

# **Arnold Rim NATRC Competitive Trail Ride, May 22, 2010**

**One Day "B" Ride, all divisions and classes.**

**Entries close 5PM May 1, 2010**

**Limit 30 Riders**

Welcome to the First Arnold Rim Trail NATRC Competitive Trail Ride, sanctioned by and conducted under the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference. The ride is staged out of the beautiful "Penny Pines" area in the Sierra Nevada Foothills, east of Stockton, California. The ride is open to horses, mules, and ponies and is designed to promote trail riding as an enjoyable sport as well as to test the equine's condition, soundness, way of going, and manners over a well-marked trail. Horsemanship is judged on the rider's ability, safety, and manner in which she/he cares for his/her horse both in camp and on the trail, including management of the horse from the saddle, as well as trail courtesy and safety.

This is NOT a race! It is a timed ride following a pre-determined natural course that is a nice mix of logging roads and single-track trails through a beautiful forest in California's famed Gold Country. Distance for Open Division will be approximately 30 miles at an average pace of 5 mph. For Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions the length will be approximately 20 miles at an average pace of 3.5 mph. Horses must be able to negotiate typical trail obstacles, wildlife, and other trail users on multi-use trails(i.e. bikers/hikers). In addition, the Forest Service strongly suggests bringing weed-free hay to feed horses.

**Check-In:** As this is a public area, you may arrive as early as you like. **PLEASE BE IN CAMP BY 3 PM ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 21 FOR CHECK-IN.** You will be assisted in selecting a campsite. Considering campsites are limited, you are encouraged to share rides. After finding your camp area, weigh in (except CP and Juniors) and pick up your rider packet before presenting your horse to the veterinary and horsemanship judges between 3 PM and 6 PM. Please advise management if you will be arriving later than 6 PM. You are in competition from the time you present your horse for the pre-ride check until the final vet check on Saturday afternoon. Early departure requires notification of management and judges.

On Friday evening there will be a **Ride Briefing** to review the trail map and judging criteria. We will have a **Potluck Dinner** at 6:30 PM, so please bring a dish to share.

**Information:** Horse must be stationary tied to trailers in camp; no corrals are permitted as primary containment for competitors. Stallions must be well mannered, ridden by an adult, and when tied, must be double tied to trailers at all times. Blankets are recommended, as nights in the mountains can be cool. Rain is not anticipated, but it can occur this time of year, so please come prepared. During this ride, a saddle must be used, but there is no restriction as to type. Horses may be shod or unshod, and pads are allowed. Hoof boots are recommended for barefoot horses, but must not cover or come over the coronary band per NATRC rules. While footing on the forest trails is generally very nice, there are some rocky sections. Horses may not wear any leg protection. Leg wraps, braces, medications, or drugs are not permitted, except as directed by the vet judge.

The ride will start early Saturday morning, and end Saturday afternoon. Awards will be Saturday evening. Riders are offered the chance to pre-order dinner for \$12.00 (Chicken in a Barrel, salad, beans, bread, dessert). Otherwise riders will be responsible for all food for themselves. Riders are responsible for all food for their horses. Lunch will be held in camp, but not provided for riders. Horse water (non-potable) is available in camp. There are no hook-ups. Toilet facilities are available. Manure may be spread, but please **take home your own garbage**. Dogs are permitted in camp ONLY, and must be on a leash at all times. **Smoking is not permitted on the trail. Anyone smoking will be immediately disqualified.** Juniors must be 10-17 years old, and may also compete in the Open Heavyweight or Lightweight Division. **Juniors in any class must wear ASTM/SEI, Snell, or other approved helmets at all times while mounted during competition.** Helmets are strongly recommended and encouraged for all riders.

All proceeds from this event will help the Arnold Rim Trail preservation and maintenance! HAVE FUN!

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**LIABILITY WAIVER**

**CALIFORNIA**

I acknowledge that I have noted the following WARNING which will also be posted at the ride sign-in location:

**“WARNING: Equine activities are inherently dangerous. You are assuming the risk of injury or death by participating in this activity. NATRC will not be liable for the injury to or death of a volunteer or participant in this activity.”**

I also acknowledge the following:

I waive all liability of NATRC and its affiliates for any loss, injury or damage which arises from the “inherent risks” of an equine activity.

“Inherent risks of an equine activity” also means a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- (b) The unpredictability of an equine’s reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, person, or other animals;
- (c) Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
- (d) A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- (e) The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

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Date

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Signature

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Signature of Both Parents Required for Minors

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## STATEMENT OF RIDER AND LIABILITY WAIVER

The following must be signed and dated for entry to be valid:

"I wish to enter and participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ Competitive Trail Ride, to be held at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ (date)". "I HAVE READ the rules, conditions, and regulations of the event and will comply with them. I AGREE to abide by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference and the aforementioned ride. I UNDERSTAND that competitive riding is a high risk activity, which involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and/or man made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; that personal belongings can be damaged, lost, or stolen, and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time.

**I AGREE to assume all risks associated with my participation in this activity, and I accept full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. As a condition precedent to my being allowed to participate in this activity, I agree that I WILL NOT SUE OR BRING ANY CLAIM AGAINST THE NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE, ITS DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS, RIDE MANAGEMENT, RIDE PERSONNEL, VOLUNTEERS, PROPERTY OWNERS WHERE EVENT TAKES PLACE, AND/OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS THEREOF, (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE RELEASED PARTIES") FOR ANY INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH AND/OR LOSS OF ANY KIND WHICH ARISES OUT OF THIS EVENT, AND WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASED PARTIES FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR SUCH INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH OR LOSS, EVEN IF SUCH INJURY, ACCIDENT, DEATH AND/OR LOSS ARISES FROM THE ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTANDS THIS STATE'S EQUINE ACTIVITY LIABILITY ACT WARNING (IF APPLICABLE), A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE HEREIN." "I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY HORSE IS NOT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MEDICATION AND WILL NOT BE TREATED WITH OR GIVEN ANY MEDICATION PROHIBITED BY NATRC RULES. I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION TO THE NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE OR THEIR DULY APPOINTED AGENT, TO TAKE ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION DEEMED NECESSARY TO CHECK FOR POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS TO MY HORSE."**

"Junior riders must wear an ASTM/SEI, Snell, or approved equal equestrian riding helmet at all times while mounted."

To the extent any dispute arises out of this agreement, the parties agree to submit said dispute to binding arbitration before a neutral arbitrator mutually selected by the parties, said arbitration to be conducted in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association. All such arbitrations shall be held in the county or district where NATRC National headquarters are located. If the prevailing party, NATRC shall be allowed to recover all costs and expenses incurred, including reasonable attorneys fees and costs.

**"I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS LIABILITY RELEASE."**

Signature of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents (Both) or Legal Guardian of Junior Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date of Junior Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of adult responsible for Junior Rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of equine, if different from rider: (printed): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of equine owner: \_\_\_\_\_