

Spring Ride in the Pines

Friday April 10th & Saturday April 11th 2026

Intro/25 Mile LD/50 Mile Endurance

Equathon/ Ride & Tie

SANCTIONED BY AERC, SEERA, SEDRA, Ride & Tie

Address: H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial & Recreation Area | 279 Sporting Dog Trail | Cheraw, SC 29520 | Phone: 843-378-1555 |

RIDE STAFF:

- ❖ Ride Manager: Evelyn Baig Email: Eve.Baig@gmail.com
- ❖ Assistant Ride Manager: Angie Lindberg
- ❖ Ride & Tie Manager: Carrie Baris * Email: carriearis@hotmail.com
- ❖ Ride Secretary: Eric Rueter * Phone: 865-599-3594 * Email: Eric@FleetFootFarm.com
- ❖ Vets: Nick Kohut, Duane Barnett, Treatment Vet: Vicky Bochynek Saltz

DISTANCES:

- ❖ AERC Friday & Saturday: Friday Intro 10 mile / Saturday Intro 12 mile / 25 mile / 50 mile
- ❖ Ride & Tie Friday & Saturday: Equathon / 6 mile / 16 mile / 25 mile
- ❖ Non-AERC members must pay \$20 per day for all distances unless you are an Intro Rider.
- ❖ Non-Ride & Tie members must pay \$15 per day
- ❖ **Entries and payments received after April 3rd will pay a \$25 Late Fee**
- ❖ **Refunds:** A full refund will be given up to a week (7 days) before the ride. No Refund will be given the week of the ride (7 days prior to check in). Please understand that awards and entry gifts have been purchased.
- ❖ **NEW - Multi Day Discount \$10 off each day when you sign up to ride both days in advance. (Must pre-register)**

RIDE INFO:

- ❖ Check In will start at 2:00PM on Thursday and will be located in the arena area. Members must show current AERC card. 25-Mile horses must be 48 months old. 50-Mile horses must be 60 months old. Negative Coggins required at check-in. Maps will be available at Check in.
- ❖ Vet In will start at 3:00PM on Thursday and will be located at the arena.
- ❖ Ride Briefing will be at 6:30PM on Thursday and at 6:30PM on Friday. New riders and Ride & Tie break out meetings will occur right after Ride Briefing.
- ❖ Awards Meetings will be on Friday & Saturday Evening around 7:30/8:00PM
- ❖ Camping is not included in the registration fees. Please call H Cooper (**843-378-1555**) to reserve a camping site/stall/corral.
- ❖ Bathhouse, Clubhouse, Water and Dump Station is available onsite.

RIDE TIMES:

- ❖ 50-Mile ride to start at 7:00 A.M., 25-Mile ride to start at 8:00 A.M., INTRO to start at 9:00 A.M.
- ❖ Ride & Tie 25-Mile to start at 7:15 AM, 16-Mile, 6-Mile, and Equathon to start at 8:30 AM

CAMPING: Please make camping reservations in advance, call H. Cooper Black 843-378-1555. Full hookup sites and primitive sites are available. There are two bath facilities on the premises as well. **All campsites including primitive camping in the fields should be reserved in advance and paid directly**

to H Cooper Black. Primitive camping in the fields or in primitive sites behind barn is very reasonable, call **843-378-1555**. CALL EARLY for full hookup sites and pipe corrals. There is also a barn and 2 clean bath houses, dumpster for trash and a dump station. Please call **843-378-1555** for all camping, barn stalls or pipe corrals, etc. www.reserve.southcarolinaparks.com

- If you have not paid in advance, then H Cooper Black rangers will collect your camping fee the day you arrive.
- Clean your stalls, corrals, and campsites prior to leaving. There will be muck buckets available at all corrals.

TRAILS: Great ride for barefoot horses. Trails are wooded, sandy roads and gentle rolling hills. Road crossings have very little traffic. Trails are well maintained and well-marked with signs and colored markers on trees. Each distance begins and ends in camp. Holds will be in camp.

AWARDS: Each rider will receive a completion award. Additional awards such as Best Condition, High Vet Score, First to Finish Junior, Top Ten, and Turtle will also be awarded.

FOOD: We will have dinner provided on Thursday and Friday for riders (prior to their ride day). Tickets will be available for purchase for \$10 each night at the event and \$5 if paid with entry before deadline. Volunteers and Vets will have Dinner and Lunch available Thursday, Friday (Lunch only Saturday)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- ❖ ABUSE of staff, volunteers, other riders or spectators are grounds for IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.
- ❖ If the Coggins is not current for the horse that is on-site, you will not be allowed to stay on premises, per SC state law. The State may make an unexpected visit and check for health certificates or passports, out of State visitors need to be prepared.
- ❖ Dogs must be on a leash at all times and tied/contained during times you are not at your trailer.
- ❖ ALL AGES MUST WEAR HELMETS
- ❖ If your horse or dog likes to dig holes, or your horse likes to pace creating a hole, you must fill them in before you leave. Clean all stalls (scraped clean) and corrals before leaving.
- ❖ Fires in metal fire rings only.
- ❖ There will be other camp rules posted in the clubhouse- please be sure to read them.
- ❖ Quiet hours start at 10:00pm, quiet generators can run through the night.

