UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



From the President

It finally looks like there may be some UMECRA sanctioned rides yet in 2020! The Endless Big Valley Ride has received it's re-sanctioning from AERC and has met all of the local and state requirements to hold a ride on the Fourth of July weekend. While the Corona virus has caused us to cancel over 40% of our originally scheduled rides, we still have the potential for as many as 22 rides to be held. A quick look at the schedule shows that III. and Mn. still have 4 rides apiece, and Mi. and Wi. have 7 each. Even with the re-opening of some states and local trails, RMs have some tough choices to make in deciding whether they still intend to hold their rides. We all know it is a lot a work to put on a ride in a normal year, with the virus situation the efforts to do so have increased significantly. Only time will tell if the RMs of those rides will make the decision to hold their rides.

UMECRA's Ride Managers recently voted to approve the following proposal as an outline to follow for the remaining 2020 ride season: UMECRA will adopt and use the same sanctioning standards and Covid guidelines that AERC has developed for the approval of the re-sanctioning of Endurance rides. UMECRA will apply these same standards to any Ride Manager that is still planning to hold their individual ride events as originally scheduled, or any rides choosing to alter their original ride events and/or dates, including any potential sanctioning of Competitive Trail only rides. Any UMECRA sanctioned 2020 ride that actually occurs, shall be scored and recorded using the points and miles system of recording results as typically done in a normal ride season. Results of any held rides should be forwarded to the UMECRA Points Keeper as has been done in past seasons. Rider fees should also be forwarded to UMECRA per past practice. The rider fees collected from any 2020 held ride will be applied directly to any 2020 end of year awards, said awards and awards program to be developed by the UMECRA Board of Directors based on the final status of fees collected and the actual participation numbers of riders/drivers. The voting results for the proposal were as follows; 34 yea, 8 nay. (5 rides and 3 Rider Reps voted nay, 31 rides, 1 Rider Rep and 2 Board Directors, non-RMs, voted yea. 1 ride did not respond to the vote).

The UMECRA BoD, and the majority of our RMs agree that this outline provides a clearer picture of how to proceed with the ride season. Adopting AERC's standards and its Covid guidelines for re-sanctioning of rides keeps things relatively simple for RMs, if AERC approves your ride, your good to go with your UMECRA sanctioning as well. Reporting results remains the same as we've done in normal ride seasons too. Send your ride results to UMECRAs Points Keeper and the appropriate Rider fees to UMECRA per past practice. Since we still don't know how many rides will actually occur, or what the participation level of those rides may be, trying to determine what an awards program might look at this point would be very difficult to do. Instead, this proposal allows the BoD to monitor the actual outcomes of any rides and make necessary adjustments to awards as the season presents itself. Recognition will be given for participating in any 2020 rides held, we just don't know what that may look like at this time.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone that the entire Board takes the pandemic seriously and realizes the tough decisions it has caused all of our members to consider. Using AERC's Covid guidelines is considered

a starting place for having a plan to submit for approving a ride, but each RM must feel comfortable in hosting a ride. Individual ride pre-cautions should be put in place for the specific needs of your ride so that you are comfortable that you are doing everything possible to mitigate the potential for the spreading of the virus. Special pandemic guidelines should be shared prior to your ride to assist potential participants in their decisions to attend a ride. Individuals planning on attending a ride need to also be diligent in following all protocols rides put in place. UMECRAs BoD considers any special guidelines put in place by a RM to provide a safe ride, an extension of it's existing rules. Reports of participants ignoring or refusing to follow the guidelines a RM puts in place for their ride, will be considered a violation of the "Spirit of the Rules" and will be handled by the Board accordingly.

If you chose to attend a ride, be smart, be safe, and have fun. If, as an RM or a rider/driver you chose not to hold or attend a ride, that is okay too. The UMECRA Family upholds and respects everyone's personal decisions. Sincerely,

Jon Wagner UMECRA President

Save the Date!

