwy 36). Turn left here, and follow description above from Mad River Road.

RIDE RULES FOR THE SOUTH FORK TRINITY RIVER RIDE:

All AERC Rules apply.

No tying horses to trees.

Please clean up and spread where directed your hay and manure and fill in any holes made by your horse(s).

Please pick up your trash and pack it out with you.

Please NO campfires. Camp Stoves and gas BBQs OK

No smoking on the trail!

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

Dogs must be UNDER OWNERS CONTROL AT ALL TIMES. CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!

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. When at water trough do not barge into a trough without asking the rider already using it if it is ok, also do not run off and leave a horse that is drinking without asking the rider if it is ok.

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 toilets!



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

SOUTH FORK TRINITY RIVER RIDE



Name _____ Phone: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City/Zip _____

Email _____ Rider AERC# _____

Horse Name: _____ Horse AERC # _____

Horse Owner (If other than you): _____ Owner AERC # _____

Sponsor Name _____ Sponsor's AERC # _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____

June 3rd Early Bird Entry Fee \$100 _____

Dinner Friday \$10 a serving. _____ Dinner Saturday \$10 a serving _____ xtra Dance Tickets \$10 _____

Discount for JR Sponsor - \$10 _____

Discount for 2017 AERC Ride Manager Ride Name _____ -\$25 _____

Add late fee after May 15th 2017. +\$30 _____

AERC day rider fee for non AERC members each day +\$15 _____

Active or Retired Firefighters & Law Enforcement & EMT, or Veterans or Active Military & 17 & under FREE

TOTAL....._____ Make Check Payable to Solomon Homicz: Mail to PO Box 581 Weaverville CA 96093

CHECK CASHING AND REFUND POLICY

Checks are cashed April 1st 2017. All of entry refunded if canceled by May 1st 2017 thereafter 50% percent will be refunded until May 22nd 2017. No refunds after May 23rd 2017 for any reason. All cancellations and no shows have the option to pay forward their entry to the next year's South Fork Trinity 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 way 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..

Release of Liability I _____ acknowledge that I have read the Rules and Information Sheet for the South Fork Trinity River Ride 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 and 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 expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 542 which states: " A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which is known by him might have a materially affected his settlement with that debtor." 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: _____

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 South Fork Trinity River Ride and know and understand it's contents. Signature: _____ Date _____