



**Muckleratz Run Competitive Trail Ride and Ride & Tie**

**July 27-28, 2024**

**Eastern Competitive Trail Riders Association (ECTRA) and the Ride & Tie Association**

RIDER/RUNNER #1 INFORMATION		RIDER/RUNNER #2 INFORMATION	
Name:		Name:	
Street Address:		Street Address:	
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:	
Phone #:		Phone #:	
Email Address:		Email Address:	
R&T Association #:	First R&T	R&T Association #:	First R&T

Horse's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name and address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

DAY OF RIDE EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Rider (under 18) \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR \_\_\_\_\_

**All participants must be members of the Ride and Tie Association ([www.rideandtie.org](http://www.rideandtie.org)). Membership may be included with race registration. See membership fees/options below.**

Event/Distance	Saturday	Sunday	Entry Fee/Day	Subtotal
Equathon 13/12			\$120	
R&T 12 or 13			\$95	
R&T 25			\$120	
<b>OPTIONAL</b> Friday night pizza dinner for riders and crew @ \$5 each			<b>Total Friday night pizza dinner</b> _____ @ \$5 pp	
<b>EXTRA MEAL TICKET</b>	Sat. _____ @ \$10	Sun. _____ @ \$10	<b>Total EXTRA MEALS</b>	
Same team doing BOTH days—any distances			Deduct \$25 for team	
<b>Early bird discount if mailed or emailed by/on July 21</b> (If you cancel July 22-24, \$25 will be held for an admin fee. NO REFUNDS after July 24.)			Deduct \$25	
<b>R&amp;T Membership</b>				
Ride & Tie Family Membership \$50		Rider/Runner #1	Rider/Runner #2	
Ride & Tie Annual membership \$35/individual		Rider/Runner #1	Rider/Runner #2	
Ride & Tie One Day membership \$15/individual		Rider/Runner #1	Rider/Runner #2	
			<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	

**Make checks payable to:** Carolyn Blocker **Send to:** Carolyn Blocker, 2517 Vineyard Lane, Crofton, MD 21114-1113. OR pay fee via PayPal to [MuckleratzCTR@gmail.com](mailto:MuckleratzCTR@gmail.com) (choose "Sending to a friend" or "Friends and family") and email entry.



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THIS IS A RELEASE. IT CONTAINS LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY. READ IT!!!

I understand that Ride and Ties are hazardous activities which involve being in remote areas for a long time; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which race 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, and that there is NO ambulance or medical help present. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ENTERING THIS EVENT AT MY OWN RISK and upon acceptance of my application for entry in the above-described race, I acknowledge that I assume FULL RESPONSIBILITY for my own safety. I and my heirs, executors, and administrators, will hold the Ride and Tie Association, Ride Management, Officials & Volunteers, Camp Muckleratz, PA DEPT of Conservation & Natural Resources, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Eastern Competitive Trail Riding Association and its officers and members, AERC, PNER, and all officers and directors thereof, any member of the race management and race personnel, and all property owners/tenants whose land the race crosses BLAMELESS for any injury or loss to myself or my horse which occurs due to my participation and free from all liability for such injury or loss. In short, I will not sue the race management, their personnel, landowners or tenants, Ride and Tie Association, Ride Management, Officials & Volunteers, Camp Muckleratz, PA DEPT of Conservation & Natural Resources, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Eastern Competitive Trail Riding Association and its officers and members, AERC, PNER, for ANY REASON! I am fully aware of all race rules and agree to abide by those rules set down by the race management and Ride and Tie Association. I fully understand the consequences for not following race rules. As a participant in this race, I have read the above liability release and will agree to abide by ALL rules. I grant my irrevocable permission to the Ride and Tie Association, its authorized agent, and the event photographer, to use my name and any photographs, videos, motion pictures, records, or any other record of my participation in this event.

Rider # 1: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider #2: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MINORS OR JUNIORS MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING RELEASE SIGNED.

We, the undersigned parents or guardians understand that Ride and Tie can be a hazardous activity, that injuries or accidents can occur, and that this ride has no medical aid or insurance for my child. We have entered our child in the above named ride AT THEIR OWN RISK and understand that we will assume full responsibility for the child's safety. We have read the above release that our child, as a rider, has signed and fully understand the release and ride rules. We agree to release the Ride and Tie Association, AERC, PNER, and all officers, directors and all members of ride management and personnel, and all landowners/tenants, from all claims, demands, lawsuits or liabilities which might otherwise arise by virtue of injury to our child or child's horse, no matter who is at fault. We do further authorize any ride personnel of the above ride to consent in our behalf to any emergency medical treatment by a properly licensed person, which may be require for our child, and do agree to indemnify and hold harmless anyone giving such consent. I grant my irrevocable permission to the Ride and Tie Association, its authorized agent, and the event photographer, to use my child's name and any photographs, videos, motion pictures, records, or any other record of my child's participation in this event.

