

# **American River Classic**

**25~50**

***“The Oldest Sanctioned 50 Mile Ride in the World!”***

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

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Welcome to the *Oldest Sanctioned 50 Mile Endurance Ride in the World!* This year’s ride is a bit of a change from the past years. We are starting in the town of Cool. You will ride through the rolling hills of Cool, CA, and with the rain we have had this year, there should be plenty of natural water out on the trail. Following this you will ride down into Ol Coffey Dam via Salt Creek Loop and enjoying No Hands Bridge up to Auburn. Auburn allows for some nice challenging hills while you ride above the American River. From there, you will drop back down into the canyon and cross No Hands Bridge for a second time and finish back in Cool.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL RIDERS:**

1. All camping area must be cleaned of hay, manure and garbage at “Cool Staging Area.”
2. Protective equine foot wear recommended; if foot wear protection is to be worn, then MUST be worn at pre-vet, if no footwear protection to be worn, then equine MUST be presented at pre-vet with NO foot protection.
3. All horses must be vetted in the night before the ride, no pre-ride vetting in the morning of the ride.
4. We ask that Generators to be off by 10:00 pm in respect to all other riders and crews.
5. All A.E.R.C., California State Park and ride rules will be strictly enforced.
6. Cool Staging Area (excluding service rd.), horses MUST be tied to trailer, NO portable pens.
7. Service Rd. all rigs MUST be parked off the side to allow emergency vehicles through and all equines MUST be on the off side of the rd.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE PARK RULES:**

1. **Auburn State Parks Recreation Area charges a per vehicle/rig fee of \$10.-**  
Please Note: California Poppy Pass does not cover the cost of overnight camping, only day use.  
Camping/day fees maybe paid prior (included with entry) or collected by ride management at check in.
2. No parking outside of designated horse areas.
3. No glass containers, no alcoholic beverages allowed in the park.
4. Rigs parked along road MUST leave room for emergency vehicles and MUST keep horses on opposite side from road
5. No campfires.
6. All horses to be tied to trailers if in Cool Staging Area.
7. AUBURN - No parking/leaving rigs in the south lot (“dirt parking lot” by the trail, with the rails) over night.
8. All park rules and regulations must be followed.

## **SCHEDULE:**

**CHECK IN:** will be from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm, Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

**\*Be sure to print and bring your ride packet with you, only vet cards will be available.\***

**PRE-RIDE VET CHECK:** 2:30 pm-5:00 pm, Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, veterinarians will examine horses. There will be no "pre-ride vetting" after Questions and Answer session or on Saturday morning.

**DINNER: PROMPTLY** at 6:00pm Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, hosted by American River Pizza & Grill

All riders will get a meal ticket and additional meals may be purchased at American River Pizza & Grill

**RIDE MEETING:** 6:30 pm, Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Head veterinarian will announce criteria; ride management will cover trail and logistics.

**INTRO RIDE:** Saturday only; April 22<sup>nd</sup>

(All young riders 17 and under day of ride **MUST** have a sponsor and follow young rider rules)

7:30am - Check in                      8:00-9:00am - Pre-ride Vet Check                      9:00am - Ride meeting

9:30am - Ride start                      1:30pm - Must be in, followed by final vet exam

**STARTING TIME:** Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.    **50's:** 6:30 am; **MUST** be out by 6:45 am (subject to change)

**25's:** 7:00 am; **MUST** be out by 7:15 am (subject to change)

**CUT OFF TIMES:** Refer to trail map.

### **COMPLETION VET EXAM & B.C. JUDGING:**

**Completion order will be on riding time not of order of crossing the finish line. (30's see notes below)**

**50's:** **MUST** meet criteria **WITHIN** 30 mins. of completion time.

**MUST** have final vet exam **WITHIN** 60 mins. of completion time.

B.C. **AT** 60 mins. **FROM** completion time.

**25's:** **MUST** meet criteria **WITHIN** 30 mins. of crossing finish line

**MUST** have final vet exam **WITHIN** 60 mins. of criteria time.

B.C. **AT** 60 mins. **FROM** criteria time.

**NOTE-25's only:** Completion time/order is at time of meeting criteria.

**COMPLETION & AWARDS:** To be given out after final vet check exam.

**25's:** approximately any time after 11:00 am.

**50's:** approximately any time after 2:30 pm.

To receive completion; vet card **MUST** be signed by veterinarian and be presented to ride secretary.

