Shanghai Trails Endurance Ride
Ride&Tie/Equathon
March 27-28, 2021
Sanctioned by AERC, TERA, and The RIDE&TIE Association

Ride Manager: Cindy Kovalchuk, 281-961-5810 (cell), cindyatsaddlebrook@yahoo.com
Mailing address: 617 County Rd 52, Rosharon TX 77583

Location: Pierce Ranch, Pierce TX. Ride camp is at Cow Camp (KP Lodge), You can view ranch facilities at www.karankawaplains.com Do not go to ranch office, we are at Cow Camp (KP Lodge) facility.

DIRECTIONS: Going south from Houston on Hwy 59, turn left on CR 423 just past Wharton Municipal Airport on the left, and Juniors Smokehouse on the right. Going north from El Campo on Hwy 59, turn right on CR 423 just past Pierce. Follow signs to Lodge (Cow Camp). We will have ribbons on the CoRd 423 sign on Hwy 59, Watch for CR 423 (it is easy to miss)!

Campsite: Camp opens Friday 26th at 9:00 am. Primitive camping, open pasture. Horse water & portapotties. If you don’t want primitive, rent a Lodge bed, $110 per bed for the weekend ($55/night x 2 nights), and enjoy fully furnished bed & bath amenities. Reserve lodge bed with ride manager. Cabins for rent throughout the ranch (see www.karankawa.com), reserve cabins through ranch office. Cabins are not within walking distance of ride camp.

Meals: Food Truck on site! Saturday night: Sumptuous full dinner prepared and served by Boy Scout Troop 487. Please support this fundraiser for the Boy Scouts, they will be at gates on trail so you don’t have to open/close gates. Purchase Saturday dinner tickets at check-in, $10 donation to Troop 487.

Trails/Vet Checks: All vet checks are in camp. This is Coastal Prairie Region of Texas, terrain is flat and grassy, no established horse trails. Footing is mostly grass, cow paths, native woods, jeep track, open pasture, packed-clay ranch roads. Trail photos will be posted when we start marking trail, see Shanghai Trails Facebook group!

Rules/Regulations: This ride will be conducted in accordance with AERC rules & regulations (see https://aerc.org Competition/Rules & Regulations). Riders must check in during roll call, and be on trail within 15 minutes of start time. Junior riders must have protective headgear while mounted. Time to meet pulse criteria at finish is 30 minutes for all distances.

Entry: Early entries are so helpful and appreciated! Checks post-dated to ride date accepted. If you do not start your check will be destroyed. Late entries accepted at ride. Discounts include Junior discount, TERA discount, and Second-Day discount for Sunday if you start on Saturday, either distance! Write separate checks for each day!

Awards: Completion award plus prizes for Best Condition, Top Ten, and other special achievements to the extent of donations from award sponsors.

Preliminary Schedule: (Early arrivals/late departures must be arranged with Ride Manager)

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<td>9:00 am Camp Opens</td>
<td>7:00 am – Endurance Start</td>
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<td>3:00 pm Pre-Ride Vetting</td>
<td>6:30 pm – Dinner</td>
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Rider AERC # __________________ Rider Name __________________________________________

Circle Wt Div:
Featherweight 160 lbs or less; Lightweight 161- 185 lbs; Middleweight 186-210 lbs; Heavyweight >210 lbs
Or
Junior Rider: Age ______ Birthdate _______ / ______ / ______ Entry # _______________________
Junior Sponsor Name: _______________________________ Entry # _______________________

Rider Address:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: _____________
Phone: (______) ___________________ email: _______________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________________

Saturday: Horse AERC # ________________ Horse Name: _______________________________

Circle Distance: 50-55 mi: $120 25-30 mi: $100 10-15 mi: $55 (No other fee/discount applicable)

Ride Fee for Distance Circled Above: $ ___________ Junior Division Discount - $20
TERA Discount - $5 (TERA # __________ current 2021)
AERC Day Fee + $15 (25-55 mi only, pay if not current AERC member)
TOTAL DUE: $ ___________ Check # ___________ (Write Separate Check for Each Day)

