

31st Annual Colorado Trail Competitive Trail Ride
Type "A" - Two Day Ride
September 8-9, 2018, Buffalo Creek, Colorado

Enjoy fall in the foothills of the Rockies at the **31st Annual Colorado Trail Competitive Ride**. This is always a gorgeous ride with good footing, well-defined trails and views, views, views. You'll see snow-capped Pikes Peak to the South, Mt. Evans and Mt. Rosalie to the Northwest, and Long Scraggy and Cathedral Peaks in the foreground. Terrain is varied over hills covered in conifers, open meadows and aspen groves, speckled with creek crossings and punctuated with fall colors. Large boulders piled in impossible formations provide unusual images to ponder as you ride. Portions of the trail are on the historic 488 mile long Colorado Trail that crosses the state from Denver to Durango.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP: From Denver: Go SW on US Hwy 285 to Pine Junction. Turn left at the traffic light onto Hwy 126 (Pine Valley Road). Go 11 miles through Pine Grove then Buffalo Creek and continue 3 miles further to the top of a long hill. Camp is on the right and will have ribbons and signs to alert you to the turn. From the South, take Hwy 24 to Woodland Park and turn North on Hwy 67 to Deckers. Continue across the Platte River Bridge onto Hwy 126 and go about 15 miles. Just past Forest Service Road FSR 550, look for signs and ribbons on the left at the turn into camp. Camp is an easy haul, only a few 100 yards of gravel road off of pavement. **EVERYBODY MUST CLOSE THE GATE AFTER DRIVING THROUGH.** No exceptions unless a gate attendant is present. Thank you for making sure we meet this important condition of our Forest Service permit.

CAMP INFO: **Certified Weed-Free hay is required by the USFS.** Contact Ride Chair for possible availability of hay. Horse water will be provided by the North Fork Volunteer Fire Dept. Please bring people water. Days can be warm and nights cool, so bring a blanket for your horse. Hay and manure must be scattered and grounds raked after the ride. Horseshoes or hoof boots are recommended. JW Green's Store, 3 miles north of camp on Hwy 126 in Buffalo Creek, carries some food, ice, supplies, and gasoline (NO DIESEL). Leash laws are in effect: **all dogs must be secured at trailers when not on leash.**

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS: Jeffco Sheriff's office (303) 277-0211, Ride Co-Chair Dee Overholt (303) 838-7507. **Only a few cellphones work at camp.** Cell service is better near the North Fork Fire Dept., one mile north of camp on Hwy 126.

SCHEDULE: Pre-ride vet check-in begins at 1:00 PM Friday, September 7th. Ride briefings for all riders each evening.

MEALS: NATRC chef Chuck Smith will be cooking for us! Upon request, we are offering two meal plan options this year:

Full meal plan: For only \$35, let us take care of all the cooking for the weekend: dinner Friday and Saturday nights, breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings, Saturday lunch on the trail and Sunday lunch in camp. As always, Management will feed volunteers all meals during the weekend. Non-volunteering friends and family can also pay for the all meals catered option. (If you want the full meal plan, you must make this selection by September 1, one week before the ride, or else you will get the traditional meal plan, #2 below.)

OR

Traditional, partial meal plan: Management provides meat and non-alcoholic drinks for the Saturday night potluck, and Sunday lunch for everyone in camp. Coffee and tea will be available Saturday and Sunday morning for everyone. Saturday lunch will be on trail: you must pack your lunch and Management will

transport it. No additional charge.

Friday evening happy hour: Please bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage.

Saturday evening potluck: Please bring a dish to share

Both events are a great opportunity to meet and visit with new people!

AWARDS: 1st thru 6th place ribbons for Novice. Awards for all divisions and classes, Novice and Open Sweepstakes, CP Highpoint Combined, Good Sportsmanship Award, best or worst Poker Hand (put extra horse spending money in your pocket)!

RULES: Ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. Distance Only (DO) offered for those who wish to compete in mileage only. Health Certificates and Coggins are required for out-of-state horses. Panels will be allowed, but they must be attached to your trailer and be no larger than 12x12.

WE ARE LIMITED TO 40 TRAILERS BY THE FOREST SERVICE, SO PLEASE RIDE SHARE. When you register, let us know if you are trailer sharing. Ride registration will close once we reach our limit of 40 trailers.

JUDGES: Vet - Kay Gunkel, DVM

Horsemanship -- Kim Cowart

ENTRY AND FEES: Entry fee includes all NATRC and camping fees: \$140 Adult Member. \$151 Non-Member. \$100 Junior Member. \$111 Junior Non-Member (Region 3 has Junior discounts, please check website). 2 Days DO \$140 Member, \$151 Non-Member. \$35 Full Meal Plan fee. Deposit of \$40 due with entry. If not paid by August 1 you will lose your entry place and be put on a wait list. The balance is due at Ride Check-in. Refunds until August 25, 2018, less \$15 administration fee. No show, no refund! **Notify Ride Secretary by September 1 if you want the Full Meal Plan (option #1); otherwise you will be signed up for the traditional, partial meal plan (option #2).** **CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Amelia Adair, 59 Monte Alto Road, Santa Fe, NM 87508

MANAGEMENT: Co-Chairs Dee Overholt deeverholt@gmail.com (303) 838-7507 and Deborah Oakes homes@deborahoakes.com, 303-829-4292.

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