

# Turkey Trot (No Frills) Competitive Trail Ride

October 6-8, 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](http://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 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 October 3 with appropriate fees.

All participants must be AEF members 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 [stonewillowvet@gmail.com](mailto:stonewillowvet@gmail.com)

This will be a No Frills ride meaning that there will be no prizes, only points toward year end and rider mileage.

Food will be provided only for volunteers on Saturday, riders are responsible for their own food and water. Saturday evening we will have a potluck supper to celebrate one another's accomplishments followed by campfire! Sunday morning we will have a pancake breakfast sponsored by Stone Willow Veterinary Services. Please bring your own dishes to both meals.

Camping fees apply at this ride, \$80 for the weekend (regular \$90) which includes horse, rider and pen. MSW now provides 24 x 24 pens for the horses. There will be a manure pile 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.

For more information contact Ken and Marlene 403 350 3906 or [stonewillowvet@gmail.com](mailto: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.