



AERC National Championship Ride And Armadillo Ride

Sanctioned by AERC - Sponsored by TERA - Held
by Special Use Permit from USFS, Davy Crockett

October 19, 2023 - AERC National Championship 50 and Armadillo 50

October 20, 2023 - Armadillo 30

October 21, 2023 - AERC National Championship 100 and Armadillo 100

Endurance riding is an athletic event for both horse and rider in which the first goal is to complete the marked trail; and the second goal is to ride this trail as rapidly as the condition of the horse and rider allows for the conditions of the day. Each AERC sanctioned ride is controlled to a certain extent by a qualified veterinarian and ride manager. All equines must pass the thorough vet checks before and during the event before they are allowed to continue. After the ride, the equine must pass another thorough check before being allowed a completion.

1) QUALIFICATIONS for AERC National Championship

- a) All entrants must be current full members of AERC
- b) All riders must ride in their declared weight division
- c) Riders will be eligible to participate in this event by qualifying under the AERC-NC criteria defined as follows:
 - i) The QUALIFICATIONS
 - ii) **50-mile ride:** 300 lifetime AERC miles (horse) AND 300 lifetime AERC miles (rider) with at least 100 miles together. The mileage requirements must be met with endurance competitions of 50 miles or more only – no limited distance miles count towards qualification criteria.
 - 100-mile ride:** 500 lifetime AERC miles (horse) AND 500 AERC lifetime miles (rider) with at least one 100 mile, one day ride together, or a pioneer ride together or a back to back 50/50. The mileage requirements must be met with AERC endurance competitions of 50 miles or more – no limited distance miles count towards qualification criteria.

Alternative qualifications for 100 mile ride:

Horse/rider as a team have completed 1,000 AERC endurance miles together (rides of 50 miles or more only).

Horse and rider being ranked as a team in the overall top 10 of their AERC region in the year preceding the National Championship Ride they are entering.

Directions: Kennard is 16 miles east of Crockett and 36 miles west of Lufkin on Hwy 7. In 'downtown' Kennard, turn south off Hwy 7 beside the Post Office onto County Road 4625 (or Broadway). There is an 'AERC Ride' sign here. Two miles south of Hwy 7, turn right into Camp (another 'AERC Ride' sign here). Please make sure you don't park/camp in trail. There will be volunteers to help you find a parking space. You are more than welcome to come early and/or stay late to enjoy Davy Crockett National Forest.

Camping: The private pasture offers plenty of room for rigs of all sizes and will accommodate panel or electric pens for the equines and/or tents for the humans. We will have port-o-potties located throughout the pasture. Watch for trail ribbons and please don't camp in trail. Please use pack-it-in/pack-it-out type camping. This is my horse pasture when not being used as camp so we greatly appreciate no feed left on the ground. Trash bags or buckets will be available for any leftover feed. Please scatter manure but Please don't throw it on my fenceline. Thank you! There is city water at main camp. Kennard has two convenience stores, but the closest café will be in Crockett. Remember to bring bug spray for humans and horses. We ask that you sponge to cool your horse instead of spraying with the

hose since this is city water that we have to pay for. Again we Thank You for helping keep costs down. We are celebrating 40 years of Armadillo ride management! Hope you enjoy this ride as much as we do.

Trails: Gently rolling hills down very old logging roads and one-horse width wooded trails all on the Piney Creek Horse Trails through Davy Crockett National Forest, with some riding on gravel/rock FS and County Roads We recommend some type of hoof protection due to weather damage on trails. We recommend all distances take a sponge with you for cooling and/or a scoop for watering from ponds on trail.

Meals: *Dinner will be provided the night before your ride and Breakfast will be provided Sunday morning for all entrants, with fruit/snacks/candy available for riders. There will be meals available each day and a donation jar for anyone not riding that day. Drinks and meals are provided for volunteers and vets.*

Awards: Completion awards, Top Ten , Wt. Div. for National Championship Riders, Best Condition, High Vet Score, middle of the pack, bottom five, Turtle, longest distance traveled, and anything else we can think of or get donated!

Entry Fees: 100 miles - \$275 50 miles - \$175 30 miles - \$145

Discounts (one per entry please) Jr.'s - \$75; TERA members - \$5; Early Registration - \$10

Please pre-register before October 4th. Thank you! Please take only one discount. Thank you again.

**All AERC National Championship entries are due no later than October 4, 2023
Armadillo riders can still register at ride site**

Come have fun with us in Davy Crockett National Forest

Schedules:

Wednesday: Registration opens at 10 am; Pre-ride checks start about 1 pm; Hospitality Dinner provided by The Endurance Boutique/TERA at 5:30 pm; ride briefing for 50 milers at 7 pm

Thursday: 50 milers start at 6:00 am; dinner at 6 pm, ride briefing for 30 milers at 7 pm

Friday: 30 milers start at 7:30 am; dinner at 5 pm, ride briefing for 100 milers at 4 pm

Saturday: 100 milers start at 4 am;

Sunday: Awards for all distances at 7:30 am with breakfast

The AERC National Championship Ride and the Armadillo Ride will abide by the AERC Rules (aerc.org), TERA Rules and the following rules:

