



Friday, March 31, 2017: IDRs/25/50/2-day 100 & **Saturday, April 1, 2017:** IDRs/25/50
Sanctioned by AERC, SEDRA, & SERA
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Ride Camp Location: McCulley Farm; 3019 McCulley Farm Road; Jasper, FL 32052

Endurance Riding: is a timed athletic event for both the horse and the rider. The event is open to all breeds of equine (horses, mules, and ponies). The goal is to follow a marked trail in the proper direction as described by ride management. The second goal is to ride the marked trail as quickly as the condition of the horse allows, successfully passing all vet checks and finishing with a sound horse. AERC's motto: *"To Finish is to Win"*.

Camping & Stalls:

Electric and primitive sites available. **Camping is NOT included in the entry fee. Electric sites MUST be reserved & paid for in advance or no guarantee one will be available for you. Camping is a SEPARATE CHECK made out to "McCulley Farms".**

Electric Sites = Electric sites are a 2 night minimum and must be paid for in advance to be reserved. \$20/person/night (no horses can be kept at the electric sites; you may tie your horse to your trailer to tack and untack only; \$20 price includes one stall for one horse). Anyone camping at your electric site without a horse is \$15/person/night.

Primitive Sites = \$15/person/night (you may keep your horse at your primitive site; \$15 price does include one stall for one horse). Anyone camping at your primitive site without a horse is \$10/person/night. Generators are allowed (5am-10pm); please be considerate of your neighbors when deciding where to park and the placement of your generator.

Stalls = Additional stalls for extra horses = \$10/night/horse

Ride Camp Amenities:

Hot showers and restroom facilities are available at a couple locations in Base Camp. Water is available in camp at many locations. All dogs must be on a leash at all times – No Exceptions! No pets allowed in the food/entertainment area (Barn #4).

Make neighborhood manure piles for collection after the ride by the McCulleys. If you have used your stall, you need to strip any bedding to avoid a stall cleaning fee; put all bagged trash in the stock trailer outside of Barn #4.

Ride Manager will be on-site; base camp will officially open at 12 pm on Thursday, March 30th. Remember that each horse owner/rider is responsible for the safe camping/restraint of their horse.

Liability Release Form (on the entry form): ALL guests need to sign the release of liability form, not just the rider.

Trails: Trails are on both state and private land. The terrain is mainly flat with good dirt/grass footing. This is Florida, so there is a little deep sand (no long stretches of deep sand). Shoes not required; I ride my horses **barefoot**. Trails will be well marked with adequate water for horses. **ALL VET CHECKS WILL BE IN CAMP.**

2-day 100 milers will follow info below for the 50-milers each day.

50-milers will do three loops (25-mile loop, 15-mile loop, & 10-mile loop) each day with all holds in camp.

25-milers will do two loops (15-mile loop and 10-mile loop) each day with one hold in camp.

Intro-Riders: I'm trying something new this year. You may choose from three introductory distances that will be offered each day. As always, you may treat your introductory ride as a "Fun Ride" or meet time and condition requirements under SEDRA's Introductory Distance Ride guidelines to earn SEDRA lifetime miles. No AERC or SERA miles are awarded, per those organizations.

20-milers will do two 10-mile loops with one hold in camp (max time = 5 hours & 15 minutes)

15-milers will do one 15-mile loop with no hold (max time = 4 hours)

10-milers will do one 10-mile loop with no hold (max time = 2.5 hours)

Ride Start Times:

7:30 AM = 50-milers & 2-day 100-milers

8:00 AM = 25-milers & 15-milers

8:30 AM = 20-milers & 10-milers.

Rules: Helmets are required for ALL riders whenever in the saddle. AERC, SEDRA, & SERA rules apply (your responsibility to know these rules).

Junior Rider Division: AERC rules pertaining to Junior Riders apply to all distances, including the Intro Riders. Junior riders are 15 years old or younger (as of December 1, 2016) and must ride with an adult sponsor (21+ years old) who is also entered in the ride; note sponsor's name on entry form and have them sign as your sponsor. Sponsors may be changed only at vet checks and only with the approval of ride management. AERC ruling for 14-15 year olds, 500 mile completion, applies if ride management has a copy of the AERC letter (see Young Rider Division below).

Young Rider Division **NEW****:** The AERC Board of Directors passed this motion, putting it into effect beginning with the 2017 ride season and it will be re-evaluated after a three-year period. Riders between the ages of 16 and 21 as of December 1, 2016 will be entered into the Young Rider Division instead of one of the Senior Weight Divisions (this also applies to juniors who have petitioned to ride unsponsored).