For rider #1: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the above named minor: \_\_\_\_\_

For rider #2: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the above named minor: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Key Contacts

**Ride Manager:** Carolyn Blocker, [eagleonvineyard@msn.com](mailto:eagleonvineyard@msn.com), 443-253-4541 (cell)

**Trail Masters:** Jim Theurer, [jimbob113@hotmail.com](mailto:jimbob113@hotmail.com), 717-433-8694 and John Stacy, [renegade.farm@gmail.com](mailto:renegade.farm@gmail.com),

**Welcome to Muckleratz Run Competitive Trail Ride/Conditioning Distance Ride and Ride & Tie!** Base camp is located at Camp Muckleratz, on the edge of Weiser State Forest, near Halifax and Elizabethville, PA, just 45 minutes north of Harrisburg. Thanks to Awesome Trail Masters, Jim Theurer and John Stacy, we will have great trails! The Competitive Trail Ride (CTR) and Conditioning Distance Ride (CDR) are ECTRA-sanctioned and will be conducted according to all rules and regulations set out by ECTRA. New this year: The ride will include Ride & Tie! Our goal is for everyone to have a great ride and continue the Muckleratz Run tradition. If you have a question, ask it! If you see someone who is new, welcome them!

**FOOD:** Each rider will receive a continental breakfast and dinner **on the day they ride**. An **optional** Friday night pizza dinner will be available for \$5 per person. There's plenty of space inside and outside the clubhouse or in a pavilion to spread out and eat. (Pray for good weather!)

**One key date to note:** Please mail or email your entry by **July 21, 2024**, for the early bird discount. If you cancel July 22-24, \$25 will be held for an admin fee. NO REFUNDS after July 24.

**Where does the name Muckleratz come from?** Jim Theurer has heard two stories where the name Muckleratz came from. One is that it is a Pennsylvania Dutch word meaning "a place so quiet you can sleep like a log." The other involves a farmer named Muckle and the large overgrown rats that ran on his farm. During the depression, when nearby residents could not afford to do anything else, they would drive by the farm to see Mr. Muckle's rats.

**SCORING/JUDGING AND AWARDS:** Ride & Tie will be conducted according to the Ride & Tie Association and AERC rules.

**JUDGES:** Nick Kohut, DVM, and Mary Coleman (lay judge)

**ARRIVAL:** Riders may arrive at camp starting at 10:00 a.m. Friday morning. Plan to arrive in time for vetting. PLEASE no late-night arrivals for vetting! If you cannot vet in the night before, please contact the Ride Manager. Pre-ride vetting is from 3:00-6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and the ride briefing. The CTR starts at 7:00 a.m. each day, and the CDR starts at 7:30 a.m. The start times for R&T teams will be determined at the ride.

**CAMP RULES:** Please spread ALL manure/hay/straw in the woods and leave the grounds clean. Last year, one campsite was not cleaned up, and others had to do it. Everyone is tired after the ride and wants to leave, so please take care of your own site. **All manure and hay must be thrown into the woods.** (Don't forget a manure fork!) No fires. No smoking or littering on trails. **No riding bareback at anytime, anywhere.** Please carry out all



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your trash. Turn off generators by 10:00 p.m. Remember the Scout saying: Leave a place as clean (or cleaner) than you found it. **Riders must wear ASTM approved hard hats** anytime they are mounted.

**BASE CAMP:** The base camp is Camp Muckleratz, a hunting camp, located on the edge of the Weiser State Forest. The camp has over 10 acres of open field for parking and camping, a lodge with a fireplace and kitchen, a 40-bed bunkhouse with a washroom with sinks, outdoor showers, and two picnic pavilions. The lodge has outside running water, but, if possible, please bring water with you. No human water is available. The bunkhouse is available to anyone. No hookups available. *There are outdoor showers with private stalls available!*

**ELIGIBILITY:** For all distances, open to all equines 4 years (48 months) and older. Current negative Coggins must accompany your ride entry or be provided at check-in. (ECTRA also recommends vaccinating for EV1&4 [Rhinopneumoniyis].) Juniors (under 18) must ride with an adult sponsor.

**DISQUALIFICATION:** Will occur if any rider is found riding anywhere other than the marked trail. Any horse requiring treatment of any kind, or any horse that the judges deem necessary to treat and the rider/owner refuses treatment will be disqualified. Management retains the right to drug test each day.

**TRAIL:** The trail will have some new changes this year. The 25-mile trail consists of two loops (13 miles and 12 miles). The trail consists primarily of state forest snowmobile trails closed to vehicles. Portions of the trail are gravel, but most are grass and moss-covered. Several short stretches may be along or cross gravel roads open to vehicles. The first loop has some brief steep stretches and some brief rocky stretches. For the 25-mile CTR, riders will do the 13-mile loop first and then the 12-mile loop. The CDR will do the 12-mile loop. **The trail is not rough, but shoes or the equivalent on all four legs are recommended.** It does not have any natural water, but there will be several water stops, including a hospitality stop at the picnic grounds with a bathroom in about the middle of each loop. This state forest is also popular with mountain bikers and hikers, so please watch out for them and be courteous. This is a carry-out forest, so please do not litter.