1. The equines are under the control of experienced ride veterinarians who will do everything possible to help you evaluate your equine in order to complete the ride without hurting your equine. You must accept responsibility for your equine and yourself. The vets may disqualify any rider who has, in the opinion of the vets, abused his/her equine. The veterinarian's decision will be final in all matters concerning the safety and well-being of the equines entered in the ride. If a rider elects not to continue for any reason, the equine must still be examined by the ride veterinarians.
2. Proof of a negative Coggins test dated within the past 12 months for all equines entering the property is required. Papers may be checked at the gate. Out of state equines must have current Health Certificate as per Texas law.
3. A junior rider is a rider who was under the age of 16 as of December 1, 2022. Juniors must be accompanied by a competent adult (18 or older) sponsor entered in the ride, and must list the sponsor on the form, and must ride and finish within one minute of the sponsor. Failure of either to wait on the other will result in the loss of completion to both riders. Sponsors may be changed only with the approval of ride management. AERC ruling for 14-16 year old/500 mile completion can apply. ALL JUNIORS AT RIDE SITE MUST WEAR APPROVED SAFETY HELMETS WHILE ON HORSEBACK.
4. All riders must be present and accounted for at the start of the ride, no exceptions. Management strongly recommends ALL RIDERS wear approved safety helmets while on horseback.
5. The same horse & rider must pass all checkpoints, stay on the marked trail, and do the trail in the correct order to receive completion and placing. No ties, unless finish line personnel cannot distinguish which horse was ahead.
6. Vet criteria will be discussed at the pre-ride meeting. Riders are responsible for understanding this information. 7. There is no minimum time limit for completion in any distance. Maximum ride time, INCLUDING HOLDS, for completion is 24 hours for 100 milers, 12 hours for 50 milers, and 7 hours 15 minutes for 30 milers.
8. To receive completion, riders must present their equine for pulse within 30 minutes of reaching camp/vet check. The equine must be metabolically fit to continue and have no gait aberrations that are consistently observable at a trot and must have a pulse of 64 or less for 100/50 milers; 60 or less for 30 milers unless Vets set lower finish criteria. For Best Condition judging, equines must be presented one hour from the finishing time (or whatever time the Vets determine) and riders must weigh before the hour presentation.
9. Riders are responsible for all farrier and vet fees that may be individually incurred.
10. Riders are responsible for containment of their equines.
11. All dogs must be supervised during ride and meetings.

The AERC National Championship Ride 50/100
ARMADILLO 50/30/100

October 19, 20, 21, 2023

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Rider Information: AERC # _____ TERA # _____

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ St _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____
Email _____

Rider Division: Fwt Lwt Mwt Hwt Jr Jr B'day _____

Sponsor signature _____

Horse Information: AERC # _____

Name _____
Breed _____ Age _____ DOB _____
Color _____ Sex: Mare Gelding Stallion
Owner & AERC #: _____
(you can write 'same' if rider is horse owner)

Entry Fee:

AERC National Championship 100 mile - \$275 \$ _____
Armadillo 100 mile - \$275 \$ _____
AERC National Championship 50 mile - \$175 \$ _____
Armadillo 50 mile - \$175 \$ _____
Armadillo 30 mile - \$145 \$ _____

Jrs - \$50 discount TERA members - \$5 OR Early Registration - \$10 - _____

♦ Please take only one discount. Thank you.

Additional Fees: AERC membership not current +\$15 + _____

Please make checks payable to: **Linda Parrish** Total: \$ _____

Refund policy: A full refund of entry fee will be given to any applicant entered in an event provided that applicant has not started in the event. Once the applicant starts in the event, the entry fee is not refundable.

Complete your entry by signing the releases below/on back. Thank you.

U. S. Forest Service Waiver and The AERC National Championship or the Armadillo Endurance Ride Liability and Medical Release

I, _____, acknowledge and accept that practicing for and participation in The AERC National Championship or the Armadillo Endurance Ride event, held in the Davy Crockett National Forest on October 18, 19, 20, 21, 2023 involves the risk of personal injury. By my signature I hereby waive all rights to file a claim or lawsuit against the United States or ride management for any injury or damages which may occur during practice for or participation in The AERC National Championship or the Armadillo Endurance Ride. Upon acceptance of my application for entry in The AERC National Championship or the Armadillo Endurance Ride held October 18, 19, 20, 21, 2023 in the Davy Crockett National forest with camping on the LNB, I agree to abide by the rules of the AERC, TERA and The AERC National Championship and the Armadillo Endurance Ride. I understand endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communication, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which 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 any time. I acknowledge that I assume full responsibility for the safety of myself and the animal I am riding. By my signature, I hereby waive all rights to file a claim or lawsuit against the U. S. Forest Service, LNB, the ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, for any injury or damages which may occur during practice for or participation in The AERC National Championship or the Armadillo Endurance Ride. I agree to allow and be financially responsible for any necessary emergency medical treatment by any medical institution in the event of my injury or illness.

Any Known Drug Allergies: _____

Any Medical Condition: _____

I have read and understand this liability release.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian

Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact

_____ Phone _____

Mail to: Linda Parrish, 2222 Co Rd 4625, Kennard, TX 75847

Phone: 936-852-3532 Or 936-222-3178

Email: texasarmadillo@yahoo.com

Email or snail mail your completed entry. Thank You!

Please mail on or before October 4th, but remember All AERC National Championship entries must be received **no later** than October 4th. Thank you!