UMECRA 2021 Convention in Minnesota January 22, 23, and 24 La Crescent Best Western and La Crescent Convention Center 595 Veterans Parkway La Crescent, MN 55947 https://www.lacrescentareaeventcenter.org/ Reservation Information, Banquet and Schedule will be posted in the fall.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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AERC TERMS for SANCTIONING REINSTATEMENT

- 1) The State/locality where the ride is to be held must allow 50 or more people at a gathering (this number includes ride management, vets, support crews, etc.)
- 2) The State/locality must allow recreational events.
- 3) You must show proof of permission to hold your event from the County Commissioner/Health Dept.
- 4) Proof of land use permit.
- 5) No stay at home restrictions within the State/County.
- 6) Ride Managers must provide a Covid-19 Prevention Plan.
- 7) The RM is responsible for submission of the above documentation to AERC at least two weeks in advance of the ride date. Ride approvals will be made by committee within 48 hrs. of receiving information.

IMPORTANT REMINDER Setting Ride Times

I've been asked to remind Ride Managers that when figuring out ride times for Competitive Trail rides that they remember to use the parameters set under our Competitive Rules:

2. Management Requirements A. The maximum riding speed shall average 5.5 to 7 miles per hour. Determining ride times using these guidelines assures uniform ride times across UMECRA rides avoiding large discrepancies from one ride to another.

Jon Wagner, UMECRA President

Just a quick reminder and heads-up to Ride Managers to be sure and ask riders to show you their current AERC membership cards. This is especially true if you don't know the rider or if it is someone who hasn't attended your ride in the last year or two. There have been a few reports this ride season of non-AERC riders forgetting to pay the \$15 "Day Member" fee. As a Ride Manager, you are ultimately responsible to pay all fees including those non-AERC member fees. Avoid the hassle of trying to track down those people after your ride is over to collect day member fees and ask for proof of AERC membership when initially registering riders.

Herd Health and COVID-19

A quick note about horse and human herd health. First horse herd health, just a reminder that it is vaccine season and we need to still be vigilant about making sure our horses are vaccinated for at least the core vaccines. This includes Eastern and Western Encephalitis, West Nile Virus, Tetanus and Rabies. These diseases are almost always fatal in horses. The last time we had economic uncertainty during the recession in 2009 we saw a large increase in the number of horses contracting Eastern Encephalitis because people were skipping vaccines. It's easy to think that you can just skip one year or do it later but I would strongly encourage you to stick with your "normal" vaccine routine for your horses. If you have questions about which vaccines or when to vaccinate you should contact your regular veterinarian.

When we return to rides, we need to keep in mind human herd health as well. It is almost certain that COVID will not fully go away and as we try to get back to a new normal, we should plan on maintaining social distancing guidelines of 6 feet for quite some time. At ride events this means please don't crowd the vet box or your gear at camp. We will all need to be mindful of people's space and taking turns. I have confidence we will all be camping and riding this summer at some point so please take the time to plan now how best to maintain your horses herd health as well as your own at rides.

Dr. Jennifer Lorenz, DVM

Rider and Horse Numbers are Important

UMECRA tracks the points and mileage for horses and riders via individual numbers. Each person is assigned a number when you become a member for the first time, and this becomes your permanent number. If you also have an AERC number, we ask that you please check your online record and if we don't have that on file please notify either Robin Schadt or Nicole Mauser-Storer. If both numbers are on record you can register at any UMECRA ride using either your AERC or your UMECRA rider number, the two will cross reference and you will always receive points and credit for your ride. To find the information please look at UMECRA.com, hover over the "Results" button and select "Rider Numbers". From there enter any part of your first or last name to search and see what we have on file – including your membership date for the current ride season.

Horse numbers are also critical. There are many people in the history of UMECRA who have ridden "Spot" or "Blaze" and to make sure your "Spot" gets proper credit for miles the only way to do that is for each horse to have a number. If your horse has an AERC number UMECRA uses that number so you only have to remember one number, but you do have to tell us that your horse has a number. We do not automatically receive information from AERC. If you don't have an AERC number for your horse we will assign a UMECRA number, you just ask either Robin Schadt or Nicole Mauser-Storer. If you have a UMECRA number and later get an AERC number, much like with the rider numbers we add the AERC number to the horse's record and you can then enter using either number and your horse gets credit for all points and miles, but you have to tell us what that number is, we do not have a direct data connection to AERC. To see the information we have on file look at UMECRA.com, hover over the "Results" button and select "Horse Numbers". From there search on any part of the horse's name and see what comes up.

