



Sanctioned by AERC, AHA, GERA, SEDRA, SERA
AHA local rides in open distance each day

3-Day Pioneer Ride

September 29

September 30

October 1

Day 1: 75, 55, and 30 Miles

Day 2: 50 and 25 Miles

Day 3: 50, 25 & 10 Mile Intro Ride

~~Camping Facilities~~

Base camp is primitive camping. The USFS fee per campsite is \$6/day. Port-o-lets will be provided. Base camp will have horse water, but no people water. Hot showers are available nearby at Coleman Lake for a \$2 fee. *We recommend that large rigs arrive early* due to limited number of sites for large rigs.

~~Awards~~

Completion awards will be given to all who successfully complete any day's ride, including Saturday's Fun Ride. There will also be awards for Best Condition, Top Ten, and First Junior each day for Limited Distance and Open Division. There will Pioneer Division Awards (55-50-50) and awards for all others who complete 3 days (with same horse/same rider) in Limited Distance or any combination of Open and LD.

~~Volunteers~~

Help is needed to work vet checks, put up ribbons, pull down ribbons, deliver water, prepare food for vet staff/volunteers, etc. If you or someone you know would like to help, please contact Tamra Schoech by email at tschoech@BellSouth.net or by phone at 770.554.1545 or Sarah Engsberg by phone at 770.306.9784 or by email at Sarah.Engsberg@mindspring.com.

~~Rules~~

All AERC, AHA, and SERA rules apply. Approved safety helmets required for all riders. All riders must be at least 8 years old and if under 16, accompanied by a designated adult sponsor (21 years or older) for the duration of the ride. Owner and Rider of horse must be AHA members for the results to count towards AHA programs. Horse, pony or mule must be 5 years old to enter the 55 and 50 mile events, 4 years old to enter the 30 and 25 miles events and the Fun Ride. Negative Coggins required. All stallions must be identified as such with a yellow ribbon in their tails. All horses known or prone to bite or kick must also be identified with a ribbon in their tails (any color).

~~Special Attraction!! Saturday evening, Live Music following the awards~~

Towson Engsberg and the Crosstown AllStars

~~Ride Staff~~

Ride Manager & Trail Boss: Sarah Engsberg
Ride Manager & Ride Secretary: Tamra Schoech
Timers: Nancy Gooch, Samm Bartee, Jim Underwood, Laurie Underwood
Photographers: Daniel Johnson (Thu/Fri), Jessica Willis (Sat)
All-around: Joe Schoech

~~Vet Staff~~

Head Vet: Otis Schmitt
Treatment Vet: Ken Marcella
Equine Massage: Michael Beesley
Water: Tim Clark
Farrier: Tim Worden

~~Talladega National Forest~~

Alabama's Talladega National Forest is a great comeback story. Before it was bought by the federal government in the 1930s, the area that comprises the Talladega contained some of the most abused, eroded wastelands in all of Alabama.

The Talladega's profusion of wildlife is exceptional: squirrels, rabbits, grouse, white-tailed deer, turkeys, and bobcats are here year-round. The pine forests have been managed to give sorely needed nesting areas for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker.

Part of the Southern Appalachian ecosystem, the Shoal Creek Division is comprised of upland hills and low mountains with predominately moderately steep slopes.

~~Points of Interest~~

Cleburne County is a partially dry county. Beer may be sold hot and is available in only two places: the Texaco StarMart at exit #199 off I-20 in Alabama (17.5 miles from camp) and at the first store on the left after you turn on Alabama Hwy 46 as you are leaving Heflin (13 miles from camp). Cold beer is sold in Georgia (19 miles from camp).

Edwardsville Shoppette: Ice, propane exchange, gas, diesel, groceries. 8.5 miles from camp.

Fruithurst Gen'erall Store & Fruithurst Family Restaurant: Full service restaurant with breakfast all day, lunch, and dinner. Ice, hardware, groceries, deli, propane exchange, large game room for kids. 11.5 miles from camp.

