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37th Annual Ride & Tie World Championship Humboldt Redwoods State Park site of June 16th 2007 race

May 14 2007, California - The Ride and Tie Association, the organization dedicated to promoting the combined trail running and equine endurance sport of ride and tie opens the Cuneo Creek Group Horse Camp at Humboldt Redwoods State Park on Saturday June 9th. The World Championship race takes place the following Saturday morning June 16th 2007.

Race director Mr. Chris Ameral tells us this year's setting for the Ride & Tie World Championship race is like "no other place you've ever seen" with the course running through giant Redwood groves, enormous Douglas Fir and the largest contiguous Madrone monospecies forest. Just getting to the race site, which is approximately 4.5 hours north of San Francisco by car, takes visitors through the famed Avenue of the Giants. The racecourse is approximately thirty-five miles long and teams completing the full course, regardless of time, are awarded commemorative belt buckles. A short course is run concurrently.

Humboldt County has hosted past Ride & Tie World Championships: 1983 and 1990. Locals with World Championship experience are busy preparing the course, mentoring newcomers in the sport with regular practices and partner matching and planning the week's events leading up to the race. Competitors are invited to arrive early to preview each section of the course and plan their race day strategies. With pipe corrals for the horses and hot showers for the humans, the event is summer vacation for some.

Prize money is \$1000 to the top team in each category: man/man, man/woman and woman/woman. As an added incentive to split winning teams, Pat's Purse doubles the prize money to \$2000 for an overall first-place win by a team including a runner who has not previously won the Ride & Tie World Championship.

On race day, runners will turn from the beauty of the setting to the challenge of the course. Each year the World Championship course distance varies from previous years, depending on the difficulty of the terrain. The race directors' challenge is to design a course that will take the top team approximately four hours to complete. The 2006 World Championship, run in San Diego County in 90-degree weather, was won in just over three and a half hours.

About the Sport of Ride & Tie

The sport of Ride & Tie combines trail running, endurance riding, and strategy. The goal is to get all three team members, two humans and one horse, across a 20 to 100 mile cross-country course by alternating riding and running. Everyone starts out together. The rider, being faster, rides ahead and ties the horse to a tree, and then continues down the trail on foot. The team member who started out on foot gets to the horse, unties, mounts up and rides past the runner, ties the horse ... and this leapfrog continues the entire course. When, where, and how a team exchanges riding for running is almost entirely up to each team to develop their own strategy.

About The Ride and Tie Association

The Ride and Tie Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the sport of Ride & Tie and safe endurance horse management. Over 150 years old, Ride & Tie originated in the old West, where frontiersmen discovered two men could travel great distances at a fast pace without wearing down the horse if they traded off. Ride & Tie was invented as a sport and gained national attention in 1971 when Levi Strauss sponsored the first Levi's Ride & Tie. The Association offers a mentor program, partner matching, training videos, hosts practice Ride & Ties, and sanctions regional and national and international events. For more information about Ride & Tie, visit the web site at www.rideandtie.org.

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