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**THE 35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLD COUNTRY 55/25 MILE ENDURANCE RIDES**  
~Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018~  
**THE RIDE IS LIMITED TO FIRST 140 PAID ENTRANTS**

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**Entry Fees\*:**

- 55-Mile / 25-Mile Ride - **\$110**
- Your ride entry must be paid to ensure a place in the ride.
- Please make checks payable to **GCER**. Checks will be deposited on 6/23/2018.

\*An additional fee of \$15 will be collected if you are not a current paid member of the American Endurance Ride Conference.

**NOTE:** The U.S. Forest Service charges a fee of \$8 per night. Please stop at the kiosk at the entrance to pay for your campsite.

**Discounts:**

- **\$45** discount for Juniors, Ride Managers and Ride Secretaries of 2018 AERC-sanctioned endurance rides
- **\$15** discount if your entry is received on or before **June 29<sup>th</sup>**
- **\$10** discount for current GCER members

**Refunds:**

1. A full refund will be made for cancellations if Ride Management or the Ride Secretary is notified by **Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Cancellations after this date will be subject to a \$15 fee being withheld from the refund amount.
2. "No shows" will forfeit the entire entry fee.
3. \$15 will be withheld if your horse does not pass the pre-ride vet check.
4. Refund timelines:
  - a. Within 1 business day for those who paid electronically.
  - b. Same day at check-in area for those who paid in cash (did not pass vet check).
  - c. Within 7 days for those that paid by check.

**What your Fees Include:** All entry fees include the California State Drug Testing Fee, AERC Sanctioning Fee, a participation award, routine veterinary examinations before and during the ride, and a dinner ticket.

Should a horse require special emergency treatment, payment is the responsibility of the rider and will be handled individually by the attending veterinarian.

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**Our Ride Crew:** Our members and volunteers working the ride are all unpaid and here to help keep this sport alive and this ride running smoothly. Please treat everyone with respect. If you have any concerns, please contact Ride Management.

**AERC Sanctioning:** The Gold Country Endurance Ride is sanctioned by the American Endurance Ride Conference. Several times during the ride there will be veterinary checks to minimize the risk of stress and/or injury. Equines will be monitored for physical reactions including lameness, pulse/respiration recovery and dehydration. Those not meeting the parameters will be pulled from the ride. The first horse to finish in satisfactory physical condition is the overall winner. Due to the strenuous nature of this sport, drugs of any kind are prohibited in all equines participating in any ride. The ride is open to all breeds of horses and mules. Ride management will provide equal opportunities, treatment and judgment to all competitors.

**Base Camp:** Dru Barner Equestrian Park -- located just a few miles from Camp Virner which is on Wentworth Springs Road above Georgetown. The base camp is a beautiful, heavily wooded forest. The elevation is 3200 feet. There have been roads cut into the forest and there are plenty of graveled places to park rigs. Some campsites have corrals on a first-come first-served basis. There is plenty of water for the horses, but riders need to bring in their own drinking water. We ask that all hay and manure be scattered and all personal garbage be taken with you.

**Directions:** From Auburn, take Hwy 49 to Cool. Turn left at Hwy 193 and proceed to the town of Georgetown. Turn left at the stop sign (Wentworth Springs Road) in downtown Georgetown. Drive for approximately 5-1/4 miles and watch for the turn-off to the left to Dru Barner Park. Follow the ribbons to base camp which is approximately 1.5 miles down a paved road. If you get to Camp Virner, you passed the turn-off and need to go back about 1/2 mile.

**Trail:** The 25 and 55-mile rides are both "moderate" rides. Both consist of a few tough climbs, with a combination of trail and back forest roads. The 25-mile ride is a loop with one vet check out on the trail. The vet checks are not accessible to crews, but the club will provide plenty of food and drinks for horses and riders. The 55-mile ride is a 25-mile loop back to base camp for lunch and then a 25-mile loop after lunch. The terrain is very good footing with beautiful high sierra views, wooded forests, and running creeks.

**Awards:** We provide participation awards at check-in and awards for: Fastest Time, Best Condition, Top Ten, Weight Divisions, Junior Awards and Tail End for both the 55-mile and 25-mile rides.

**Pre-Ride Vet Check:** Beginning at 3:00pm on Friday, July 6th. All horses must be examined and numbered before starting the ride. Pre-Ride Meeting will be held at 8:00pm on Friday evening; the ride veterinarians will set and announce the pulse/respiration criteria. The ride manager will make other announcements at this time including last minute changes and cut-off times.

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**Farrier Services:** Will be available before and during the ride and payment is the responsibility of the rider/owner.

**Rules:**

1. Equines must be at least 60 months old for the 55-mile ride and 48 months old for the 25-mile ride. Mares in foal will not be permitted.
2. There will be no ties.
3. Junior Riders:
  - a) A Young Rider sixteen (16) years or older may enter the 25 or 55 mile ride without a sponsor (must be 16 years old as of December 1st, in the year of competition).
  - b) A Junior Rider under sixteen (16) years of age on December 1st, in the year of competition, may enter the 25 or 55 mile ride with a sponsor who is entered in the ride and agrees to remain with the Junior Rider throughout the ride. A sponsor is an adult over eighteen (18) years of age and must carry the Junior Rider's vet card. Change in a sponsor must be reported to and approved by Ride Management at the checkpoint. The Junior Rider must be within one minute of the sponsor at all times. If you are a Junior Rider and are 14 calendar years or older and have ridden 500 AERC sanctioned miles, you may petition to AERC to ride without a sponsor.
  - c) A sponsored or unsponsored Junior Rider must wear a safety helmet approved by AHSA, PCA, ANSI or Snell Z 90.4. Gold Country Endurance Riders strongly recommends that every rider wear a helmet.
4. Abuse of the equine or the use of stimulants and/or painkillers is prohibited. All horses are subject to saliva, urine or blood tests. Any horse tested for drugs and found to be POSITIVE will be disqualified.
5. No substances of any type may be injected by needle into the horse during the day of the ride.
6. The same horse and rider must pass all vet checks and stay on the marked trail in order to qualify for awards. The responsibility for reporting in and out of vet checks rests with the rider.
7. All equines must be presented for pre-ride veterinary inspection beginning at 3:00pm on Friday, June 30th. Early morning vet-in will be available. Opinions of the veterinarians are final regarding the health of the horse.
8. The 55-mile ride must be completed in thirteen (13) hours and fifteen (15) minutes. The 25-mile ride must be completed in six (6) hours. Equines must be at the starting line and prepared to begin the ride at the appointed times
9. Violation of any of these rules will subject the horse and rider to immediate disqualification.