DIRECTIONS: Address: H. Cooper Black, Jr. Memorial Field Trial & Recreation Area | 279 Sporting Dog Trail | Cheraw, SC

Driving Directions from Cheraw

Take Hwy 1 South for approximately 5.6 Miles. Turn left onto Society Hill Rd and travel 4.5 Miles. Turn right onto H. Cooper Road for 1.3 Miles. Turn left onto Sporting Dog Trail.

Driving Directions from Florence

Take Hwy 52 North. Pass through Society Hill, and travel approximately 3 Miles. Turn left onto Society Hill Rd. and travel 3 Miles. Turn left onto H. Cooper Road for 1.3 Miles. Turn left onto Sporting Dog Trail.

Driving Directions from the West/Patrick *WARNING*** If you follow GPS it will lead you down a sandy road for 3 Miles.**

Suggested route: Take I 85 to SC 5 to SC 521 Bypass 9 in Lancaster to SC 903 to SC 151 to US Hwy 1. It is 15 Miles from McBee to Patrick on US 1. Continue on US 1 until you get to Society Hill Rd. Turn Right onto Society Hill Rd. and travel 3 Miles. Turn right onto H. Cooper Road for 1.3 Miles. Turn left onto Sporting Dog Trail.

Latitude: 34.6976564 **Longitude:** -79.8833971

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Entry Form

RIDER or RIDE & TIE RUNNER #1: AERC # _____ RATA# _____

Rider Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ First Ride? Yes No

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #: _____

RIDE & TIE RUNNER #2: AERC # _____ RATA# _____

Rider Name: _____

Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____ First Ride? Yes No

Emergency Contact Name & Phone #: _____

HORSE Day 1: Horse AERC #: _____ Horse Breed: _____

Horse Name: _____ Owners Name: _____

Coggins Accession# & Draw Date _____

HORSE Day 2: Horse AERC #: _____ Horse Breed: _____

Horse Name: _____ Owners Name: _____

Coggins Accession# & Draw Date _____

Registration and payment can be completed online: @ Ericv2.com/SOLE

Distance	Ride Amount (includes Permit)	FRIDAY Ride	SATURDAY Ride	\$20 AERC non-member	\$15 R&T non-member or \$35 annual	Multi-day discount \$10	\$25 Late Fee	TOTAL
INTRO	\$85							
25 mile	\$135 Adult \$100 Junior							
50 mile	\$155 Adult \$100 Junior							

RIDE AND TIE

Distance	Ride Amount (includes Permit)	FRIDAY Ride	SATURDAY Ride	\$20 AERC non-member	\$15 R&T non-member or \$35 annual	Multi-day discount \$10	\$25 Late Fee	TOTAL
EQUATHON	\$115							
6 R&T Intro	\$85							
16 R&T	\$115							
25 R&T	\$130							

(Make checks payable to Evelyn Baig, Mail check and Form to Eric Rueter)

Mail to: Eric Rueter 11045 Friendsville Road Lenoir City, TN 37772 Eric@FleetFootFarm.com

Credit Card Payments will be accepted - fee based

RELEASE

THIS IS A RELEASE – IT CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY. PLEASE READ!

I understand that under South Carolina State Law an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in an equine activity resulting from the inherent risk of equine activity, pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 9 of Title 47, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

As a participant in the *Ride in the Pines at Sand Hills event*, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC, AHA, SEERA, SEDRA, RATA H. Cooper Black Field Trial and Recreation Area, ride management and the Sand Hills State Forest. I understand that endurance riding involves being in areas that have many natural and man-made hazards which ride management cannot and declines to anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, away from communications, transportation and medical facilities; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; that as a result of participating in the *Ride in the Pines at Sand Hills event*, my horse or I may be injured, die or my property damaged and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. It is expressly understood by the undersigned that Ride Management, all involved property owners and all ride personnel will not endeavor to mark any and all hidden, obvious or potential hazards, but will merely mark the trail to be used. I agree to take full responsibility for the animal that I am riding and myself. I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, Sand Hills State Forest, H. Cooper Black Field Trial and Recreation Area, the State of South Carolina, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses blameless for any accident, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the *Ride in the Pines at Sand Hills event*.

I do hereby for myself and my heirs release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel, all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, AERC, AHA, SEERA, SEDRA, RATA their agents, officers, servants, my employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions, and causes of any kind, of injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride, arising from negligence or any other fault. The foregoing release applies to me and to any junior who I sponsor. This release becomes effective immediately upon my arrival at the Sand Hills State Forest and H. Cooper Black Field Trial and Recreation Area and remains in effect until I have completely left these facilities/grounds.

I have read and understand this liability release.

Rider's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Rider#2's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Horse Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Horse#2's Owner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (any rider <19): _____ Date: _____

SPONSOR STATEMENT **Juniors must ride with a sponsor and wear an approved helmet. **

Sponsor's Name: _____ Age of Junior: _____

Sponsor's Signature: _____ Sponsor's Birthday: _____