If you look at the points standings or a set of ride results all horse and rider names are links to that individual's history from what could be made electronically available. If you find your name in the points standings and the horse name is blank that means we don't have a horse number assigned for you.

Suggested Equine First-Aid Kit Components

- 1 package 4×4 gauze sponges
- 2 large and 2 small nonstick Telfa pads
- 2 rolls cast padding
- 2 combi rolls
- 2 brown gauze rolls
- 2 rolls Vetrap
- 1 roll Elastikon
- 1 roll 2-inch white adhesive tape
- 4 sterile Q-tips/swabs
- 5 tongue depressors
- 5 pairs of exam gloves
- 1 digital thermometer
- 1 pair bandage scissors

- 2 35 cc syringes
- 1 60 cc catheter tip syringe
- 5 hypodermic needles (19-gauge)
- 1 towel
- 1 tube NeoPolyBac ophthalmic ointment
- 1 bottle artifical tears/eye drops solution
- 1 bottle AluSpray wound spray
- 1 tube antimicrobial ointment
- 1 L saline for irrigation
- 1 small bottle Betadine solution
- 1 bag of electrolyte powder
- 1 tube Banamine paste, with vet's -approval
- 1 tube Bute paste, with vet's approval

Looking for new places to ride in your area and beyond?

Check out: http://trailmeister.com/

Lots of information there on trails and all things trails! Search by city, state, even zip codes! You can even add trails that you know about.

Wisconsin DNR Press Release [https://dnr.wi.gov/news/releases/article/?id=5147]

Wisconsin State Park Campgrounds Opening June 10

Contact(s): DNRPRESS@wisconsin.gov June 4, 2020 at 11:00:49 am

MADISON, Wis. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will reopen state campgrounds on Wednesday, June 10 with special conditions to ensure the safety of staff and visitors.

Some of the changes that campers and park visitors will experience beginning June 10 include:

- Automatic touchless check-in.
- New signs to educate visitors on recreating responsibly.
- Park offices will remain closed to the public.

RESERVATIONS

Camping reservations will be accepted by phone (1-888-947-2757) and online only to eliminate face to face interaction with DNR staff.

Same-day camping reservations are also now available by phone (1-888-947-2757) and the online reservation system.

Check-in is no longer necessary at the office or visitor station when coming to a property. Please proceed directly to your campsite and begin setup. Property staff will visit sites to monitor occupancy.

- Campers should note that Rock Island State Park remains closed through June 30. The Washington Island Ferry Line has also currently suspended all trips to and from Rock Island.
- Camping reservations for June 8 or 9 will be canceled and refunded; if reservations for a longer stay begin on June 8/9 and extend beyond June 10 your arrival will automatically be adjusted to June 10.

GROUP CAMPING, SHELTER, AND AMPHITHEATERS

- Group camping, shelters, and amphitheaters will be closed through June 30.
- All reservation holders will be contacted and provided a full refund.

RESTROOMS AND BUILDINGS

- Most restrooms at state properties are now open.
- Some remote water fountains may be closed in the day use area of the park or have the bubbler turned off and have access to the water spigot only.
- All other facilities will remain closed, including towers, shelters, playgrounds, nature centers, headquarters, contact stations, and concessions.
- Equipment rentals are unavailable at this time.

FIREWOOD

• Firewood is not available at state parks at this time and should be purchased before campers arrive.

• Campers are reminded that certified firewood that has been properly heat-treated or aged location to kill any infesting pests or diseases to protect Wisconsin's trees must be purchased within 10 miles of their camping location.

ADMISSION

- Annual park stickers and trail passes are required to visit state parks and trails.
- Annual stickers are available for purchase online or with credit card by phone 8 a.m. 4 p.m. seven days a week by calling toll free: 1-888-305-0398.
- Annual trail and daily passes are NOT available for purchase at individual properties. Visitors must have an annual admission sticker adhered to their vehicle or proof of purchase for entry.
- Once proof of purchase is shown, visitors must place proof of purchase on the dash of the windshield while parked within the boundary of the property.
- The 2020 annual vehicle admission sticker is valid through Dec. 31, 2020.
- Annual state trail pass is required for anyone age 16 or older biking, cross-country skiing, horseback riding or in-line skating on certain trails. A state trail pass is NOT required for walking or hiking. The annual trail passes are valid through Dec. 31 of the year they are issued.

