

# **SYVAHA SAGE HILL COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDE**

**Sanctioned by the North American Trail Conference**

Sponsored by the Santa Ynez Valley Arabian Horse Association (SYVAHA)

November 4 -6 2011

**Limited to 60 Riders**

Type A (two day) Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure divisions, Type B (one day) Novice division sanctioned by: The North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC).

***AN INTRODUCTORY RIDE WILL BE HELD FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO LEARN ABOUT THE SPORT (DETAILS ON PAGE 2)***

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**MAIL COMPLETED ENTRY AND HOLD HARMLESS/LIABILITY WAIVER FORM TO:  
SYVAHA SAGE HILL, 3190 Samantha Dr., Santa Ynez, CA 93460**

Welcome to the SYVAHA Sage Hill Competitive Trail Ride, located in the eastern end of the beautiful Santa Ynez Valley. The varied terrain includes beautiful fire roads and some climbs with spectacular views.

There can be no early camping. However, you may stay over Sunday night. We will provide food on Friday, Saturday and Sunday for Volunteers. A dinner will be served Saturday evening at \$15.00 per person for riders and their guests. Please use the entry form to indicate how many in your group will attend.

THIS IS NOT A RACE. Each division will follow clearly marked trails with specified minimum and maximum riding times. You and your horse will be observed over the duration of the ride by experienced veterinary and horsemanship judges. You will be judged on the way you handle and care for your horse and how you negotiate a variety of natural obstacles such as steep ascents and descents, water crossings and logs. Your horse will be judged on his condition and capability to continue. Stallions must be well mannered and ridden by an adult; double tied when left unattended. It is strongly recommended that all horses be shod due to the nature of the terrain. There are no shoeing restrictions.

ELIGIBILITY: Horses, ponies and mules (registered or grade) must be four years of age (48 months) or older for the Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions. The Open Division requires that the animals be five years of age (60 months) or older. Riders ten years of age or older are eligible to compete. The riders under 18 must have a responsible adult in camp and management prefers that said rider be accompanied on the ride by an adult.

DOGS: Dogs must be on leash or confined at all times. If a dog becomes a nuisance, **the rider will be disqualified and asked to leave.**

**SILENT AUCTION!!!!**

**Saturday, November 5, 2011**

**Items Include Local Wines, Art and Tack –**

**Donations are Welcome -- please call Sylvia Beverly at 805-688-2000**

DIVISIONS: NOVICE DIVISION TYPE A - A two-day ride designated for young horses and horses and riders new to competitive trail riding. The trail will total approximately 35 miles. The ride will be slightly longer on Saturday than Sunday. The speed will be in the 3 1/2 to 5 miles per hour range.

DIVISIONS: NOVICE DIVISION TYPE B - A one-day ride designated for young horses and horses and riders new to competitive trail riding. The trail will total approximately 24 miles with a speed of 3 1/2 to 5 MPH. This division is for people who choose to ride only one day. Riders must check in and remain in camp Friday night.

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE DIVISION is for the rider who prefers a shorter ride than Open. Mileage and timing will be the same as Novice A, but there are no class separations. Those horses and riders not eligible to compete in the Novice Division may enter this division, as may the more seasoned horses or riders who would rather not compete in the Open Division.

OPEN DIVISION is for more experienced riders and conditioned horses. The trail will be approximately 30 miles on Saturday and 20 miles on Sunday at an average speed of 4-1/2 to 6 miles per hour.

CLASSES: Each division, except for Competitive Pleasure, will offer a Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior class, as defined below:

HEAVYWEIGHT: Rider, tack and equipment carried to be 190 pounds or over.

LIGHTWEIGHT: Rider, tack and equipment carried from 100 through 189 pounds. Rider weight classes must be maintained throughout the ride. Borderline weight entries may be reweighed during the ride. Riders weigh with equipment to assure entry into the correct class.

Note: All riders must weigh in unless you have current weight card. Does not apply to Competitive Pleasure.

JUNIOR: Age 10 through 17. The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year and this age shall continue throughout that ride year. Junior riders must wear ASTM or equally approved equestrian helmet at all times when mounted. Juniors may not ride stallions. The riders under 16 must have a responsible adult in camp and management prefers that an adult accompany all junior riders on the ride.

DISTANCE ONLY ("D0"): This option is for riders who do not want to compete but would like to receive credit for mileage with NATRC. Riders will be judged and receive a scorecard, but will not be eligible for awards.

INTRODUCTORY RIDE: This will be a shorter ride of approximately 12 miles at a walk and is designed for those individuals that are not sure if they can do competitive trail and want to try it. These riders can pull in on Friday and camp over night and watch the vet checks and join in on the ride briefing to get the feel of things. The same rules followed by the NATRC ride will apply to the introductory ride, except for camping/stabling of the horse. You can high line, hot wire or bring a portable corral. Must check-in on Friday. Limited to 25 riders. No awards will be given.

ENTRIES: Entries will close Monday, November 1, 2011. Incomplete entries and entries received after this date will be assessed a fee of \$15.00. The minimum deposit must accompany all entries. **A refund will be given to those canceling by October 25, 2011 . After that time the entry fees, less the minimum deposit, will be refunded.** Notify management as early as possible if you must cancel. In the event that Ride Management would be forced to cancel the ride, your fees will be refunded in full.

There will be a \$15.00 charge for phone and entries received after the deadline.

SCHEDULE: Check-in will begin about 12:00 PM on Friday, November 4, 2011. A rider briefing will be held after it becomes too dark for check-in, or as announced (approximately 8:00 PM). If you cannot make the Friday check-in, please notify management in advance, and you will be checked in early Saturday morning.