Intro Riders (IDR): The Intro Ride offers an opportunity for newcomers (riders and/or equines) to see what endurance is all about. Intro riders choose each day from a 20-mile course, 15-mile course, or 10-mile course. The loops used are the same as the other competitors so you will see what is typical during this ride to make your Intro Ride experience authentic. Intro Riders will also have a pre-and post-ride vet check like all competitors. As for AERC and SERA, there are no point or mileage accumulations, no placement awards, no best condition judging, nor are results reported back to those organizations. SEDRA members may count these miles towards their lifetime mileage (see SEDRA's rules for Introductory Distance Rides). All Intro Riders who successfully complete the ride will receive a completion award, and you and your horse will have a good idea about what an endurance ride is like.

Note to Veteran Riders: Many of you have friends that you have encouraged to try endurance but who may be slightly intimidated by the 25 mile distance as a first endurance experience. Please encourage them to try an Intro Ride and they can enjoy the weekend with you at basecamp.

Registration: Check-in starts Thursday afternoon at 1pm. AERC members must show current membership card at check-in to avoid \$15 non-member fee (this does not apply to Intro riders). A current negative Coggins is also required. Vet-in will begin at 4pm on Thursday and continue throughout the day on Friday. Entries will be taken on site, but getting your entry in by March 24th helps us to plan enough food and vets. Pre-entrants only need to show their AERC card for the current year, their horse's - Coggins papers, pay any balance due, and then receive their rider card. The more who are pre-entered, the faster registration goes for all concerned.

Food:

Breakfast: Coffee & pastries will be served for breakfast each morning beginning at 6:00AM.

Lunch: (\$5 for a burger, fries, & drink) available for purchase between 11 AM and 2 PM on Friday and Saturday.

Dinner: will be @ 6:30 PM Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights. **Dinners are not included in the entry fee.** You must purchase dinners in advance. On the entry form, indicate which night(s) you would like dinner and the number of dinners you need; make sure to include full payment for your dinners; ***no guarantee of having a dinner for you if you do not purchase in advance.*** Thursday's dinner will be a Pulled Pork Dinner. Friday's dinner will be a BBQ Chicken Dinner. Saturday's dinner will be a Roast Dinner. Tea/Water is included with all dinners. All meals will be provided for staff and workers. NO REFUNDS FOR DINNERS PURCHASED IN ADVANCE UNLESS THE DINNERS CAN BE SOLD TO ANOTHER COMPETITOR.

Awards: If you cannot stay for awards, please arrange for someone to pick up for you. No awards will be mailed out. Completion Awards for all riders and horses that successfully complete their ride each day will be given. Other awards for the 50 and 25 include: Top 10 (NO ties for 10th place), Best Condition, & Turtle. Awards for Intro Rides: ribbons. Awards will be presented in Barn #4.

IDR riders: Friday and Saturday afternoons (2 pm)

25 milers: Friday and Saturday afternoons (3:30 pm)

50 milers: Friday & Saturday nights (7:30 pm) – earlier if everyone is in from their ride

Ride Meetings: Thursday & Friday nights following dinner (7 pm). Ride day schedules, hold times, and veterinary criteria will be discussed at each ride meeting, do not assume that information won't change from what is listed here, or from day to day. There will also be a chance for new riders (or anyone) to stay and ask more questions after the ride meeting. A veteran rider and one of the timers will be happy to continue the ride discussion so that you are ready for your experience the next morning.

Ride Personnel & Services:

Head Control Vet: Dr. Jennifer Madera

Control Vets: Dr. Julia Simonson

Control/Treatment Vet: TBD (you are responsible for any and all fees for treatment)

Timers: Carol Thompson & Nancy Gooch

Water on Trail: Tom Florkiewicz

Photographer: Teresa Wheway of Tre Wheway Photography

Farrier: If available (you are responsible for any and all fees)

Emergency Vet Clinic: TBD (you are responsible for any and all fees)

Volunteers: Help is always appreciated to work in the vet check area (pulse, scribes, etc.). If you or someone you know would like to help, please call or enclose a note with the entry form. Please indicate which day(s) and for which job you would like to volunteer. I will plan to provide meals for you. ☺

Directions: (you can use google maps, but do **NOT** use map quest as it is not correct)

From the North: I-75 S to exit 467 – CR 143. Go South/West 8.8 miles. McCulley Farms will be on your right.

