



Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride

Northwest Florida Panhandle, Blackwater River State Forest

November 17th and 18th, 2017

Friday = 25/50, Saturday = 25/50/75

Base Camp Location: Blackwater Equestrian Center (AKA:BEC)

7639 Buddy Hardy Road, Milton, FL 32570

GPS Coordinates: N 30°49.497' W 86°58.400'

Sanctioned by: AERC, SERA, SEDRA, AHA

Hosted by: Five Flags AHA

Vets: Dr. Nelson (Head Vet)

Dr. Biegel

Dr. Thompson

Timers: Nancy Gooch & Carol Thompson

Ride Mgr: Cindy Sheldon, 850-598-7000,

hayshaker77@hotmail.com

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hirider32@hotmail.com

Photographer: Maria Phillips

Farrier: Eric Conroy

≈**BASE CAMP:** The Blackwater Equestrian Center (BEC), a private facility located in the Coldwater Recreation Area of the Forest, has once again agreed to accommodate us! There will be a \$30/rig parking fee that covers the entire weekend from Thursday thru Sunday, which will be collected at check in. **** No parallel parking on fence lines, please leave room for others!** Camping will be in a flat open grassy field. Generator quiet hours are from 10 pm - 5 am. There will be porta-potties in camp. Horse water is available but please bring your own human water. Hot-water wash racks are available behind the barn. Ground fires are not allowed. Please pack all trash and take it with you when you leave camp and spread manure and hay. **ALL competitors and their guests: dogs must be on leash at all times!** Several 12' x 13'5" stalls are available for an additional fee on a first pay, first serve basis, contact Mirka @ BEC for stall reservations 850-529-0869. Electric/water campsites and stalls may be available at the Coldwater Rec Area Campground & Stables, 2 miles north of base camp. To check availability, please call the Division of Forestry at (850) 957-6161. The Coldwater Recreation Area Campground also has a bathhouse with showers & flush toilets.

NOTE: Since the BEC is a privately owned facility, base camp will not open until noon on Wednesday the 15th of November. (No registration till Thursday 1:00). If you plan to arrive before that time, please make other arrangements for your stay.

≈**TERRAIN AND TRAILS:** Trails are mostly packed sand, red-clay soil, and grassy two-track. Terrain is flat to gently rolling through the woods with a few technical sections. There are a few areas of deep soft sand and some short stretches of rock and gravel. There are a few cold spring-fed streams & creeks that you will cross on the trail. All holds will be in camp.

≈**FOOD:** The nearest grocery stores & restaurants are about 15 miles away (Hwy 87/Hwy 90) although there is a convenience store with hot deli 7 miles from camp (corner of Hwy 87 & Hwy 4).

Dinner (Friday): Spaghetti dinner will be served and IS included in the rider entry fee if you compete on Friday. You may purchase a meal for \$10 per person if you DO NOT ride on Friday or want to buy one for your family and/or crew. To guarantee your meal(s), please reserve & pay no later than 10 November.

Lunch (Friday and Saturday): A variety of grill options with chips, soda, and bottled water will be available for a nominal fee; pay as you go and no need to reserve in advance. Food truck will be located near entrance of BEC.

Dinner (Saturday): Baked chicken will be served and IS included in the rider entry fee if you compete on Saturday. You may purchase meals for \$10/person if you DO NOT ride on Saturday or want to buy one for your family/crew. To guarantee your meal(s), please reserve & pay by 10 November.

****No meals will be available for purchase after Nov 10 and must be ordered in advance on entry form****

≈**CANCELLATION POLICY:** If you should have to cancel, withdraw, or pull before crossing the start line, entry fees will be refunded, minus the \$20 non-refundable portion of your entry; however, no-shows/no-calls and withdrawals or pulls after crossing the start line will not receive any refunds. Sorry, meal tickets are non-refundable. Cancellations must be made to ride management in person, by phone, or email.

***Running Bear** will hopefully be able to attend the ride!

≈**FARRIER AND VET FEES:** Riders will be responsible for any farrier or vet services that may be incurred.