CAPACITY AND CLOSURES

- Due to high demand, many properties will likely reach their pre-determined capacity limits. When this happens, properties will close until existing visitors leave, and capacity is reduced.
- Visitors are encouraged to explore other DNR recreation areas or visit during non-peak hours before 10 a.m. and after 4 p.m.
- The following State Natural Areas remain closed: Pewits Nest, Parfrey's Glen, Dells of the Wisconsin River, Gibraltar Rock.
- Attractions, including beaches, where social distancing cannot be achieved may close as needed.

EVENTS

- All events and special event permits are canceled through June 30.
- Volunteer activities will also follow the Bounce Back Plan and be permitted on a case-by-case basis depending on group size and whether the activity can be done maintaining 6 feet of space between volunteers.

The DNR urges state park visitors to do their part when visiting DNR properties. Most Wisconsin state parks, forests and other day-use areas do not have garbage or recycling bins. When you visit, please take your garbage and recyclables home with you. We all play a vital role in taking care of our natural resources. Following the Leave No Trace principles helps protect the land for generations to come. Fight the Bite! Ticks are out, and visitors should take precautions to prevent Lyme Disease.

Visitors are reminded to practice social distancing of 6 feet, refrain from congregating in large groups, travel only within your home communities and follow all existing state park rules and guidelines. Visitors are also encouraged to wear masks in situations where social distancing is difficult.

The DNR continues to receive the most up-to-date information and will adjust operations as conditions change. We will also continue to monitor on-the-ground circumstances each day to determine additional conditions that may become necessary. Before visiting other properties, please check with individual parks regarding changes to park operations.

For specific information regarding COVID-19 we encourage the public to frequently monitor the <u>DHS</u> <u>website for updates</u>, and to follow @DHSWI on Facebook and Twitter, or dhs.wi on Instagram. Additional information can be found on the CDC website.

Virtual Endurance Rides & Challenges

With Covid-19 causing many rides to be cancelled, virtual rides are a great way to keep yourself motivated and keep your horse's conditioning on track. Virtual rides & challenges are much like virtual 5K (and other distance) races that have been around for a while. They usually just require registration and some mileage & time tracking.

Here are a few of the virtual rides available:

- Warhorse 100 Mile Endurance Challenge, hosted by Christina Hyke <u>www.warhorseendurance.com</u>
 - Pony Express 1900 mile Challenge (4/12/2020 12/24/2027)
 - Registration is open
 - Ranger 100 Mile Challenge (7/4/2020 12/31/2020)
 - Registration opens on 7/4/2020
- Wild West Endurance Ride, hosted by Elicia Kamberg <u>www.wildwestendurance.com</u>
 - 1 day ride done June 18-21 <u>One day Virtual Ride</u>, This had distances from 5 miles and up. You signed up for the length you wanted to register for.
 - o 10 Day challenge done June 18th June 28th. <u>10 Day Virtual Challenge</u>
 - This is a fitness challenge, not strictly a riding challenge.
 - These were not the first virtual challenges from Wild West Endurance, watch their site for future challenges.
- The Covid Derby 1000 KM Horse Race, hosted by Devan Horn, Contact: covidderby1000@yahoo.com
 - \circ $\;$ This ride can be done in teams and on multiple horses.
 - o <u>https://www.facebook.com/covidderby1000k/</u>

This was posted on Friends of Wildcat Park but it applies to all Wisconsin state parks and forests!



