

Happy Jack Competitive Trail Ride

August 26 & 27 2023

Medicine Bow National Forest

Near Buford, WY

Type A (two day-O/CP/N), **Type B** (one day-Saturday, O/CP/N)

And LeD (Both Saturday & Sunday)

Come join us in the beautiful Vedauwoo area of the Medicine Bow National Forest with diverse wooded trails, plenty of water on the trail, and magnificent rock out croppings. The ride is 15 miles east of Laramie, WY and 30 miles west of Cheyenne, WY on Hwy 210-Happy Jack Road. The wild flowers should still be out and the weather should be great this time of year. The base camp is at 8000 feet so be prepared for mountain weather and its inherent fluctuations.

Directions to camp: The ride camp is located on a well maintained forest road-5 miles off Hwy 210 (Happy Jack Road). From the North/South/East (Cheyenne): 1-25 to Missile Drive/Happy Jack Road (Hwy 210) Go west approximately 30 miles; Left on Blair Wallis Road (Forest Road 707); then 5 miles to ride camp on Forest Road 707 D. From the West (Laramie): 1-80 past Laramie to exit 323, Happy Jack Road (Hwy 210), Go left over the overpass, then an immediate left onto Happy Jack Road; the 5 miles to ride camp on Forest Road 707D

Camp Facilities: Camp and trails are in the Medicine Bow National Forest. Please familiarize yourself with National Forest camping rules. You **MUST** park your ride within 100ft of the forest road. No exceptions. Do not create new lanes. Stick to existing roads. To ensure room for all, park perpendicular to the road and set up your corrals (if using them) behind rather than beside your trailer. High ties can also be used.

There are Back Country Horsemen horse corrals that are available for volunteers and horses not in competition-first come, first served. There is overflow parking/camping areas if needed with horse water available. Parking attendant will be at camp to direct parking. Weed free hay is required. Please scatter manure, pick up excess hay, and leave your campsite tidy and trash free.

Camping: Horse water will be available in camp. Bring your own people water. Dogs must be on leash at all times. And cannot be brought to briefing and meals. Nights (and possible day-time) will be cold so bring blankets. Cell phone reception is good, in camp and on the trail.

Additional Information: Coggins & Health Certificates are required for out of state horses. The address is

Forest Road 707D, Medicine Bow National Forest ,Buford, WY 82052

The road and base camp areas are suitable for large rigs. The GPSs coordinates of base camp are 41.216495, -105.384052.

Rules: This ride will be conducted under current NATRC rules. We will be offering the DO Class for those who wish to complete the ride for mileage only.

Schedule: A Riders and Sat B1 Riders-vet check starts at 2pm until dark on Friday, Aug 25, 2023. LeD Riders check in will check in at 8:00am until 9:30am on Saturday & Sunday. Followed by ride/trail briefing at 9:45am and then horses will be checked by the judge prior to starting the ride.

Each evening, the riders will be given maps and briefing going over the following day's trails. A first time competitor meeting will be after briefing on Friday night. There is also a Friday

evening "social hour" which starts about 4:30-5:00. Please bring a snack to share with the group! This is a great way to get to know to other competitors and their significant others. We want to get to know you!

Awards: Awards and prizes will be 1st thru 6th for all divisions. The B1 Awards for Sat will be as soon as possible Saturday afternoon. The A Awards will be afternoon, as soon as possible after getting all horses through final check out! The LeD Awards and prizes will be 1st through 6th for adult, experienced, and junior classes for all horse/rider teams. The LeD Awards will be shortly after the final horse check out. I encourage all riders and volunteers to be present to support these new riders to our sport. Let's encourage them!!!

Meals: Management will provide Saturday lunch in camp for ALL VOLUNTEERS & COMPETITORS.

Saturday night POTLUCK dinner. Management is providing meat. All riders please bring a side dish/dessert to share. Volunteers workers will receive all meals. Thanks for all your help! Hot water and Coffee will be available each morning for everyone.

Judges: Vet Dr Amy Mason (R3) Horsemanship-Linn Ward (R2) LeD Judge-Betsy Zimmerman (R 4)

Enter Fees: A Ride-NATRC Members-\$135.00 Non-Members \$170.00. Junior riders \$30 less.

B Ride-NATRC Members \$125 Non-Members \$155.00. Juniors riders \$30 less.

One and two day Distance Only (DO) is the same entry fee as the regular ride entryfees.

Please make check payable to: Kay Gunckel and mail to 4605 Norwood Ave. Loveland, CO 80538

Please mail \$50 deposit due 5-7 days after you register on Ride Management System (RMS)

To Register go to <https://rms.natrc.net>

Ride Management: Ride Manager Kay Gunckel DVM 970-215-3917

Ride Secretary

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