From the South: I-75 N to exit 460 – SR6 (Madison/Jasper). Go West on SR 6 for 10.7 miles and turn right on CR143 (you will see a left turn for CR143 about a mile prior; ignore the left turn and continue on SR 6 another mile to the right-hand turn). McCulley Farms is 1.3 miles down on the left.

Cancellation Policy: If you should have to cancel or withdraw before passing your pre-ride vet check, your entry fee will be refunded, minus a \$20/entry processing fee (\$10/entry for Young Riders and Juniors). No-Shows and withdrawals or pulls after passing the pre-ride vet in process will not receive any refunds. Cancellations must be made to ride management in writing (text, email, or note handed to ride manager). Meal tickets are non-refundable unless your ticket can be sold.

Important: In addition to a current negative Coggins issued within the past 12 months, Florida Law requires a current health certificate on all out of state livestock. All trailers must stop at agricultural inspection stations.

Schedule (times are approximate and subject to change):

Thursday March 30, 2017	Friday March 31, 2017	Saturday April 1, 2017	Sunday April 2, 2017
12 pm: Ride Camp opens 1 pm: Registration Begins 4 pm: Vet-In begins 6:30 pm: Dinner 7 pm: Ride Meeting	5:30 am: Generators on 6 am: Coffee & Pastries 7:30 am: 2-day 100-milers & 50-milers start 8 am: 25-milers & 15-milers start 8:30 am: 20-milers & 10-milers start 11am-2 pm: Lunch sold 2 pm: Awards for IDRs 3:30 pm: Awards for 25s 6:30 pm: Dinner 7 pm: Ride Meeting 7:30 pm: Awards for 50s 10 pm: Generators off	5:30 am: Generators on 6 am: Coffee & Pastries 7:30 am: 2-day 100-milers & 50-milers start 8 am: 25-milers & 15-milers start 8:30 am: 20-milers & 10-milers start 11am-2 pm: Lunch sold 2 pm: Awards for IDRs 3:30 pm: Awards for 25s 6:30 pm: Dinner 7:30 pm: Awards for 2-day 100s & 50s 10 pm: Generators off	Noon: Camp Closed

Miscellaneous:

1. All AERC, SEDRA, and SERA rules apply.
2. The equines are under the control of an experienced ride veterinarian staff who will do everything possible to help you evaluate your equine in order that you may complete the ride without hurting your equine. The veterinarian's decision will be final in all matters concerning the safety and well-being of the equines entered in the ride.
3. The Henneke Body Condition Scoring System will be used at the pre-ride vet check to decide if all equines are fit to compete.
4. All riders must be present and accounted for at the start of the ride. You must check in and out with the timer or face disqualification.
5. The same horse/rider must pass all checkpoints, follow ride rules, stay on the marked trail, and do the loops in the correct order to receive completion.
6. ALL equines must see a vet for completion check or when pulling for any reason.

7. **Vet criteria** (pulse/respiration requirement, holds, etc.) will be discussed at the ride meeting. Riders are responsible for understanding this information. All equines in each distance **MUST** meet ride criteria within 30 minutes of reaching a vet check during the ride or be disqualified.
8. **Time Limit:** There is no minimum time limit for completion in any distance. **MAXIMUM** ride time for completion, including holds, is 12 hours for 50-milers, 6 hours for 25-milers, 5 hours & 15 minutes for 20-milers, 4 hours for 15-milers, and 2.5 hours for 10-milers.
9. **Completion/Placement:**
 - a. 2-day 100-milers & 50-milers: placing will be determined by first horse to cross the finish line. No ties for 10th place. Must pulse in within 30 minutes of crossing the finish line.
 - b. 25-milers and Intro Riders: must reach criteria within 30 minutes of reaching camp and ride time does not stop until the equine has met ride criteria. No ties for 10th place in the 25 mile event.
 - c. Equines of all distances must be metabolically fit to continue and have no gait aberrations that are consistently observable at a trot and must have a pulse of 64 or less for 2-day 100-milers & 50-milers; 60 or less for 25-milers and Intro Riders.
10. **Best Condition:** Equines in the Top 10 are eligible. If standing for BC must present for a 15-minute CRI (measured from the finishing time), then a 1-hour post-ride check. Riders must weigh before leaving the vet check area.
11. Riders are responsible for all farrier and vet fees that may be individually incurred.
12. Dogs are to be on leash or confined to rider's camp during the ride. No dogs in Barn #4 (except certified service dogs).

THANK YOU FOR COMING!
I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE A FUN AND SUCCESSFUL RIDE!!