≈**AWARDS:** Completion ****AT REGISTRATION****, Top 10, Best Condition, High Vet Score, and Junior. (No Ties)

≈**JUNIORS:** All juniors must **wear an approved helmet** when mounted and be accompanied by an adult sponsor (21 years or older) for the duration of the ride.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BLACKWATER EQUESTRIAN CENTER (BEC)

GPS Coordinates: N 30°49.497' W 86°58.400'

"AERC" or "BW Boogie" signs will be out Wednesday morning

FROM THE NORTH (I-65 southbound): Take I-65 South to Hwy 113 (exit 69); head south to Flomaton, AL, which runs you into US Hwy 29 South. Take this to Hwy 4/S.R. 4 (red-light) in Century, FL. Turn left & follow 4 East to the blinking stop light at Hwy 87 in Berrydale. Go 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles farther to Gordon Land Rd and turn right (watch for Blackwater/Coldwater sign). Follow main paved road 6 miles. After you pass Coldwater Recreation Area & Stables, continue on the main paved road and go 2 more miles. BEC is on the right with a 3-board white fence.

FROM THE EAST (I-10 westbound): Take I-10 west to Hwy 85 (exit 56) & head north to Crestview. In Crestview, head west on Hwy 90/ W. James Lee Blvd and travel 4 miles. In Milligan, turn right and take Hwy 4 northwest approx 13.10 miles (be sure to follow Hwy 4 to the left in downtown Baker) to Hwy 191/Munson Hwy. Turn left (sw) on 191 & go approx 5.6 miles. (After the second horse crossing sign, watch for the Blackwater Div. of Forestry/Coldwater Rec. Area and Stables sign). Turn right on Buddy Hardy Rd.

****Follow the main paved road 3.6 miles (road will make several 90 degree turns). BEC will be on the left with 3-board white fence.**

FROM THE WEST (I-10 eastbound): Take I-10 east to Hwy 281/Avalon Blvd (exit 22). Head north & take Avalon Blvd to Hwy 90/Caroline Street, where you will turn right (east). Take Hwy 90 towards the business section of downtown Milton. At Hwy 87/Stewart Street (red-light with Burger King on the corner), turn left (north). Go 0.8 miles on Hwy 87 & you will see a Shell gas station on the right at the intersection of Hwy 191/Munson Hwy (there is no light or stop sign). Turn right (northeast) & follow Hwy 191 for 14.2 miles. Just before your turn, you will see a fire station sign on the left. Turn left on Buddy Hardy Rd (watch for Blackwater Div. of Forestry/Coldwater Rec. Area and Stables sign). Follow the **** above.**

NOTES:

1) We are on CENTRAL TIME;

2) Your best choices for diesel, gasoline, food & ice before getting to base camp will be in Crestview (I-10/Hwy 85 or Hwy 85/Hwy 90), Milton (Hwy 87/Hwy 90) & Berrydale (Hwy 87/Hwy 4);

3) While tempting, it is suggested that you do NOT take the Hwy 191 exit off of I-10. This section of Hwy 191 routes you through the narrow streets of downtown and residential areas with lots of jogs. It's not fun for large rigs & it's easy to get lost;

4) All signs are important, take the time to read them as you drive into camp.

5) **PROBLEMS?** Call/text Cindy at (850) 598-7000 or Michelle @ 850-529-8479 (If you get our voice mail PLEASE leave a message!)

*****IMPORTANT*****

FLORIDA LAW **REQUIRES** A CURRENT NEGATIVE **COGGINS**. Show proof at rider check-in. FLORIDA LAW **REQUIRES** A CURRENT **HEALTH CERTIFICATE** on all livestock traveling into Florida! **ALL TRAILERS MUST STOP AT** AGRICULTURE INSPECTION STATIONS. For more information, contact your vet or visit <http://www.doacs.state.fl.us/ai/>

*****Forestry now requires you carry a copy of your coggins while riding. (photo on phone will work)*****

~~Approved Safety Helmets required for all riders~~

Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride Entry Form, Nov 17 & 18 2017

(One Entry Per Rider-please print clearly)

Name: _____

Street, City, State & Zip: _____

Ph #: (_____) _____ Email: _____

AHAMember # (rider) _____ AERC(rider) #: _____ AERC Exp Date: _____

SEDRA Member SERA Member **1st LD/ Endurance Ride? ** Please attend first time riders meeting.**

