

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**: IDRs/25/50/2-day 100 **& Sunday, April 11, 2021**: IDRs/25/50 Sanctioned by AERC, SEDRA, and 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. <u>Camping is NOT included in the entry fee. Electric sites MUST be</u> reserved & paid for in advance through McCulley Farms or no guarantee one will be available for you. <u>Camping is paid directly to McCulley Farms</u>.

**Electric Sites** = Electric sites must be paid for in advance to be reserved. \$25/person/night (no horses can be kept at the electric sites; you may tie your horse to your trailer to tack and untack only; \$25 price includes one stall for one horse). COMPETITORS ONLY: \$20/night before or after entry. I am paying the additional \$5/competitor/night. Additional nights without additional entry or for non-competitors is \$25. State requirements caused a camping increase for the McCulleys and I'm trying not to pass the increase along to competitors.

**Primitive Sites =** \$20/person/night (you may keep your horse at your primitive site; \$20 price does include one stall for one horse). Anyone camping at your primitive site without a horse is \$15/person/night. Generators are allowed (5:30am-10pm); please be considerate of your neighbors when deciding where to park and the placement of your generator. COMPETITORS ONLY: \$15/night before or after entry. I am paying the additional \$5/competitor/night. Additional nights without additional entry or for non-competitors is \$20. State requirements caused a camping increase for the McCulleys and I'm trying not to pass the increase along to competitors.

**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 and base camp will officially open at noon on Friday April 9, 2021. 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. 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 and others wanting to do a little more**: I'm continuing to try out something new. First of all you may choose from three introductory distances that will be offered each day. Secondly, with vet approval and no time issues, you may add either a 15-mile or 10-mile Intro Ride each day. You must begin this additional ride 50 minutes after the conclusion of your first ride (so it is like having a hold). This is NOT an elevator, but a separate entry. You finish/complete your first ride with no possibility of losing those miles. This is just an additional entry to push you and your horse a bit more, if you so choose. 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, 2017) 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:** Riders between the ages of 16 and 21 as of December 1, 2017 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). AERC has not begun the Young Rider Division Officiallym but I am still honoring it for offering entry discounts.

**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 (other than completion status). 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 Friday afternoon at 1pm. AERC members must show current membership card at check-in to avoid \$15 non-member fee (\$1 for non AERC member Intro riders). A current negative Coggins is also required. Vet-in will begin at 4pm on Friday and continue throughout the day on Saturday. Entries will be taken on site, but getting your entry in by April 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (without last minute changes), the faster registration goes for all concerned. (Please email any changes you can in advance.)

## Food:

**Breakfast**: Coffee & pastries will be served for breakfast each morning beginning at 6 AM in barn #4. **Lunch**: Vendor will be available.

**Dinner**: will be @ 6:30 PM Friday & 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*. Friday's dinner will be a Pulled Pork Dinner. Saturday's dinner will be a BBQ Chicken 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 10<sup>th</sup> place), Best Condition, & Turtle. Awards for Intro Rides: ribbons. Awards will be presented in Barn #4.

#### IDR & 25 milers: Friday and Saturday afternoons (4 pm)

**2-day 100 & 50 milers**: Friday & Saturday nights (7:30 pm) – earlier if everyone is in from their ride \*Fun awards: (I would like to recognize peoples hard work. Winning a competition is not always the win. Sometimes it is going to an event for the first time, or camping for the first time, or doing your first intro ride or 25 or 50.) (I also like to promote kindness, and spread it. Life is too short to get caught up in negativity.)

- Certificates for individual accomplishments/milestones: please indicate on your entry form.

- Recognition for Kindness: there will be a table with a place for you recognize people for their kindness throughout the event. Each person nominated will get a small prize.

**Ride Meetings:** Friday & Saturday 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/Treatment Vet: Dr. Bob Marshall (you are responsible for any and all fees for treatment) Control Vet: Dr. Jennifer Madera Control Vet: TBD Timer: TBD Pulse Box: TBD Water on Trail: Trails: Kaleigh Kozdras 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 and a thank you bag. <sup>(i)</sup>

**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):

Friday April 9, 2021	Saturday April 10, 2021	Sunday April 11, 2021	Monday April 12, 2021
12 PM: Ride Camp	5:30 AM: Generators on	5:30 AM: Generators on	Noon: Camp Closed
opens	6 AM: Coffee & Pastries	6 AM: Coffee & Pastries	
<b>1 PM</b> : Registration	<b>7:30 AM</b> : 2-day 100-	7:30 AM: 2-day 100-	
Begins	milers & 50-milers start	milers & 50-milers start	
4 PM: Vet-In begins	8 AM: 25- & 15-milers	8 AM: 25- & 15-milers	
<b>6:30 PM</b> : Dinner (not	start	start	
included)	8:30 AM: 20- & 10-	8:30 AM: 20- & 10-	
7 PM: Ride Meeting	milers start	milers start	
10 PM: generators off	11AM-2 PM: Lunch sold	11AM-6 PM: Lunch sold	
	<b>4 PM</b> : Awards for 25s &	4 PM: Awards for 25s &	
	IDRs	IDRs	
	6:30 PM: Dinner (not	7:30 PM: Awards for	
	included)	50s & 2-day 100s	
	7 PM: Ride Meeting	10 PM: Generators off	
	7:30 PM: Awards for		
	50s		
	10 PM: Generators off		