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**Payment Info:** Check must accompany application to ensure placement on ride list. There will be a late fee of \$30- for entries received with postmarked date after April 10th, (late fee starts between the dates of April 11-20th). **Any sign ups the day before the ride (April 21<sup>st</sup>) will incur a late fee of \$30- plus an additional \$10- (\$40- total).** No refunds for withdrawals after April 11th, 6:00 p.m. or for No Shows. Riders of equines not passing pre-ride vet check will get entry back minus \$30- administration fee, please allow 30 days post ride for refund. **There will be no refund difference if you descend in ride distance. No refunds for cancelling due to weather.**

**Veterinary and Farrier Services:** Should a horse require emergency treatment, or farrier services, payment is the responsibility of the rider and will be handled individually by the attending veterinarian or farrier.

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### **Trail Description:**

**50 MILER:** You will ride two different loops on the beautiful rolling hills of the Olmstead loop including Salt Creek. From there you will then make your way to Auburn along the Western States Trail for a small loop in Auburn and a hold and then ride back to Cool for your finish.

**25 MILER:** You will follow parts of the Olmstead loop and make your way to Auburn via Western States Trail. You will be able to experience the last section of the Western States trail in the daylight, something that was never offered before due to the mileage from previous years for the LD's. After the vet check in Auburn, you will make your way back to Cool for your finish.

**ENTRY FORM**

\*Please print clearly in blue or black ink\*

**For office use only:**

Rider Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

Jr. Spon. #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rider info:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell/alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Age of rider 17** or under as of the date of the ride: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

(MUST complete liability release (page 5) and young rider liability release form (page 6))

**Junior Rider info:**

Name of sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

(If there is a change in this info at, and/or before check in please let ride secretary know)

**Horse Info:**

Registration name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC #: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Featherweight (rider w/tack >160 lbs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lightweight (rider w/tack 161-185 lbs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Middleweight (rider w/tack 186-210 lbs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Heavyweight (rider w/tack 211+ lbs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Young Rider (Born between 12/1/01-11/30/06)

\_\_\_\_\_ Junior Division — a minor who is 16 as of

Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of competition, and must have an adult sponsor, and wear a helmet at all times. Management must approve sponsor changes.

Entry Fee: **PLEASE read and check all that apply**

50-mile	\$194.00_____
25-mile	\$194.00_____
Introductory – 10 mile (Entry fee <b>includes</b> California \$14.00 drug fee)	\$114.00_____
<b>50's &amp; LD's ONLY; AERC non-member fee</b>	\$15.00_____
For entries post marked between April 11 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> , add	\$30.00_____
For entries received Friday April 21 <sup>st</sup> , add late fee above "and" additional	\$10.00_____

**(READ CAREFULLY, Only one discount per entry, NO introductory Discount excluding trailer pool)**

**Trailer Pool \$-15.00\_\_\_\_\_**

(Name of rider trailer pooling with)\_\_\_\_\_

**17 and under discount (any distance) \$-30.00\_\_\_\_\_**

**(MUST sign Young Rider/Jr. Release of Liability)**

**Ride Manager Discount (any distance) \$-30.00\_\_\_\_\_**

Name of Ride managed: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00**

**For overflow and Saturday Camping (limited Parking/Camping) - Cool Hills Ranch \_\_\_\_\_**

**(Fee collected at Cool Hills Ranch-NONE useable at Cool Equestrian Staging area)**

**Dinner** (Entry will get a meal ticket at check in) **Non Veggie** \_\_\_\_\_ **Veggie**\_\_\_\_\_

**Number of extra dinners** to be purchased (\$15.00) – Purchase at American River pizza

Extra: # of **Non Veggie**\_\_\_\_\_ # of **Veggie**\_\_\_\_\_

**STATE PARKS** camping/day use fee; **ONE** per vehicle; **MAKE** checks payable to "ASRA"; **\$10.00.**

**(SEE ABOVE FOR PAYMENT INFO)**

\*must include a copy of current 2023 AERC membership card\*

**Refunds:**

**No refunds after April 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. or for No Shows.**

Riders that have equines that do not pass pre-ride vet check will get entry back, minus \$30- administrative fee.

All equines **MUST** go to pre-ride vet check or **MUST** have note from veterinarian if deemed not sound to start.

**NO REFUNDS** for cancelling due to weather.

Any refunds will be mailed out by May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

Bounce check will incur a \$45.00 fee plus entry fee, and miles and points will be with held.

