

The Seventh Annual Running of the High Desert Classic Endurance Ride

The High Desert Classic Ride will be held on April 19, 2008 and the Ride camp will be located in Stillwater, Nevada, 24 miles northeast of Fallon, Nevada. A fifty mile ride and a limited distance 30 mile ride will start from the base of the Stillwater Mountain Range, cross the wetlands of the Stillwater Wildlife Refuge and climb into the high terrain of the southern Stillwater mountains. The trail contains scenic canyon climbs up desert washes, past natural springs and windmills/stock tanks. The trail runs through the historic ruins of La Plata, an early county seat of Churchill County and takes in beautiful views of the Lahontan Valley.

Ride start time: 7 am (Fifty) / 8:00 am (Thirty)

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DIRECTIONS: Traveling from Reno, take interstate 80 to Fernley and then Hwy 50 (second exit) to Fallon or from Carson, take Hwy 50 into Fallon. The turnoff to base camp (Stillwater Road) is five miles east of Fallon, still on Highway 50. A sign for the Stillwater Wildlife Refuge indicates a left turn onto Stillwater Road. Follow this main road (Stillwater Road) 18 miles northeast as it makes some 90 degree turns, eventually becoming a good dirt road 16-17 miles out. The base camp will be located just off this dirt road 1 mile past the cattle grate and just beyond the turnoff to Mountain Well Road. The camping area is an alkali flat with plenty of space and Management will bring horse water. Please put your email address on your entry. The camp will be available for use Friday the 18th of April through Sunday April 20th, 2008. Services are available in Fallon or the last place is Harmon Junction, which is at the turnoff from Hwy. 50 on to Stillwater Road. Again, water will be available but limited at base camp. Camping prior to the weekend is available at the Fairgrounds in Fallon. Call for details.

The trail is a loop configuration. Lunch for both rides will be at Mountain Well (30 or 15 miles into the ride respectively) so plan to bring what you need for both rider and horse. The vet check is crew accessible but is limited in parking. The finish will be back at base camp. The fifty mile race will have a vet check and hold at 15 miles and then continue on a twenty mile high terrain loop back into the vet check again for lunch. The thirty mile ride ascends to Mountain Well (15 miles) and then returns down a different trail. The fifties also return to camp on this different trail. Awards for the fifty miler will be given for weight divisions, fastest time and best condition. A best condition will be given for the thirty miler. A photographer is set to attend, as well. A pasta dinner will be available for \$5 on Friday evening but please plan to bring lunches that will be taken to the vet check on Saturday during the ride.

The High Desert Classic

April 19,th 2008

Rider: _____ Age _____ AERC # _____
Address/City / State / Zip _____
Phone # _____ Email _____
Weight Division _____

Name of Horse _____ AERC # _____
Breed _____ Registration _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Color _____
Owner _____ Address _____

Junior Rider (under16) birth date _____
Name of sponsor _____ Relationship _____

Entry fees

30 miler	\$75	_____	
30 miler Junior	\$50	_____	
50 miler	\$90	_____	Check / Cash _____
50 miler Junior	\$60	_____	
Late application after April 19 th , 2007	\$15	_____	
Non-AERC fee	\$15	_____	
Friday dinner	\$5	_____	Check applicable fees and total _____

Each entry includes one Saturday evening dinner. Additional meals may be purchased for \$10. A total refund will be given if notified on or before Thursday April 17th, 2008. A \$10 administrative fee will be charged after that point and the refund will be sent out after the ride. Make checks out to "Nancy Upham and/or Heidi Siegel". Checks will be cashed after the ride.

Congratulations to all of the riders in 2004 -2007 that finished all three 50 mile races (High Desert Classic, High Desert II - Adrian Valley and High Desert III - Lake Lahontan on the same horse! They were awarded the series Triple Crown blanket for their efforts.

This is the first leg of the Triple Crown. Series awards are given to the same horse /rider teams for both distances.

Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk

I wish to participate in the High Desert Classic 30 / 50 mile endurance ride. I have read the rules, conditions and regulations and agree to comply with them. I am aware that this endurance course covers difficult terrain and on trails where the footing for horses may be unsure. I further acknowledge that competitive or endurance horse riding over considerable distances contains inherent risks of injury and damage to me personally, to my horse, and my equipment. Knowing these facts, I, nevertheless in consideration of your accepting this entry, do hereby for myself, heirs, executors, and administrators, waive and release the above named ride or their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns from any and all right, claim or liability for damages, or for any and all injuries that may be sustained by me, including injuries to animals, or from any and all claims of any kind or nature that I might have. Further, I do hereby acknowledge that said release will extend to any accidents, damages, or claims arising out of my entry, caused by my own acts or anyone or any animals within my control.

I do acknowledge that I read the foregoing paragraphs and know and understand the contents thereof.

Signature _____ Date _____

Minors must have the following liability signed by the parents/guardian if under the age of 18. We, the undersigned parents or guardians of the above child for and in consideration of our child's participation in the above Ride, do hereby release all persons charged with official capacity in the execution of such Ride, from all claims, demands, suits or liabilities which otherwise arise by virtue of injury to or occasioned by our child or any horse under such child's direction or control. We do further authorize any officer, manager, director or supervisory personnel of the above named Ride, to consent on our behalf, to any emergency medical treatment by a properly licensed person, which may be required for our child, and do agree to indemnify, and hold harmless, anyone giving such consent. I declare, under penalty, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Parent / Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Ride Rules

1. The High Desert Ride is open to all persons. Senior riders are persons over 16 years of age by December 1, of the competition year.
2. A Junior rider is under the age of 16 as of December 1, of the competition year. All Junior riders must agree to be accompanied by a Senior ride sponsor, who is 21 or over. The sponsor must agree to remain with the Junior throughout the ride. If the sponsor is eliminated during the ride, the Junior may continue with another willing sponsor upon notification to ride officials. All Juniors are required to wear helmets.
3. There shall be no unauthorized horses on the trail.
4. Horses must be at least 60 months of age.
5. Horses must be shod or have some form of hoof protection.
6. Each horse must cross the finish line within 12 hours elapsed time to qualify for awards.
7. Ride veterinarians' opinions will be final on all matters concerning the horse.
8. All horses shall be presented to the veterinarians for a pre-ride inspection and at all designated times prior to each days ride.
9. The same horse / rider must pass all control points and stay on the marked trail to qualify for any awards.
10. Abuse of the horse and use of stimulants and/or painkillers are prohibited.
11. All horses shall be subject to blood draw or urine tests.
12. Harassment and/or unsportsmanlike behavior toward ride volunteers, other riders or veterinarians may constitute cause for dismissal from the ride.
13. Ride officials decisions are final.
14. Violation of any of these rules shall be grounds for disqualification of horse and rider from this ride.
15. NOTE: All non-AERC members must pay an additional \$10 to the entry fee. You must show proof that you are an AERC member at the time of sign up. Please remember to bring your AERC card to the ride otherwise we must charge you the additional \$10.

This ride is sanctioned by the AERC and agrees to follow any and all rules required for sanctioning a ride.