Heflin: Piggly Wiggly and Foodland grocery stores, propane filled at the Coast Gas, gas and diesel at Texaco.

~~Meals~~

For a prepaid \$10 fee due no later than September 23, riders, crew, and spectators may enjoy a dinner Saturday evening following the ride.

~~Equine Stress Monitoring Survey~~

Michael Beesley will be offering a free stress monitoring survey. Musculoskeletal assessment of tissues available prior, during, and after ride. This will provide a database intended to feed back suggestions re: training, gait choice and posture/balance.

~~Fees~~

Senior Open Division 75 Mile \$160

Senior Open Division 55 & 50 Mile \$90

Senior Open Division 25 & 30 Mile \$90

Junior Open Division 75 Mile \$110

Junior Open Division 55 & 50 Mile \$65

Junior Open Division 25 & 30 Mile \$90

Introductory 10 Mile, all ages, \$45

Saturday Dinner \$10, not included in ride fee. Must prepay by September 23

Late Fee \$20 if early registration deposit not received by September 17

Early entry requires \$20 non-refundable deposit be received by September 17

Ride 2 days, \$10 Discount

Ride 3 days, \$20 Discount

\$15 AERC Non-Member fee for all distances, excluding Introductory Ride

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Central Time

(Subject to Change)

Wednesday, September 28

Registration	Noon til Dark
Pre-Ride Vet-in (<u>see Note below</u>)	3:00 pm til Dark
Pre-Ride Meeting	5:00 pm
New Riders Briefing	6:00 pm
Sunset	6:30 pm
Twilight Ends	6:55 pm

Thursday, September 29

75 Mile Start	6:00 am
Begin Twilight	6:10 am
55-Mile Start	6:30 am
Sunrise	6:34 am
30-Mile Start	7:30 am
Registration	Noon til Dark
30-Mile Cutoff	2:45 (7:15 after start)
Pre-Ride Vet-in (<u>see Note 1 below</u>)	3:00 pm til Dark
Sunset	6:29 pm
Twilight Ends	6:54 pm
55-Mile Cutoff	7:45 pm (13:15 after start)
75-Mile Cutoff	Midnight (18:00 after start)
New Riders Briefing	7:00 pm
Pre-Ride Meeting	8:00 pm
Day 1 Awards	8:30 pm

Friday, September 30

Begin Twilight	6:10 am
50-Mile Start	6:30 am
Sunrise	6:35 am
25-Mile Start	7:30 am
Registration	Noon til Dark
25-Mile Cutoff	1:30 (6:00 after start)
Pre-Ride Vet-in (<u>see Note below</u>)	3:00 pm til Dark
Sunset	6:28 pm
50-Mile Cutoff	6:30 pm (12:00 after start)
New Riders Briefing	6:30 pm
Twilight Ends	6:53 pm
Pre-Ride Meeting	7:30 pm
Day 2 Awards	8:00 pm

Saturday, October 1

Begin Twilight	6:11 am
50-Mile Start	6:30 am
Sunrise	6:36 am
25-Mile Start	7:30 am
Fun Ride Pre-Ride Briefing	9:30 am
Fun Ride Start	11:00 am
25-Mile Cutoff	1:00 (6:00 after start)
50-Mile Cutoff	6:30 pm (12:00 after start)
Bar-B-Q dinner (pre-pay by Sep 23)	6:30 pm
75-Mile & Day 3 Awards	7:30 pm
Live Music! Towson Engsberg & the Crosstown AllStars	8:00 pm

Note: Pre-Ride vet checks will not be conducted after sunset. Late arrivals will receive their pre-ride vet check in the morning prior to ride start

The cooperation of the USFS and the Shoal Creek Ranger District, in allowing the Alabama Yellowhammer Pioneer Endurance Ride is greatly appreciated. Additionally, we wish to recognize and thank Karen McKenzie, Lesley Hodge, Larry Holyfield, Mary Humphries and others of the USFS for their work on the horse trails.