Circle weight division (rider & tack): Feather (<160#) Light (161-185#) Middle (186-210#) Heavy (210# +)

Junior riders: Age 15 or under on 1 December 2017. Sponsor's Name: _____

Friday, 17 Nov (circle one): 25 m, 50 m Horse Name: _____

AERC Owner Name & # (if dif from rider): _____ AERC Exp Date _____

Horse Age at Competition: _____ (50 mile horse min 5 years old; 25 Mile horse min 4 years old)

HORSE: AERC# _____ AHA #: _____ AHA Competition #: _____

AHA Owner Name and # (if different from rider): _____

COGGINS Accession#: _____ EXP Date: _____ State: _____

Saturday, 18 Nov (circle one): 25 m, 50 m, 75m Horse Name _____

AERC Owner Name & # (if dif from rider): _____ AERC Exp Date _____

Horse Age at Competition: _____ (50/75 mile horse min 5 years old; 25 Mile horse min 4 years old)

HORSE: AERC# _____ AHA #: _____ AHA Competition #: _____

AHA Owner Name and # (if different from rider): _____

COGGINS Accession#: _____ EXP Date: _____ State: _____

Mileage Options (Friday)	25 Mile Limited Distance Entry Fee: \$95 (Junior Riders: \$60)	\$
	50 Mile Endurance Entry Fee: \$95 (Junior Riders: \$60)	\$
Mileage Options (Saturday)	25 Mile Limited Distance Entry Fee: \$95 (Junior Riders: \$60)	\$
	50 Mile Endurance Entry Fee: \$95 (Junior Riders: \$60)	\$
	75 Mile Endurance Entry Fee: \$125 (Junior Riders: \$95)	\$
Extra Meal Fees	Parking Fee: \$30 per rig	\$30.00
	Friday Dinner: INCLUDED in ride entry only IF competing on Fri. All others must be reserved/paid by 10 Nov. # of extra meals: ____ (\$10 ea)	\$
	Saturday Dinner: INCLUDED in ride entry IF competing on Sat. All others must be reserve/pay by 10 Nov. # of extra meals: ____ (\$10 ea)	\$
Non-AERC Member Day Fee: \$15 per day.		\$
***** Deposit with entry form due in no later than Nov 10! *****		
Total Amount Due:		\$
**Entries will not be accepted without a \$20 non-refundable deposit per rider & completed Equine Activity Release. Please remember your extra meal payments too. Total Amount Enclosed:		\$()
Balance Due at Ride:		\$

Mail Entry, Release, & Check (payable to "FFAHA") to: Cindy Sheldon, 2633 Yellow Pine Rd, Navarre, FL 32566.

EQUINE ACTIVITY RELEASE – READ CAREFULLY:

WARNING: As a participant in the Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of AHA, AERC, SERA, SEDRA, Forestry, Ride Management of the Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride and the Owners of the Blackwater Equestrian Center. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas may have natural and man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal that I am riding. I hold ride management, all ride personnel, volunteers, vendors, sponsors, hosts, and property owners blameless and free from liability for any accident, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride. This release is valid for my animals, personal belongings, family, or guests in my company. I have read and understand this liability release.

Medical Release: I give consent for, and will be financially responsible for, emergency medical treatment for myself if I'm unable to give informed consent.

~~Approved Safety Helmets required for all riders~~

By signing below, I acknowledge that I've read and understand the conditions of the above Equine Activity and Medical releases and the requirement to wear a safety helmet at all times while riding. And I give my permission for photos of myself and my horse(s) taken at the Blackwater Boogie Endurance Ride to be published and utilized in any positive media relating to the ride or event.

Participant Name (PRINT): _____

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian name if participant is under 18 years (PRINT) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Drug Allergies or Medical Conditions we should know about: _____

Emergency Contact and Phone # (Please list two):

1) _____

2) _____

Welcome Competitors and Volunteers to the

Blackwater Boogie 2017

Sponsored by Five Flags Arabian Horse Association

Friday and Saturday, November 17th and 18th, 2017

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

- Ride Management (cell phone):
Cindy Sheldon (850) 598-7000. Ride Secretary Michelle Phillips 850-529-8479
- Blackwater Forestry Office at the Coldwater Recreation Area and Stables: (850) 957-6161
- Hospital: Jay Hospital/Emergency Room (20-25 minutes away), 221 S. Alabama St., Jay (1 blk S of Hwy 4) (850) 675-8000
- Emergency Vet Clinic (35-45 minutes away): Lee Veterinary Clinic, 484 Bachelor Rd, Atmore AL (251) 368-8668

