



TRAIL RIDES

NATIONAL RIDES/ REGIONAL RIDES

There are currently nationally sponsored and regional trail rides. Are you interested in hosting your own ride with ApHC endorsement? Read on...

Class-A 'National' Trail Rides are sponsored and conducted by the ApHC. Examples include the currently held Chief Joseph, Apache Land, Land of Liberty and Sheltoewe annual trail rides.

All aspects of the trail ride are managed by the ApHC or their designated representative. Participants are required to ride ApHC-registered Appaloosas on the Chief Joseph Trail Ride; however the other three rides are open-breed. For riders/horses to be eligible for annual or lifetime ApHC awards including ROMs, they must ride an ApHC-registered Appaloosa, which must be enrolled in the ApHC Distance Program prior to the event. Also, the rider/owner must be a current-year ApHC member when mileage credit is earned.

All participants –rider and non-rider alike- must be current ApHC members on class-A 'National' trail rides.

HOST YOUR OWN TRAIL RIDE WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS...

Class-B (Regional) Trail Rides may be managed and/or sponsored by a regional club, approved organization or ApHC member. *Appaloosas enrolled in the Distance Program may earn the same awards as in the national rides.* Class-B rides are not managed or controlled by ApHC, however participants must abide by regulations contained in the ApHC Trail Ride "Handbook of Safety Information and Rules."

Participants may or may not be required to ride ApHC-registered Appaloosas, but in order for riders/horses to be eligible for annual or lifetime ApHC awards, they must follow the same requirements as the class-A national rides: the horse must be ApHC-registered and enrolled in the Distance Program, and the rider/owner must be a current year member when the mileage is earned.

The fee is \$100, to be submitted with the completed approval form at least 100 days prior to the ride for advertising in the Appaloosa Journal.

A Class-B ride must also obtain liability insurance and the ApHC must be listed as an "additional insured" on the policy.

Class-C (Regional) Trail Rides may be managed and/or sponsored by a regional club, approved organization, ApHC member or non-member. This category of ride is not managed or controlled by ApHC and riders/horses are not eligible to count mileage toward ApHC annual or lifetime awards.

The fee is \$15, to be submitted with the completed approval form at least 30 days prior to the ride. Class-C rides may be published in the Appaloosa Journal if the approval form is received at least 100 days prior to the ride.

Release of Liability

1. The ApHC, and hosting organization, if any, will not be responsible for any accident that may occur to, or be caused by any horse ridden at the trail ride, or for any article of any kind or nature that may be lost or destroyed or in any way damaged. The ApHC will not be responsible for any financial arrangements not completed between trail ride management, participants, owners or official trail ride crew. However, these situations should be reported in their entirety to the ApHC.

2. Each trail ride should obtain blanket liability insurance to cover suits, claims or judgments for bodily injury or property damage sustained by spectators, participants or others arising out of the use of the trail ride location or operation necessary or incidental to the trail ride. *Class "B" trail rides are required to list the ApHC as an "additional insured" on their policy.*

ApHC approval of Class "B" and Class "C" trail rides is a privilege, not a right, granted or rejected at ApHC discretion on an annual basis according to continuous evaluation of the application, including but not limited to competence of trail ride management, enforcement of ApHC rules (if any), quality of ride and service to ApHC members.

If a trail ride approval application is satisfactory, the CEO will cause to be issued a statement of official approval of the proposed trail ride. If such application is unsatisfactory, the CEO will so inform the organization or individual making the application, giving the reason for disapproval.

Appaloosa Journal shall publish the name, dates, trail ride location and trail ride contact information in the monthly issue preceding the month of the trail ride for all approved Class "B" trail rides. Approved Class "C" trail ride information may be published in Appaloosa Journal in advance of the ride if information is received at least 100 days in advance of the ride. Class "B" and Class "C" trail ride information including ride dates, location, and contact information will be included on the ApHC web site in the Calendar of Events section.