For more information, contact:

Sarah Engsberg 770.306.9784 Sarah.Engsberg@mindspring.com
Tamra Schoech 770.554.1545 TSchoech@BellSouth.net

~~Directions~~

GPS Coordinates: N 33° 46.984' W 85° 34.916'

From Atlanta: Follow I-20 West towards Birmingham. Take Exit #5 for GA Hwy 100 to Tallapoosa and Bowden. At the bottom of the ramp go right towards Tallapoosa. It is approx 5 miles to Tallapoosa. As you enter Tallapoosa, follow signs for GA Hwy 100 truck route. This will take you left just before crossing the railroad track, then immediately right at the yield sign crossing the RR track at the light, then immediately left to merge and stay on Hwy 78 West. Continue on Hwy 78 West into Alabama & thru the town of Fruithurst, approx 8 miles from Tallapoosa. Take notice of the mile markers on the left side of the highway. The turn to camp is approx 3.9 miles from Fruithurst. You will see mile marker 184 at a small bridge. At the top of this hill on the right is a sign for Coleman Lake and Game Warden Station; on the left is a blue metal building which is the Cane Creek Fire Station. At the blue Cane Creek Fire Station building, turn right on the road to the camp site. There will be a road marker just after your turn that indicates the road is Cleburne County Rd 61. Follow Cleburne County Rd 61 for approx 7.5 miles. Cleburne County Rd becomes National Forest Rd #553 at approximately 2.5 miles. Cross Shoal Creek at 5.5 miles & at 7.5 miles turn right onto National Forest Rd #500 to Coleman Lake, Warden Station & Pine Glen. The next right turn is the turn into camp

Note: The exit at I-20 is your last good opportunity for fuel & ice with pull-offs for trailer rigs. This is a 50 mile round trip to camp & back. There are several food stops here (Waffle House, Taco Bell/KFC, Dairy Queen, Waffle King, & Blimpie). The closest ice stop from camp is in Fruithurst, 8.5 miles from camp.

From Birmingham: Follow I-20 East towards Atlanta. Take exit #199 for Alabama Highway 9 to Heflin & Hollis. At the top of the ramp, turn left back across the interstate. Stay on AL Hwy 9 for 1.5 miles to intersect with Hwy 78 East at a stop sign. Go right on Hwy 78 east. This will take you thru the town of Heflin. In 3.2 miles Hwy 78 East will turn left at the merge with AL Hwy 46. There will be a Texaco station on the right at the turn. Stay on Hwy 78 East for approx 4.3 miles thru the town of Edwardsville. When you pass the Edwardsville Shoppette on the left you are less than 1 mile from the turn to camp. Notice the mile markers on the right side of the road. At mile marker 183, look for a yellow caution sign for the fire station. Just beyond the fire station caution sign will be a left turn. On the right at the turn is a blue metal building which is the Cane Creek Fire Station building. You are 10 miles from the exit at I-20. There will be a road marker just after your turn that indicates the road is Cleburne County Rd 61. Follow Cleburne County Rd 61 for approx 7.5 miles. Cleburne County Rd becomes National Forest Rd #553 at approximately 2.5 miles. Cross Shoal Creek at 5.5 miles & at 7.5 miles turn right on NF Rd #500 to Coleman Lake, Warden Station and Pine Glen. The next right turn is into camp.

Note: The exit at I-20 is your last good opportunity for fuel & ice with pull-offs for trailer rigs. There are also several food stops there (Taco Bell, Subway, Hardees, & Pops Charburgers). It is a 35 mile round trip to camp & back. The closest ice stop from camp is in Fruithurst, 8.5 miles from camp.