**HOLDS:** The midpoint hold will be in camp. Riders may set up a crewing area near the vetting area or go back to their trailer.

**TRAIL CONDUCT:** Riders should ask to pass only if safe to do so and should avoid passing at a canter or a gallop. Red ribbons in tails of kickers; yellow ribbons in tails of stallions. No smoking on the trail. Novice riders or riders with a novice horse may want to put a green ribbon in the horse's tail.

**MEALS:** There will be an **optional** Friday night pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m. The pizza dinner is **not** included in the entry fee and costs \$5 per person. The ride briefing will follow on Friday night. A continental breakfast, dinner, and trail snacks are included in each rider's entry **for the day they ride**. An extra meal ticket for each day may be purchased for \$10 and includes a continental breakfast and dinner (Saturday or Sunday). Volunteers receive all their meals free!



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**VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed for spotting, hospitality/meals, water stop, P&R, and ambulance driver. If you are bringing someone who would like to volunteer, please indicate on the entry form. Ride volunteers eat free!

**DOGS:** Well-behaved dogs are welcome. They **must** be on a leash or crated at all times.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** No pleasure riding on trails during the ride or after vetting in. Riders should provide their own buckets, electrolytes, feed and hay, and grooming items. Running water is available. Remember to carry a sponge with you on the trail! (An auto sponge or natural sponge works well.) ASTM/SEI approved hard hats are mandatory and must be used whenever mounted.

**FARRIER:** There will not be an on-site farrier, but we hope to have one on call. It is recommended that each rider carry an Easyboot or equivalent on the trail. Each rider is responsible for paying for any farrier services.

**REFUNDS:** Payment in full is due NO later than **July 21, 2024, for early bird discount. Entries will be confirmed by email.** FULL REFUND UP TO JULY 21. If a rider withdraws July 22-24, a rider will receive a refund minus a \$25.00 admin fee. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 24.** Refunds will be issued after the ride.

**RIDE T-shirts:** Our famous T-shirts will be on sale at the ride for \$10.

**MILESTONES:** Will a rider or horse milestone be reached on the ride? If so, please note it on the entry.

**ALL VENDORS ARE WELCOME!** Mary Coleman and Millie Turner will be at the ride with all the essentials, including sponges and colorful tack. Contact them via Facebook if you have any special requests. Other vendors are welcome, too! Please send me an email ahead of time.

**INCLUDE IN ENVELOPE:** (1) your entry form, (2) a copy of your current negative Coggins, and (3) your check or note indicating date and amount of PayPal payment. If you wish to pay by PayPal, please send it to [MuckleratzCTR@gmail.com](mailto:MuckleratzCTR@gmail.com). Click on "Sending to a Friend" to avoid fees. **You may also submit your entry via email, but please include an electronic signature. Entries for junior riders must include a parent/guardian's signature.**



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### DIRECTIONS TO CAMP MUCKLERATZ

**\*\*DO NOT FOLLOW YOUR GPS. USE THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS THAT ARE TRAILER-FRIENDLY.\*\***

#### FROM THE SOUTH:

- From Harrisburg Interstate 81S take Exit 67A/67B to 322 West towards Lewistown and travel 11.3 miles to Route 147 North.
- Stay on 147 North 6.4 miles to the only traffic light in Halifax.
- From the light follow Route 225 North 9.3 miles.
- At the Weiser State Forest sign turn RIGHT on Mountain House Road.
- Once on Mountain House Road continue to follow the signs to Weiser.
- Go .6 miles and make the first LEFT onto Dietrich Road. (PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON THIS TURN AS IT IS ON A CURVE GOING DOWNHILL!)
- Go .6 miles to the stop sign & turn RIGHT (still on Dietrich Rd).
- Go .9 miles to the Y and bear RIGHT onto White Oak Road into Weiser State Forest.
- Go past the maintenance sheds and watch for sign to Camp Muckleratz on LEFT about ¼ of mile.

#### FROM THE NORTH:

- From Hazelton Interstate 81S take Exit 107 (Tremont/Tower City) to Route 209 South.
- Follow Rt. 209 South to Elizabethville.
- Turn LEFT onto 225 South in Elizabethville.
- Continue on 225 South .9 miles to the top of the mountain.
- Turn LEFT on Quarry Road.
- Quarry Road runs into Dietrich Road.
- Follow Dietrich to the Y, turn RIGHT on White Oak Road into Weiser State Forest.
- Go past the maintenance sheds and watch for sign to Camp Muckleratz on LEFT about ¼ mile.