

DESCANSO RIDE & TIE

JUNE 12, 2010

23-MILE AND 15 MILE COURSES

The Descanso Ride & Tie is a moderate (plus) to difficult course. This ride and tie is being held in junction with The Descanso Ride, which is a 25/50 mile endurance ride. The scenery is beautiful with the ride starting at the staging area in Descanso, and climbing up to the pine trees and meadows of the Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The course is on trails and fire roads, with good footing. There is only one stream crossing. The trail can be rocky in some areas so if it is appropriate, you may wish to consider putting pads on your horse. Some of these trails are those used in the old Cuyamaca Ride & Tie. The entry fee includes participation in the ride, drug test fee, completion award, and deli-style lunch following the event. Those wanting to stay for the dinner on Saturday will need to purchase a \$13 meal ticket. Awards will be at 2:00 p.m. or as soon as the last teams finishes. The ride & tie event will start Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Participants have the option of vetting in Friday between 2 and 7 p.m. or Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

The basecamp is in an open field next to McClintock's Saddle Works. Descanso Hay and Feed is also nearby. There is a small store with expensive gas (including diesel), and a café within a mile. The only water source will be a water trough that we will keep filled with a hose. If it is more convenient for you, you may want to bring your own horse water. There are no trees at basecamp, so you may want to bring your own clouds also. Please leave rain at home. All dogs must be kept on leashes.

Check in will be on Friday, June 12, 2009, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., or Saturday morning before 8:00 a.m. The 50-mile course will start at 6:00 a.m., the 25-mile course will start at 7:30 a.m., and the ride and tie courses will start at 8:30 a.m.

DIRECTIONS TO BASE CAMP: From San Diego via I-5 or I-15, go east on I-8 approximately 35 miles. Go past Alpine, and the Viejas Casino. **Exit at Highway 79/Descanso.** Turn north and go north under the freeway. A mile down the road (at the café), turn left onto Riverside Drive. The store and gas station will be about 1/2 mile down the road and the basecamp will be 1/4 mile past that on the right.

All participants must be members of the Ride & Tie Association or pay an additional \$25 member fee (check payable to Ride and Tie Association). 15 Mile course: \$90, 23 Mile course: \$100. Entry form available at www.rideandtie.org.

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