Poker Run Trail Ride, Wine Tasting, BBQ, & Auction Fundraiser

Sunday, October 16, 2016

Ride & Event Information

Thank you for participating in our trail ride, wine tasting, auction & BBQ fundraiser. The ride will encompass well over 2,200 acres. These properties are not open to the public, this is your only chance to ride through these beautiful vineyards and estates dotted with majestic oaks and incredible panoramic views.

The trail ride will consist of up and down transitions ranging mostly from mild to moderate, but with some steep climbs and descents. The ride is best suited for riders and horses in the 3 to 4 condition range on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being out of shape and 5 being very good shape. It's important for your enjoyment, and the enjoyment and safety of the other guests, that you and your horse are physically fit and that you have trail riding experience and saddle time on the horse you will be riding prior to the day of the ride. This is a cattle ranch and vineyard so there will be cows throughout the ride.

We will have coffee and continental breakfast available as well as goodies to take along with you on the ride. We will have one or two stops along the ride with mounting blocks. The cattle stock tanks will be available for water. At the end of the ride we will taste through a flight of wines accompanied by live music, BBQ tri-tip and chicken, beans and salad lunch with a souvenir wine glass and complimentary glass of wine and a silent auction of things to assist in our fundraising. Additional wine will be available for purchase by the glass or bottle.

Contact dlarson@horseshealingheroes.org or (916) 690-0853 prior to the date of the ride with questions.

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

PLEASE, PLEASE ride/trailer share as parking is limited. If you are a single rider, please arrange to ride/trailer with another rider. Let us know if you are single rider and willing to haul another horse and we will try to make introductions. If you are riding with a group, we strongly encourage you to caravan so you can arrive together for registration ease.

YOU MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO PARTICIPATE.

NO STALLIONS, NO SCHOOLING, NO PONYING, NO BEGINNING TRAIL RIDERS, NO BEGINNING HORSES. RIDERS AND HORSES MUST BE IN SHAPE. HORSES MUST BE USED TO RIDING ON TRAIL AND IN GROUPS AND USED TO BEING NEAR CATTLE. WE DISCOURAGE BORROWING A HORSE, HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE, WE EXPECT THAT YOU WILL HAVE SEVERAL WEEKS AND NUMEROUS RIDES GETTING TO KNOW THE HORSE. THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY AS WELL AS THE OTHER RIDERS. THE DAY OF THE RIDE

IS NOT THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW YOUR MOUNT OR TAKE YOUR ARENA HORSE OUT FOR ITS FIRST TRAIL EXPERIENCE. NO DOGS. THINK SAFETY AND FUN.

Rider Participation Agreement and Release of Liability will be sent to all ticket purchasers, along with more detailed ride information.

The trail ride is at a WALK only. You will be in a group of riders so having a horse that will walk head to tail in a group is very important. Your horse must be able to follow the Trail Boss or Posse Boss. Your horse must tie, not pull back or be a kicker, especially when tied. If you ride a gaited horse, your horse must be able to ride with non-gaited horses and stay behind the Posse Boss. You are responsible for your own horse's behavior.

This is a moderate ride with some steep sections, **this event is not for beginner riders, beginner trail riders, beginner trail horses or people who do not ride on a regular basis as you will be riding in a group. You are responsible for yourself and your own horse.**

Please remember even a "bombproof" horse and very experienced riders have their moments. You and those you ride with on a regular basis may be used to each other and your horses, but you will be around a lot of other riders and horses the day of the ride. Please exercise patience and kindness, and be mindful that a horse and rider that was perfect prior to the ride, may be edgy when in a new surrounding with many others. We've all been there. Please practice respectful trail etiquette.

There will be a main Trail Boss, and a Posse Boss and Drag Rider for each posse. They will give you a safety run through the morning of the ride. Think safety and fun.

Registration is at 9:00 with ride out between 10:00 and 10:30. You will be preassigned into a posse (team) of riders. There will be no reassigning to another group the day of the ride. Each posse will have riders divided into approximately the same number of riders per posse.

Schedule for the day:

Rider registration:	9:00 am
Team Formation:	9:30 – 10:00 am
Ride out:	10:00--10:30 am
Return:	1:30 pm (approximately) Get your horses settled at your trailer Wine taste with Rancho Victoria Vineyards
Lunch served:	3:00 pm
Raffle & auction:	1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Bring a smile, an upbeat attitude, positive energy and HAVE FUN!

I, _____ , participating in the Herd it thru the Grapevines winery ride, agree to, acknowledge and will abide by the rules and directions provided by Event leaders, including, but not limited to:

1) I am 21 years of age and will provide ID. Please attach a copy of your driver's license to this agreement.

2) All riders must ride with a saddle & bridle and bring a halter & lead rope on the ride.

3) Going on this ride is not a right to ride on winery property at any other time.

4) Stay between the leader and drag rider at all times. Stay on the roads as instructed, avoiding any sections as instructed.

5) While at winery, I will tie horse to my trailer or the trailer I arrived in. I will muck the area my horse is in.

6) I will remove the bridle when tying my horse and I will tie short and high. If my horse has a tendency to pull back when tied, I will monitor my own horse. My horse is my responsibility, not the responsibility of Horses Healing Heroes, the ranch owners, any employees of either, any of the volunteers or any of the other guests and riders.

7) I understand that we are guests we must conduct ourselves in a manner in which we will be invited back next year.

9) There will be no refunds for a rider and/or horse's inability to complete the ride.

10) Management reserves the right to refuse service or excuse anyone from the ride if it is determined that the rider does not have control of their horse. This will be at the discretion of the Trail Boss and Posse Bosses , Event Leaders. There will be no refunds if this determination is made.

11) I will have a hand on the reins at all times to protect vines. I will not allow my horse to munch on the vines.

12) If I have a medical condition that may require attention during the ride, I will inform the Trail Boss and my Posse Boss. This information will be kept confidential except to share with medical personnel in the event of a medical emergency.

13) No alcoholic beverages and ABSOLUTELY NO SMOKING ON THE TRAIL.

14) NO STALLIONS, NO SCHOOLING, NO PONYING.

15) There will be no refunds issued after October 1, 2016. In the event you find it necessary to cancel after October 1, 2016 and if we are able to fill your spot with someone on the waiting list, a 50% refund will be issued. This will be done on a first come, first served basis based upon the order in which we receive a written request for cancellation. All cancellations will incur a $7 fee per ticket to cover PayPal fees and handling. Once the ride is sold out, there will be no refunds unless we are able to fill your spot and the above refund policy will apply. It is a fundraiser after all with a limited number of ride tickets. Once we are sold out and turn people away, we may not be able to recapture those potential ticket purchasers as not all potential riders will request to be waitlisted.