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Central Time * (Subject to Change)

Thursday, November 16th

Registration (see note #1 below) *pick up Friday completion award*	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Pre-Ride Vet-in for Friday (see note #2 below)	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Ride Meeting	6:00 pm
New Riders Briefing (immediately following ride meeting)	6:30 pm (approximately)

Friday, November 17th

50-Mile Start	6:30 am
25-Mile Start	7:15 am
Lunch Grill open	11:00 am – 2:00 pm
Registration (see note #1 below) *pick up Saturday completion award*	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
25-Mile Cutoff	1:15 pm (6 hours after start)
Pre-Ride Vet-in for Saturday (see note #2 below)	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
50-Mile Cutoff	6:30 pm (12 hours after start)
Awards Ceremony (Jr's/Top 10/BC/HVS)	6:00 pm
Dinner (included in Friday's entry)	6:30 pm
Ride Meeting	7:15 pm
New Riders Briefing (immediately following ride meeting)	7:45 pm (approximately)

Saturday, November 18th

75-Mile Start	6:00 am
50-Mile Start	6:45 am
25-Mile Start	7:30 am
Lunch Grill open	11:00 am – 2:00 pm
25-Mile Cutoff	1:30 pm(6 hours after start)
50-Mile Cutoff	6:45pm (12 hours after start)
75-Mile Cutoff	12:00 AM (18 hours after start)
Awards Ceremony (Jr's/Top 10/BC/HVS) (75's awards possibly Sunday AM)	6:00 pm
Dinner (included in Saturday's entry)	6:30 pm

Sunday, November 19th

75 Award Ceremony (Unless all arrive in early Sat night) (Jr's/Top 10/BC/HVS)	7:15 am
Base camp closes at 12:00 pm – have a safe trip home and thanks for joining us!	

¹ Riders must check-in with registration staff before dark the night before the ride unless of an emergency AND they have advance permission from ride management in order to check-in the following morning. Bring your Coggins and if applicable AERC and AHA Competition Card.

² Riders must present their horse to the vets before dark the night before the ride start unless of an emergency AND they have advance permission from ride management or head vet in order to vet-in the following morning.

****SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR AERC & BWB RULES****

AERC AND BLACKWATER BOOGIE RULES

Blackwater Boogie basecamp is held on private property and the owner of the Blackwater Equestrian Center (BEC) has graciously allowed us to use it. You will be riding on land owned by the State of Florida. We have been granted permission by Forestry to hold this large organized event. Please remember that you are a guest. Your actions and conduct will ensure that next year, endurance riders are once again welcome. All current AERC rules apply.

- When the safety of people and equine is an issue, the AERC ride manager's prerogative will prevail. Riders are expected to control their equine at all times. Reckless, unsafe, or unsportsmanlike behavior during the ride may disqualify a rider.
- All riders, regardless of age, must wear an approved safety helmet any time they are mounted on a horse.
- Junior riders must wear an approved safety helmet any time they are mounted on a horse. An adult sponsor (at least 21 years of age) must accompany the junior rider at all times on the course. Ride management must be informed of the junior sponsor team prior to the beginning of the ride. One Sponsor may sponsor more than one junior rider. A junior rider must have a designated sponsor at all times on the ride, but may change sponsors during the ride by informing the ride management.
- **ALL competitors and their guests: dogs must be on leash at all times!** Dogs are not allowed on the trail.
- Before you leave, please fill in any holes your dog, horse, or corral may have made. Take home any excess hay and thoroughly break up and spread manure. Please be sure to pack up and take your trash with you. * *If you paid for and used a stall(s) please clean it out before leaving, please dump your manure in the manure cart that is attached to 4-wheeler in rear of barn.
- Generators must be turned off between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am.
- Trails will be shared by day riders moving at a leisurely pace; PLEASE be courteous and slow down to pass
- No ground fires please but grills are ok.
- Signs are important to read, please read all signs when entering camp.
- No parallel parking along fence lines. Leave room for others.