Sunday: Horse AERC # ________________ Horse Name: __________________________________

Circle Distance: 25-30 mi: $100 10-15 mi: $55 (No AERC fee/only 2-day discount applicable)

Ride Fee for Distance Circled Above: $ ___________ Junior Division Discount - $20
TERA Discount - $5 (TERA # __________ current 2020)
2-day Rider Discount - $10 (Started on Saturday, any distance)
AERC Day Fee + $15 (pay if not current AERC member)
TOTAL DUE: $ ___________ Check # ___________ (Write Separate Check for Each Day)

Please note: If your entry is received by March 10th, your t-shirt (Tee Size __________) will be included in
order for completion tees. Entry received after March 10th is not guaranteed a t-shirt for completion.

Lodge reservations are made directly with Ride Manager, and confirmed upon receipt of lodge payment.
Lodge payment: $110 Check # _______ Amount: _______
Make all checks payable to Cindy Kovalchuk (281-961-5810; cindyatsaddlebrook@yahoo.com) and submit
with Entry Form, signed Release, Coggins. Mail to:
Cindy Kovalchuk
617 County Rd 52
Rosharon TX 77583

PayPal pmts accepted, cindyatsaddlebrook@yahoo.com
(Send PP as FRIEND!)

Office Use Only:
Saturday Entry: Check # _______ Amt _______
Sunday Entry: Check # _______ Amt _______
Lodge Bed: Check # _______ Amt _______
Coggins Presented: _________________________
Release Signed: ___________________________
The following constitutes a release of liability to Pierce Ranch and all personnel associated with Shanghai Trails Endurance Ride for (Rider Name).

I have read the ride flyer and the rules in the American Endurance Ride Conference handbook.

I AGREE that I choose to participate voluntarily in this event, as a rider, handler, lessee, owner, agent, coach, trainer, junior exhibitor, or as a parent or guardian of a junior exhibitor. I AM FULLY AWARE AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT HORSE SPORTS AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT INVOLVE SERIOUS RISK OF HARM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, RISKS OF ACCIDENT, SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, BROKEN BONES, HEAD INJURIES, TRAUMA, PAIN, AND SUFFERING, AND PROPERTY DAMAGE. I ASSUME ALL RISKS OF HARM TO ME, MY HORSE OR MY PROPERTY. I AGREE for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns to release ride management, the facilities leased by ride management and the owner(s) of the facilities, and all of their respective officers, officials, directors, employees, agents, personnel, volunteers, affiliated organizations and insurers (collectively, the "Released Parties") from any and all claims for damage, loss, or injury to myself, other persons, horses or other property belonging to me to the fullest extent permitted by law that arises out of or relates in any way to the Event and my participation in the Event INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DAMAGES, LOSS, OR INJURY RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS, FAILURE TO ACT, NEGLIGENCE OR NEGLECT OF OTHER ENTRANTS, THE RELEASED PARTIES, THEIR CONTRACTORS OR INVITEES, as well as for theft, vandalism, fire, other casualty damage, or damage arising out of any defects in the premises. I AGREE to indemnify and hold harmless (that is pay all losses, damages, attorneys fees and costs of) the Released Parties from and against any and all claims, demands, penalties, actions, losses, costs, damages, injuries, liabilities and obligations (including attorneys fees) of whatsoever kind and nature, which may be asserted against or incurred by any of them as a result of (1) my participation in the Event or (2) any act, failure to act, or neglect (a) by me, my agents, employees, riders, handlers, trainers, coaches, contractors or invitees, or (b) by any animal owned or exhibited by me or in my custody or control. I AGREE and represent that I am qualified and eligible to enter and/or participate in the Event and every horse I am entering is qualified and eligible as entered.

I hereby release Pierce Ranch and their employees from any liability to me, my heirs or assigns, because of accidental or intentional injuries or death to myself. I also release you notwithstanding that said injuries or death may be occasioned by ordinary negligence of Pierce Ranch. I hereby agree to protect, indemnify, safe and hold harmless Pierce Ranch from any and all liability, damages, losses, causes of action, claims or demands, whether groundless or not, and all costs and expenses of every kind, including attorney’s fees, which may be asserted against Pierce Ranch or its agents or employees by any person or persons whomsoever on account of injuries or death to myself.

