

Battle River Competitive Trail Ride

August 20 - 22, 2021

Information Sheet

The ride will be held on private land and hosted at MSW Farms near Ponoka. Check out their web page www.mswfarms.com The ranch has a beautiful area for camping with our horses with a great view of the Battle River Valley. The trail will cover grass, sand and minimal gravel and rocky areas so foot protection is at rider's discretion.

MSW Farms is a working elk and cattle ranch so **dogs are NOT allowed**. If you show up with a dog, you will be asked to remove the dog from the ranch.

Friday registration will begin at 3 pm with initial vet in beginning at 4 pm. Please pre-register by August 15 with appropriate fees.

All participants must be AEF members prior to the ride for insurance purposes. Please have this done before you arrive and bring proof of membership with you. It is the riders' responsibility to be familiar with the rules. The TRAC handbook can be found at <http://www.trailriding.ca/resources/trac-handbook.html>

Helmets are mandatory for all riders.

Volunteers are always needed. If you are able to help please contact Ken and Marlene Vanderwekken. Food will be provided only for volunteers, riders are responsible for their own food and water.

Camping fees apply at this ride, \$60 for the weekend (regular \$90) which includes horse, rider and pen. MSW now provides pens for the horses. The pens are 24 x 24, so the size will need to be reduced to 200 sq ft during competition. Once your horse is vetted out the divider can be removed and pens can return to regular size. There will be a manure bin available for you to clean your pen. Horse water will be available. Pens will be assigned so please indicate if you need to be beside another horse (riding buddy).

There is a nightly charge of \$15.00 per person (non-rider) and \$20.00 per extra horse. Children 8 and under are free. Visitor day only fee is \$10.00 per person. Camping fees apply to everybody that attends. If you are a volunteer, we will pay for your camping on the day that you volunteer (person only). There are also cabins and RV's available for rent please contact Marlene if you are interested.

You are responsible for your own garbage – please take it home.

COVID-19 If you are sick in any way or have been out of the country in the past 14 days or have come in contact with someone who has been out of the country or tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days, **please stay home**. Your entry fee will be refunded.

For more information contact Ken and Marlene 403 782 7363 or stonewillowvet@gmail.com

Directions to MSW Farm: From the south - hwy 2 take Ponoka exit 450 and go 2.5 miles West on hwy 53, turn north on hwy 795 (Usona road) and go 5 miles to township road 435 turn west and go 1.5 miles (no exit road, farm is at the end of the road on the south side). From the north - hwy 2 take exit 462 (Menaik Rd.) and travel west 7.2 km, turn south on Rge, Rd, 265, in 4.9 km turn west on Twp Rd. 435 and go 1.5 miles

Come enjoy spacious camping, beautiful trails, and Central Alberta hospitality! We look forward to seeing you.