

*Tenth Annual Swanton Pacific 75/100 Ride & Tie*  
*(held in conjunction with the 23rd Annual Swanton Pacific 75/100 Endurance Ride)*  
*20 August 2005*

**Facilities:** Camp is located in a deep canyon so please bring warm clothing for horse and runners. Creek water is suitable for horses but runners should bring their own drinking water. It has become prohibitively expensive to have a farrier on standby, so please come prepared with a well-shod horse and Easyboots. Showers, portable toilets and trash receptacles are provided. NO OPEN FIRES PERMITTED; charcoal grills, propane or white gas stoves and camp lanterns are okay. Sorry, NO ATVs or Motorized Cycles. DOGS MUST BE CONFINED INSIDE TRAILERS OR CAMPERS DURING THE EVENT AND MAY BE WALKED ON LEASH ONLY. NO DOGS ALLOWED IN CAMP, IN THE VETTING AREA, IN STATE OR COUNTY PARKS, OR IN THE START-FINISH AREA. THERE IS A DESIGNATED CAMPING AREA FOR PEOPLE WITH DOGS ("DOGTOWN"). DUE TO SUMMERTIME HIGH FIRE DANGER, SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON THE TRAIL OR IN GRASSY AREAS, ONLY AT VET CHECKS AND ON HARD GROUND.

**Course:** The trail is a single loop with the start and finish at camp. Vet checks are at 15 miles, 34 miles, 48 miles, 67 miles, 85 miles and 93 miles for the 100 miler; 15 miles, 22 miles, 36 miles, 55 miles and 73 miles for the 75-miler. All have easy crew access. We will also provide drop bag service to remote locations at 10-15 mile intervals in remote areas of the course. The trail will be well marked with flagging, signs, dolomite and chemical light sticks. While the course is not really rocky, some roads are very hard packed, rocked or paved. If sensitive to concussion, provide your horse with additional hoof protection. The scenery is spectacular from meadows and grassy hilltops to deep wooded canyons, high shale ridges, the Pacific Ocean and magnificent redwood forests. Bring a small flashlight or headlamp; light sticks will be available for purchase. You are required to carry your own vet card.

**Schedule:**

Pre-Ride Vetting: Upon vet arrival (about 3:00 PM) to 8:00 PM Friday

Pre-Ride Dinner: 6:30 PM, Friday. Purchase tickets with entry. Extra dinners may be available directly from the caterer but it's not guaranteed.

Ride & Tie Specific Briefing: 7:45 PM, Friday

Pre-Ride Briefing: 8:00 PM, Friday (please plan on attending as all the vet criteria will be the same for both events)

Ride & Tie Start: 5:00 AM, Saturday (a half hour before the endurance ride)

Ride Finish: 11:00PM Saturday for the 75 mile, and 5:00 AM Sunday for the 100 mile

Post-Ride Exam: Within one hour after each team finishes

Awards Breakfast: 8:00 AM, Sunday

Best Condition Judging: Approximately 9:00 AM, Sunday

Awards Presentation: Approximately 10:00 AM, Sunday. The completion award for Swanton Pacific R&T is a personalized vest, embroidered with your name and finishing time (your award will be sent to you after the event).

**Ride & Tie Rules:** The ride is sanctioned by The Ride and Tie Association and complies with RTA rules. Ride management reserves the right to interpret rules as necessary to insure the continuity of the ride and to settle any questions that may arise from any incident that might occur during the ride. There have been some sensitive issues arise during past years regarding private property rights, so pre-riding is not allowed. We are fortunate to be able to obtain permission to route the ride through several areas of private property, so please do not jeopardize this privilege. The future of the ride depends on the goodwill of our neighbors. Please note that ride & tie participants will not be given preference at vet checks and are expected to wait their turn. The endurance holds to not apply, but courtesy in the vet line does. While there are no holds, refueling for the horse and humans is essential. Plan on taking time at each vet check to ensure you and your horse are well fed and hydrated. We feel previous 100-mile ride experience is essential for the appropriate management of the horses participating in the 100 mile R&T course, so request that at least one team member has successfully completed a 100-mile endurance ride (successful completion of a multi-day endurance ride will be considered equivalent experience). For the 75 mile R&T, two successful 50 mile endurance rides by the horse and at least one of the riders is a minimum.

**Amenities:** We treat Swanton Pacific contestants as the special people (and horses) they are !!! In addition to drop bag service, we offer other treats at selected locations along the trail: carrots for horses; candy, fruit and soft drinks for people. There are hot showers for your enjoyment after the ride.

**Entry Information:** Entries will be limited to 10 teams at the request of the endurance ride management. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, 13 August 2004 and must be pre-paid. Checks are not deposited until after the event. Checks will be voided for cancellations requested on or before 15 August 2004, but cancellations are subject to deduction of the value of all meals ordered if requested after 15 August 2004. There will be no refunds for cancellations requested after the ride is over. No fee will be retained if the horse does not pass the vet check.

**Directions:** Camp is located 20 miles north of Santa Cruz and 60 miles south of San Francisco. From Santa Cruz, take Hwy 1 north towards Half Moon Bay. Go past Davenport (9 miles N of Santa Cruz) for 1.5 miles. Turn Right at Swanton Road sign. Go 4.5 miles to Old Seaside School, now a private residence. Turn right through a green pipe gate and follow this dirt road 1.5 miles to the main camp, a meadow with picnic tables set on it and a creek running through it. You may camp anywhere in the meadows on the near side of the creek beyond the cattle guard. From the San Francisco Bay area, take Hwy 1 or Hwy 92 to Half Moon Bay, then go south on Hwy 1 toward Santa Cruz approximately 30 miles, past Big Creek Lumber Company and turn **sharply** left onto Swanton Road 0.3 miles south of the sawmill. Proceed on Swanton Road 2.5 miles to Old Seaside School. Turn left through the green pipe gate. Watch for our pink signs. Camp will be open from Friday AM through Sunday noon. Contestants coming from great distances (7 hours driving time or more) may arrive as early as Thursday evening but please call in advance to make arrangements (the gate at Old Seaside School will be locked until Friday AM).

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