I hereby agree that my activities on this date and in the future will be so conducted as to avoid damage to any of Pierce Ranch fences, livestock, equipment or other installations. I also agree to be liable to the ranch for the cost of any and all damages of any kind attributable to, or in connection with, or resulting from accidental or intentional negligence on my part.

Any person who does not comply with the above rules will be removed from the property, losing any additional visitation rights to the property and all fees and deposits that have been paid.

SIGNED THIS ____________DAY OF ________________________, 20___.

PRINTED NAME _______________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE __________________________________________________________________________

IF UNDER 18, PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

PRINTED NAME _______________________________________________________________________

SIGNATURE __________________________________________________________________________

EMERGENCY CONTACT: ________________________________ ______________________________________

NAME       PHONE
Rider #1 Name: | Rider #2 Name: 
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Street Address: | Street Address: 
City, State, Zip: | City, State, Zip: 
Phone #: | Phone #: 
Email Address: | Email Address: 
T-Shirt Size: | T-Shirt Size: 

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R&T Association #: | First R&T? Yes ☐ No ☐ | R&T Association #: | First R&T? Yes ☐ No ☐
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Horse's Name: | Breed: 
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Sex: ☐ Mare ☐ Gelding ☐ Stallion | Age: 
Color: ☐ Gray ☐ Chestnut ☐ Bay ☐ Other _________
Horse Owner: 

All participants must be members of the Ride and Tie Association (www.rideandtie.org). Membership is $25 per person for an entire year and may be included with race registration. **R&T membership is FREE for FIRST TIME Ride & Tie members.**

Ride & Tie/Equathon Distance/Day

(Below distances are estimates, exact mileage will be known 2 weeks prior to ride date)

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*Ride & Tie membership fee of $25 for individual  
*free annual membership for first-time members!

TOTAL DUE =

Mail entry with payment, signed liability releases, membership form if new or renewing, and copy of current Coggins to:  
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Email: cindyatsaddlebrook@yahoo.com

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Ride & Tie Liability Release

This release must be signed and returned with your ride entry.
No cross-outs or additions are permitted.

As a participant in a ride sponsored by the Ride and Tie Association, I agree to abide by the rules of the Ride & Tie Association. In consideration for permission to enter and participate in the Ride and Ties, I do hereby for myself, my heirs and assigns, release and hold harmless ride management, ride personnel, all property owners over whose land the ride crosses, the Ride & Tie Association, their agents, officers, servants, employees and officials, from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any kind, for injury or death sustained by me or my horse, and damage to my property, incurred during this ride, arising from negligence or any other fault. “Ride” includes from the time I and my horse arrive at base camp until the time that we leave the premises, as well as the actual event. “Horse” means the animal(s) I am riding, driving, or have entered. I understand that horseback riding is an inherently dangerous activity and am aware that 1) the ride involves being in areas for extended periods of time far from communications, transportation, medical and veterinary assistance; 2) that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards, which ride management cannot anticipate, modify, or eliminate; 3) that both my own horse and those of other contestants can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable, and can panic, bite, rear, kick, strike, stumble or fall; 4) that as a result of participating in the ride, I or my horse may be injured, die, or my property damaged. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and my horse and for any other party or animal that accompanies me; I recognize that the ride is a strenuous activity and I represent that I and my horse are in adequate physical and mental condition to participate. I recognize that my participation in the ride is voluntary.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE LIABILITY RELEASE, AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Rider #1 Printed Name: ______________________________________________________________

Rider #1 Signature: ____________________________________________________________ Date:________

Rider #2/Equathon Runner Printed Name ______________________________________________

Rider #2 / Equathon Runner Signature: ____________________________________________ Date:________

Parent or Guardian’s Signature: _________________________________________________ Date: _________
(if junior rider)
RULES OF RIDE & TIE

Violation of any rule may result in disqualification.

