

Battle River Competitive Trail Ride (2 Day Ride)

August 18 - 20, 2023

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 with minimal gravel and rocky areas so foot protection is at rider's discretion.

Friday registration will begin at 3 pm with initial vet in beginning at 4 pm. Novice, Intermediate and Open divisions will be offered both days. Those who ride same horse – same division will have the Saturday vet out as the Sunday vet in. If you choose to ride a different horse or in a different division you will need to vet in on Saturday afternoon for that division.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: You do not have to be a TRAC member to compete at a TRAC sanctioned ride but if you are not a member you will not be eligible for year- end awards or mileage. All participants must be AEF members prior to the ride for insurance purposes. If you are not a TRAC member please provide proof of valid AEF for 2023 when sending your entry.

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, a family member or friend are able to help please contact Ken and Marlene Vanderwekken.

We are excited that Jerid will once again be cooking for us and is bringing back some of the favorite dishes! Lunch and supper will be provided for riders and volunteers on Saturday. Please bring your own dishes and cutlery to reduce the garbage. There will be no food provided for riders on Sunday as it's no frills. We will provide breakfast and lunch on Sunday for our vets and volunteers.

Sunday is No Frills so there will be no food or prizes, only miles and points toward year end awards.

Camping fees apply at this ride, \$80 for the weekend (regular \$90) which includes horse, rider and pen. For those who are riding both days and would like to stay until Monday morning there will be no additional camping fee. MSW now provides pens for the horses. The pens are 24 x 24 and the board has given approval to wave the 200 sq foot pen size rule. There will be a manure bin available for you to clean your pen. Horse water will be available.

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.

Please pre-register by August 13 with appropriate fees. For more information contact Ken and Marlene 403 350 3906 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 (no exit road, farm is at the end of the road on the south side).

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