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~~Pre-Register by September 17 to save on entry fees~~

Return to: Tamra Schoech 4050 Buck Smith Rd Loganville, GA 30052
Telephone: 770.554.1545 **e-mail:** tschoech@Bellsouth.net

Rider's Name _____ Rider's AERC # _____

Rider's e-mail address: _____ Rider's AHA # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Age if Junior: _____ Birthday of Junior _____

Weight Division (Including all Tack): Check one:

160) 61-185) 186-210) 11-Over)

Junior _____ If a Junior, Name of Senior Sponsor _____

Horse Information						
	Name	Breed	Age	AERC #	AHA #	Ride Distance (circle one)
Day 1						30 55 75
Day 2						25 50
Day 3						10 25 50

Entry Type	Fee	Sub-total
75 miles Senior Rider	160	
75 miles Junior Rider	110	
55, 50, 25, or 30 miles Senior Rider	90	X _____ Day(s)
55, 50, 25, or 30 miles Junior Rider	65	X _____ Day(s)
AERC Non-Member Fee (not applicable to Introductory Ride)	15	
Introductory ride (10 miles)	45	
Late Fee (registrations received after Sept 17)	20	
Discount for riding 2 days	-10	
Discount for riding 3 days	-20	
Saturday Dinners (not included in ride entry) Due Sept 23	10	X _____ Nbr meals
Deposit Due September 17 to avoid Late Fee	20	
Total Fees		

Make checks payable to: **Tamra Schoech.**

- **Early bird registrations MUST be received by September 17 and include the non-refundable deposit to avoid the late fee**
- **Payment for Saturday dinners is due in advance and must be received by September 23**

Refund policy: A full refund of entry fee less non-refundable deposit and pre-paid dinner will be given provided that applicant has not started in the event.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY - As a participant in the Alabama Yellowhammer Pioneer endurance ride, I agree to abide by the rules of the AERC, SERA, SEDRA, AHA and the ride management of the Alabama Yellowhammer Pioneer endurance ride. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time far from communications, transportation and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control, and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, American Endurance Ride Conference, Southeast Endurance Riders Association, Arabian Horse Association, South Eastern Distance Riders Association, Talladega National Forest and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses blameless for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride, and free from all liability for such injury or loss. I have read and understand this liability release.

RIDER'S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR JUNIOR RIDER: _____

DATE: _____

HORSE OWNER SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

AHA Local Ride Entry Form

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9/29/11 55 mile Event ID 111210868

9/29/11 75 mile Event ID 111210869

9/29/11 50 mile Event ID 111210870

9/29/11 50 mile Event ID 111210871

Riders Name: _____

Rider's AHA # (Must present AHA Competition Card at Check-in): _____

Rider's Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Horse Owner's Name: _____

Horse Owner's AHA # (Must present copy of papers at Check-in): _____

Horse Owner's Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Name of Horse: _____

Horse's Registration # (Must present copy of papers at Check-in): _____

Horse's Foaling Date: _____ Horse's Sex: _____

The above listed rides are sanctioned as a "local rides" with the Arabian Horse Association (AHA). For the ride to count towards AHA Programs, the Owner and Rider must be current members of AHA, and the horse must be a registered purebred Arabian, Half-Arabian, or Anglo-Arabian.

You must be entered in the AERC/SERA Ride to be entered in the corresponding AHA ride. There is no additional charge for entering in the AHA Local Rides.

AHA ENTRY AGREEMENT-Local Ride

I have read the rules concerning competitions as printed in the Arabian Horse Association (AHA) Handbook/Directory and Ride Flyer as defined in the current *AHA Handbook* and agree to be bound by and subject to those Rules.

AHA ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE, AND INDEMNIFICATION

This document waives very important legal rights. Read it carefully before signing.

In consideration for AHA permitting me to participate in this Competition, and by signing the entry blank, I agree as follows:

I agree that I choose to participate voluntarily in this Competition, as a rider, driver, handler, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, junior exhibitor or as a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I AM FULLY AWARE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HORSE SPORTS AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION INVOLVE SERIOUS RISK OF HARM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RISKS OF ACCIDENT, SERIOUS BODILY HARM, INCLUDING DEATH, BROKEN BONES, HEAD INJURIES, TRAUMA, PAIN, AND SUFFERING, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE. I ASSUME ALL RISKS OF HARM TO ME, MY HORSE OR MY PROPERTY.