STABLING: All horses will be tied to their trailers or high line is permitted. Horse water is available at the campsite. Limited electrical hookups are available. Please bag all horse manure bags will be picked up Sunday afternoon.

**WHAT TO BRING** - All food for you and your horse. There are no stores within walking distance of the campground. Rake, shovel and bags for manure, saddle, bridle, pads, grooming equipment, buckets, hay nets and anything you need for camping out with your horse. A heavy blanket is suggested for your horse even though one is not normally used at home. Your horse will not be able to move around as he is accustomed and may be tired. The nights in November can be quite cold. Bring rain gear, just in case. Also, bring your personal camping gear, tent or camper, sleeping bag, flashlight, canteen, folding chair, wrist watch with sweep second hand, etc.

**AWARDS:** Awards for first through sixth place in all classes of each division of NATRC competition, Open and Novice Sweepstakes and breed awards (if donated). Copies of registration papers must accompany entry or be presented at the time of check-in to qualify for breed awards. If you would like to donate an award, please contact ride management.

**HORSE PAPERS:** TO QUALIFY FOR BREED AWARDS, YOU MUST PROVIDE PAPERS FOR YOUR HORSE OR YOUR HORSE WILL BE CONSIDERED A GRADE HORSE. PLEASE MAIL A COPY WITH YOUR ENTRY.

**WEIGH IN:** ALL RIDERS MUST WEIGH IN.

On Saturday, a professional photographer will take pictures on the trail and have them available for purchase Saturday afternoon.

**EMERGENCY TELEPHONE DURING RIDE** - In case of an **EXTREME** emergency during the ride, the campground may be reached by calling **Kathy Stegman (805) 710-4471**.

**DIRECTIONS: FROM THE SOUTH** - Take Highway 101 through Santa Barbara, exit on Highway 154, San Marcos Pass. Continue on Highway 154 approximately 15 miles. Watch for signs. Turn right at the Live Oak Group Camp Road (second right hand turn after Paradise Road). The road will immediately veer to the left. Follow the signs to camp.

**FROM THE NORTH** - Take Highway 101 from Santa Maria, exit left onto Highway 154, go past Lake Cachuma. Watch for signs. Turn left into Live Oak Group Camp (5.4 miles past Lake Cachuma Campground). There is a long downhill before the turn--- Signal well in advance. The road veers immediately to the left. Follow the signs.

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### LIVE OAK CAMP MAP





**STATEMENT OF RIDER & LIABILITY WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED FOR ENTRY TO BE VALID**

I wish to enter and participate in the **Sage Hill** Competitive Trail Ride, to be held on November 5-7, 2010. **I HAVE READ** the rules, conditions, and regulations of the event and will comply with them. **I AGREE** to abide by the rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference and the aforementioned ride. **I UNDERSTAND** that competitive riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. **I AGREE to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding.**

I will not sue or bring any claim against North American Trail Ride Conference, its officers and all individual members thereof, ride management, SYVAHA, their officers and members, and other private ranches used for this ride, their personnel, their representative, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, SYVAHA, their officers members, all ride personnel and all property owners over whose land the ride may cross (hereafter NATRC and its informal affiliates), for any injury, accident or loss which arises out of this event, and will hold NATRC and its informal affiliates free from all liability for such injury or loss, even if such injury or loss arises from its own negligence. NOTE: For this ride we will be using trails on the "other" side of Lake Cachuma. These trails are not normally open to the public so if you want to see them come ride with us.

I understand that the liability insurance carried by SYVAHA covers only third party liability and in no way protects me or compensates me for any injury or loss.

I further acknowledge that I have read and understand this state's equine activity liability act warning, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein. I HEREBY CERTIFY that my horse is not under the influence of medication and will not be treated with or given any medication prohibited by NATRC rules. I HEREBY GIVE permission to the North American Trail Ride Conference or their duly appointed agent, to take any appropriate action deemed necessary to check for possible administration of drugs to my horse.

Junior riders must wear an ASTM or equally approved equestrian riding helmet at all times while mounted. Signature(s) below constitute acceptance of the above terms and conditions. **I have read and understand this liability release.**

**Junior Rider Permission to Ride**

I, the Parent/Guardian, understand and have signed the statement below. I do further authorize any officer, director or supervisory personnel of this ride to consent on my behalf to any emergency medical treatment by a properly licensed person which may be required for my child/ward, and do agree to indemnify and hold harmless any person giving such consent.

Parent or Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date of Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Responsible Adult for Junior: \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency Notify: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Equine Activity Warning**

I have noted the warning sign posted at the ride sign-in location and acknowledge the following:

I waive all liability of NATRC and its affiliates for any loss, injury or damage, which arises from the "inherent risks" of an equine activity. "Inherent risks of an equine activity" also means a danger or condition that is an integral part of an equine activity, including, but not limited to, any of the following:

- (a) Propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, death, or loss to persons on or around the equine;
- (b) The unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sounds, sudden movement, unfamiliar objects, person, or other animals;
- (c) Hazards, including, but not limited to, surface or subsurface conditions;
- (d) A collision with another equine, another animal, a person, or an object;
- (e) The potential of an equine activity participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury, death, or loss to the person of the participant or to other persons, including but not limited to, failing to maintain control over an equine or failing to act within the ability of the participant.

Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Both Parents or Guardian Signature if rider is under 18:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Both Parents or Guardian Signature if rider is under 18:

Signature of Horse Owner if different from rider: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

## AREA MAP



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