Please make checks payable to: **American River Classic**

**Send ride entry to:** Joby Souza  
c/o ARC  
16284 Indian Springs Ranch Rd.  
Grass Valley, Ca. 95949

**\*Liability release must be signed\***

**Be sure to print your ride packet off of the website**

**Only vet card will be available at check in**

This is a sanctioned AERC event, and all AERC rules and regulations to be followed. Please refer to [www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org) for specific details.

## Liability release

Read and sign the following liability agreement: **THIS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ENTRY FORM**, 2 pages.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, inconsideration of the acceptance of this entry, hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in the American River Classic. I am aware that participating in these events involve possible risk of injury to my person, my animal and/or property, and involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and/or medical facilities, that these areas may have natural and manmade hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate, and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime including equine. THEREFORE, I VOLUNTARILY ACCEPT ALL RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH), AND PROPERTY DAMAGE, ARISING FROM MY ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT. As lawful consideration for being permitted to participate in these events, I hereby agree that I, my heirs, personal representatives, assigns and/or spouse, if any, will not make a claim against or sue the American River Classic, the Auburn Area Recreational District or their respective employees, officers, directors, members, agents, participating landowners and/or affiliated entities for any injury or damage arising from negligence or other acts, however caused of the American River Classic, Auburn Area Recreational District or their respective employees, officers, directors, members, agents, affiliated entities, contractors, guests or invites.

In addition, I hereby release and discharge the American River Classic, the Auburn Area Recreational District and their respective officers, directors, members, employees, agents, contractors, participating landowners and/or affiliated entities (hereinafter "Releases") from all actions, claims or demands that I, my heirs, personal representatives, assigns or spouse, if any, now have, or may have hereafter have, for injuries or property damage resulting from my participation in the American River Classic. I agree that the Release includes injury or damage caused in whole or in part by negligence, active or passive, of the American River Classic, the Auburn Area Recreational District or "Releases."

I also expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil code 1542 which states, "A General release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing that release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

I acknowledge that equine riding is a sport which carries inherent risks of injury and damage to me. I knowingly assume all risks of participating in equine related-activities and horseback riding and not limited to, mules and ponies, whether known or unknown, including, but not limited to, injuries, death or property damage from: mounting, dismounting, riding, walking, grooming, feeding, use of facilities or trail, falling off a equine, riding without a helmet or otherwise relating to horseback, mule or pony riding or otherwise use and control of, or lack thereof, of the equine.

I have read this release and waiver of liability and indemnity agreement carefully and completely, and fully understands its contents. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract between Management and I and I sign it of my own free will. I further agree that no oral representation, statement or inducements apart from the foregoing written agreement have been made, and that I rely on none.

By signing this release I also agree to all of the Auburn State Recreation Area, AERC and American River Classic Rules. Any Violation of these rules can result in disqualification and future participation in American River Classic and result in forfeiting ride entry.

**By Signing this Liability Release**, you also agree to all rules, including AERC and State Parks, and the terms of what the entry states.

Signature of rider: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Printed name of Rider: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
(If 17 and under date of ride) Date

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**For Sponsoring a Junior Only:** (If there is a change in this info at, and/or before check in please let ride secretary know)

**Sponsor Certification:** I have read and understand the (A.E.R.C.) rules/guidelines related to sponsoring a Junior Rider in this event and certify that I am qualified to act as this juniors sponsor.

Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of junior being sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_

**Minors do not sign below this line**  
**Liability release for young/Jr. riders**

Parent/Legal guardian of a minor **17** or under, as of the date of the ride, must complete the section below:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of the minor, \_\_\_\_\_, who will be participating in the American River Classic: 25, 50 (circle one). This minor is \_\_\_\_\_ years old. I am aware that participation in this event involves risk of injury or death to the minor and/or his/her horse. I agree to maintain adequate insurance coverage for my child. I acknowledge that all minors under the age of 18 as of the date of the ride must wear an approved (AHSA, PCA, ANSIZ90.4, or SNELL) helmet, and **Jr. Riders** must be sponsored, according to AERC rules, by an adult 18 years or older throughout the ride due to the hazardous nature of the trail and the event. I understand that there will be no exceptions to these rules.

Minors date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of parent/Legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal guardian and/or crew member at ride who is not riding:  
(If there is a change in this info at, and/or before check in please let ride secretary know)

Name of contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(We ask that they keep their phones on and with them at all times)