I agree for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to release AHA, the Competition, the facilities leased by the Competition and the owner(s) of the facilities, and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers, affiliated organizations and insurers (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims for damage, loss, or injury to myself, other persons, horses or other property belonging to me to the fullest extent permitted by law that arises out of or relates in any way to the Competition and my participation in the Competition INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DAMAGES, LOSS, OR INJURY RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS, FAILURE TO ACT, NEGLIGENCE OR NEGLECT OF OTHER ENTRANTS, THE RELEASED PARTIES, THEIR CONTRACTORS, OR INVITEES, as well as for theft, vandalism, fire, other casualty damage, or damage arising out of any defects in the premises.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless (that is pay all losses, damages, attorneys fees and costs of) the Released Parties from and against any and all claims, demands, penalties, actions, losses, costs, damages, injuries, liabilities and obligations (including attorneys fees) of whatsoever kind and nature, which may be asserted against or incurred by any of them as a result of (1) my participation in the Competition or (2) any act, failure to act, or neglect (a) by me, my agents, employees, riders, handlers, trainers, coaches, drivers, contractors or invitees, or (b) by any animal owned or exhibited by me or in my custody or control.

I agree and represent that I am qualified and eligible to enter and/or participate in the Competition, and every horse I am entering is qualified and eligible as entered.

I agree to accept AS FINAL any decision of AHA, the Ride Management Committee, or Ride Officials concerning my qualification or the qualification of my horse to enter the Competition or any results of the Competition, except to the extent that the Rules of AHA or the Competition permit a protest or hearing of such decisions. Should a hearing be requested, I agree to accept AS FINAL the decision of the particular hearing body. I agree to release, hold harmless and not to sue AHA, the Competition Sponsor, their officers, directors, employees, volunteers or members concerning any decision of AHA, the Competition, its Ride Management Committee, Ride Officials or any hearing body that relates to my qualifications or my horse(s)' qualifications to enter the Competition or any results of the Competition.

I agree that AHA has the sole right to control, sell, supervise or give away (or assign to others the right to do so) the exclusive rights to broadcast, televise, reproduce, transmit and disseminate all or part of this event, and I agree that AHA may use or assign, in any way AHA sees fit, photographs, films, videos, audios, cablecasts, or other likenesses of me and my horse taken during the course of the Competition for the promotion, coverage or benefit of the Competition or AHA. Those likenesses shall not be used to advertise a product and they may not be used in such a way which implies endorsement of any company, product, product category or service. I hereby expressly and irrevocably waive and release my rights in connection with such use, including any claim to compensation, invasion of privacy, right of publicity, or to misappropriation.

By signing below as a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor, I consent to the child's participation and agree to all of the above provisions, and further agree to assume all of the obligations of this AHA Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnification personally and on behalf of the child.

This AHA Assumption of Risk, Release and Indemnification is governed by the Laws of the State of Colorado and is intended to be interpreted as broadly as possible. I agree that exclusive jurisdiction and venue (place) for any legal action against AHA, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers or agents shall be in the local district courts or the federal court of the State of Colorado. If any part of this agreement is determined to be unenforceable, all other parts shall remain in effect.

Rider/Driver/Handler (mandatory):	
Signature _____	Print Name: _____
Owner/Agent (mandatory):	
Signature _____	Print Name: _____
Trainer/Coach (mandatory):	
Signature _____	Print Name: _____

PERMISSION to RIDE for MINOR (under 18 yrs. of age)	
I hereby consent to the entry of the named minor in this trail ride and certify that the foregoing representations and statements and the same may be deemed a part hereof, and hereby accept responsibility hereunder for the participation of said minor.	
Name of Minor: _____	Signature: _____
Birthdate of Minor: _____	Relationship (parent or guardian) _____

SPONSORS for MINORS (under 16 yrs of age)	
Riders under the age of 16 must ride with an adult (21yrs old) sponsor	
Name of Sponsor: _____	Signature: _____