1. Each team will consist of two persons who are current members of the Ride and Tie Association and one horse. Throughout these Rules “horse” means “horse, pony or mule.”
2. The horse must be at least five years old.
3. No pregnant or lactating mares will be allowed to compete.
4. No foreign substance or medication may be given or administered to any horse within 72 hours before starting the event or one hour after finishing the event. This includes ointments or solutions for topical use that contain local anesthetics. All medications administered during the two weeks prior to the race must be declared in writing to the veterinarian conducting the pre-race examination.
5. All horses must be submitted for a pre-race examination.
6. There will be a predetermined number of vet checks where the horses will be observed and examined. There will be no mandatory time holds. Cut-off time limits for each check point may be established. Pulse, respiration, mucous membrane color and capillary refill, surface factors, attitude and soundness will be considered as part of the criteria for passing through to the next check. Vet check criteria will be announced prior to the races start and will be determined by the Head Veterinarian after consideration of weather, terrain, and other factors.
7. All horses must be presented to the veterinarians for a post-race veterinary examination within one hour of finishing. Horses must pass this examination for any member of that team to be eligible for completion awards. No abuse of a horse will be tolerated.
8. All decisions of the Veterinarian staff regarding the health and safety of the horse are final.
9. Artificial ties are illegal. Hand ties may be allowed at the Race Director’s discretion. Any decision to allow hand ties will be announced at the pre-race briefing.
10. Each team must tie its horse and switch from rider to runner and runner to rider at least six (6) times during an event. Teams may tie as many times as they desire anywhere along the trail as long as the ties do not obstruct the trail or are not made in designated “No Tie Areas.” A required tie will occur at each vet check. A team must exchange at least twice between vet checks. Where vet checks are so close that two exchanges may be impractical, the Race Director may allow one exchange between two specific vet checks. If a runner on a team has not been overtaken by his partner before the next vet check, then the runner must wait at the vet check for his/her partner to arrive in order to meet the required vet check tie.
11. With the exception of securing a loose horse, no person other than the team members and designated race officials may handle a team’s horse on the trail during the race. Designated team crew may work with the horse at any vet check specified by race officials to be open to crews. Race officials may require crew to obtain a pass. Only contestants may take a horse through the vet checks during the race.
12. It is not permissible for both members of a team to use their horse at the same time for forward movement. “Tailing” (meaning the rider dismounts, grips the horse’s tail and allows the horse to pull him/her) is allowed but it is not permissible for one team member to ride while another tails.
13. No pacing by an un-entered horse or runner is allowed for any contestant.
14. Riders shall be responsible for their horse’s behavior prior to and during the event. If, at the discretion of the race management, any horse becomes unruly or jeopardizes the safety of other competitors, the team may be disqualified from the event.
15. Teams must pass and report to any trail marshals who are positioned along the course. Competitors inadvertently off course must return to the point at which they left the marked trail.
and complete the course correctly. Teams must stay on the marked trail.
16. Any protest must be filed in writing with the Race Director within two hours of the completion of the race. Prior to the start of the awards ceremony, the Race Director shall decide on the protest. An appeal of his decisions must be filed in writing within seven days to the President of the Ride and Tie Association, whose final decision cannot be appealed.
17. A team has not completed the race until both human teammates and their horse have reached the finish line.
18. These rules apply to a sanctioned race. A race may be of any distance, but to be sanctioned there must be a Ride & Tie race of at least 20 miles in length included within the same event.
19. Competitors under 16 years of age must wear approved safety helmets while mounted during a race (helmet approval by AHSA, PCA, ANSI Z90.4, or Snell)

What Is Equathon?
Another exciting option of Ride & Tie is the Equathon. Grab your favorite endurance rider or runner and compete in this fast-growing sport! It’s kind of like a Ride & Tie, but the rider never has to get off the horse. Basically the horse and rider do the ride, say a 12-mile loop, reach pulse criteria, then the runner tackles the 12-mile loop. Sounds like fun, right! If you are really an exercise fanatic, you can do the Equathon as a solo or “Iron” team. Run your horse in the 12-mile race, jump off and allow your horse to reach pulse criteria, then run the 12 miles on foot. Now doesn’t that sound like a hoot?