

AIR FORCE ACADEMY/ GENERAL ALBERT P. CLARK MEMORIAL NATRC RIDE

United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado

DATE-NEW for 2017 : June 10-11, 2017

TYPE: "A" (2 day) for all divisions and Type "B" (1 day) on Sunday June 11th for all divisions.

RIDE INFO: Due to heightened security and restricted access, this is a rare opportunity for most riders to experience this beautiful and historic facility. Trails vary from quiet dirt roads to single-track horse trails through wooded valleys, across mountainsides with "ahhh-some" views and through lush streams. Footing is native soil with a few rocky areas. This is a moderately easy ride and an excellent ride for those new to NATRC. The Novice/CP trail is about 16 miles per day, averaging 3.5 mph each day. The Open ride is about 52 total miles timed at 4.5 + mph. For those eager to give "open" a try but not sure if you can make it two days in a row, give our Sunday , 1-day, "B" ride a try! Lunch will be provided in camp both days. Management has laid plans this year to foil the infuriating ribbon/signage hijackers of 2016, and we welcome Ken Wolgram's expert help marking and pre-riding the trail. We will also need additional helpers as trail monitors, so please bring friends/family to volunteer - (they also must be added ahead of time to our entrance security list- please see "Critical" , below). Please let management know who may be able to help. We need volunteers' help as gate keepers and trail directors, either as riders (covering about 5 miles of trail) or drivers/hikers. We'll feed you!

CAMP FACILITIES: Mostly level, open camp meadow with porta-potties and horse water (provided by management). Bring your own drinking water. There are no hookups or electricity. Weed free hay is NOT required. Please remove or scatter manure and loose hay. Plan to bring TWO extra buckets to send out with the water boys for your horse's trail water. In the case of an emergency at the event, 911 should be called. Cell service is good.

RULES: please read current NATRC rules at www.natrc.org. Horses can be tied to a trailer, secured by a high-tie type of attachment or by stationary high line between trailers. Management will also allow a 12'X12' portable corral securely attached to a trailer. Hoof protection (shoes/hoof boots) is recommended but not required. Out-of-state horses must have current Coggins and Health Certificates (bring paperwork to registration check in). Junior riders (under age 18) must have waivers signed by both parents/guardians (request the waivers in advance if necessary). All riders, parents and volunteers must sign waivers at registration. Please weigh in with all tack (or a 2017 weight card) prior to signing in.

USAFA Rules: No Firearms or alcohol are permitted to be transported. Vehicle license plates must be current. No cell-phone use while driving. No open fires and no smoking on trails. Dogs must be on leash or inside vehicles at all times.

SCHEDULE: Camp opens after 12 PM on Thursday, June 8. Registration begins Friday at noon. Pre-ride vet check in for the "A" riders is 2 PM to dusk on Friday. "B" riders should vet in Saturday from 3pm to dusk. Late vet check-ins by prearrangement only. Mandatory rider briefings are Friday and Saturday evenings after dinner, followed by First Time Rider meetings. Jim and Lin Ward will host a Friday evening social hour at their trailer, before dinner and ride briefing. Please bring nibbles & beverage. Awards will be "ASAP" on Sunday afternoon.

MEALS: Friday dinner; Saturday and Sunday-breakfast and lunch will be provided for riders and volunteers. Saturday dinner: spaghetti and salad provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Extra meals for non-riders and non-volunteers are \$40 for Saturday and Sunday or \$10 per meal. Please order extra meals in advance using RMS.

FEES: Ride Fee* (early bird price before May 15) covers entry, all NATRC & drug fees, and Sat/Sun meals.

"A or B" NATRC Members: adults = \$135 and Juniors = \$100

"A or B" Non-NATRC members: Adult = \$ 145 ; juniors = \$125

Rider/horse combo entering "DO" (Distance Only) in any division may subtract \$5 from the ride fee.

* LATE FEE: Add \$10 to the entry fee if the deposit is sent after MAY 15th.

ADDITIONAL FEE: Trailer-in/Facility Use Fee for the weekend is \$10 per horse. Please add that by using the "additional fees" drop down list on the RMS. Those boarding at the Academy or possessing a current annual USAFA Stables Pass are exempt (Please mention that in the RMS comments section).

DEPOSIT: \$50. Deposits are refundable, less \$15 admin fee, only if canceling before May 20th. Your entry is not complete until we receive your deposit, which holds your place on the entry list if the ride fills. In the event the ride fills, you will be put on the wait list and your deposit will be held until you get in. Don't risk being bumped to the wait list- send that deposit early!! Please register using RMS or request a special AFA Ride paper entry form from the secretary.

Please make checks to "Dayna Morgan"; mail c/o Pam Galchutt, 3360 Schilling Av, Monument, CO 80132

CRITICAL!!! MAY 25 deadline: we must submit an "EAL"- (Entrance Allowed Security List) of driver's license information for everyone 18 years and over, coming into our event. If you are not on the list, the guards will turn you away at the gate. Anyone possessing an existing AFA pass or Dept. of Defense card does not need to be on the list, but you need to tell the ride secretary. For anyone you even think may be coming onto the AFA grounds (yourself, volunteers, family, etc.), send by email to the ride secretary or snail mail with your deposit, a photocopy of the license/s OR the exact information on them (1-full exact name, 2-full date of birth, 3-license number and 4-the state of issuance) We must have all license information BEFORE MAY 25. The AFA does not allow any additions to the EAL once the list is submitted.

MANAGEMENT:

Ride Secretary and Registration: Susan Halterman - PH: (719)689-9431 / email: halterman@wildblue.net

Ride Co-Managers and Volunteer Coordinators:

Dayna Morgan – PH: (719)481-9409 (cell); email: dayna.morgan139@gmail.com

Pam Galchutt – PH: (719)481-6561 (home); email: pam.galchutt@gmail.com

Trial Master Co-chair: Ken Wolgram.

JUDGES: Veterinarian - Boyd Emond, DVM (R-3); Horsemanship - Priscilla Lindsey (R-6)

DIRECTIONS: In Colorado Springs - Take I-25 to Exit 150 (N. Academy Blvd). Go west (towards mountains) to the SOUTH GATE of the Air Force Academy. At the security gate show the guard your driver's license(s) and tell them you are on the "NATRC Competitive Trail Ride's EAL list". Be sure vehicle license plates are current. Once through security, go about 2 miles (warning: do not exceed the speed limit) and turn left at PINE Drive. Drive 2.5 miles west on Pine Drive to just past the Fire Station (on the left) and turn left onto W. MONUMENT CREEK ROAD. A few hundred feet on the right, just before a bridge, but past a white house , turn right, go through the fire training area, and into camp. Note: be alert for this house and dirt road, as the paved road dead ends and it is hard to negotiate with a trailer. Everyone must park and camp on the right/north side of the road, per USAFA Environmental Officer (no exceptions). If you need help en route, please call 719-481-9409 (Dayna).