Friends of Wildcat Mountain State Park June 9 at 8:21 PM

A message from park superintendent Andy:

Hello everyone! As most of you probably already know, the campgrounds reopen tomorrow and we are looking forward to having campers enjoying the park again. With that, I want to make you aware of a few operational changes. The biggest change I want to emphasize is that all campsites are reservable and you MUST have a reservation BEFORE setting up on a site. This means you cannot pull into a site thinking it is open and check in with the office later, or with staff in the park later. You will now be able to make same-day reservations though. So if you wake up and think you want to camp in the park that night, you can call the Camis call center or go online, check to see if any sites are available and if so, reserve it for that day and however many nights you wish to stay. Also just a reminder that vehicle passes and trail passes are required but are not available at the park at this time so please come prepared and purchase those prior to arriving at the park. Finally, the park office is still closed to the public, but we do have staff working, answering the phone and maintaining the park. If you have a reservation simply proceed directly to your campsite and you will be automatically checked in. If you have questions about current park operations, check the DNR website or call the park office. Thank you. Andy Haffele

Do you have an article or photo you would like to submit for the next newsletter? Send them to: <u>brenna.starch@yahoo.com</u> or <u>umecranews@gmail.com</u>

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Plan Your Next Ride!

Ride Dates	Ride Name	Ride City, State	RM Name	RM Email
April 18-19	Brighton Spring **Cancelled**	Howell, MI	Lisa Germann	sandraowright@gmail.com
May 2-3	White River Spring **Cancelled**	Hesperia, MI	Pete Weiringa	beckeg@aol.com
May 8-10	Glacier Trails **Cancelled**	Palmyra, WI	Romona Radtke	ward.elizm@gmail.com
May 16-17	Border Battle Boogie **Cancelled**	Cushing, WI	Deb Moe	BorderBattle@mndra.com
May 23-24	Grand Island **Cancelled**	Rapid River, MI	Kathy Macki	k_macki@yahoo.com
May 30-31	Maplewood West **Cancelled**	Pelican Rapids, MN	Sarah Peltier	peltier.sa@gmail.com
June 6-7	AHDRAs Endure **Cancelled**	Chanderville, IL	Nicole Mauser-Storer	n.mauserstorer@huskers.unl.edu
June 13-14	ApDRA **Cancelled**	Palmyra, WI	Dawn Haas	jehaas@centurytel.net
June 13-14	White River Summer **Cancelled**	Hesperia, MI	Pete Weiringa	beckeg@aol.com
June 20-21	SE Minnesota **Cancelled**	Preston, MN	Theresa Meyer	thmeyer753@gmail.com
June 20-21	Grand Island North **Cancelled**	Limestone, MI	Karen Bahrman	kbahrman@gmail.com
June 27-28	Dead Dog Creek **Cancelled**	Kinmundy, IL	Linda Mowrer	ridedeaddog@hotmail.com
July 3-4	Endless Valley	Avoca, WI	Linda Jacobson	jdisawesome@lycos.com
July 11-12	AHAM-Hopkins Creek	Manton, MI	Gene Dake	dedake6196@gmail.com
July 11-12	Mosquito Run **Cancelled**	Rogers, MN	Peggy Pasillas	peggy@pasillas.net
July 18-19	AHDRAs My Backyard	Brimfield, IL	Sarah Mowrer	dammitthunder@yahoo.com
July 24-25	Northern Lightz **Cancelled**	Twin Valley, MN	Michelle Splonskowski	shelboit@gmail.com
July 25-26	Warhorse	Palmyra, WI	Christine Hyke	christinahyke@gmail.com
July 24-26	S2S II **Cancelled**	Hale, MI	Diane Meinders	Diane.meinders@gmail.com
August 8-9	Louise Riedel Memorial	Arkdale, WI	Elinore Tonsor	helinoreltonsor@earthlink.net
				414-975-3244
August 8-9	Metro Park Express Ride	Milford, MI	Mindy Nagy	melindasmyers@gmail.com
August 15-16	Huntersville Hundred	Huntersville State Forest, MN	Sarah Maass	sarahmaass@hotmail.com
August 15-16	Rock River Charity Ride	Franklin Grove, IL	Tony Troyer	il4aerc@aol.com
August 22-23	Northern Highland	Conover, WI	Laurie Henschel	ridgeviewwalkers@frontiernet.net
August 29-30	MnDRA I	Hinckley, MN	Michelle Fedewa	michelle.fedewa@yahoo.com
September 5-7	White River Fall	Hesperia, MI	Pete Weiringa	beckeg@aol.com
September 12-13	Charity Cup **Cancelled**	Pillager, MN	Darlene Moliter	valleycreekfarm1@gmail.com
September 12-13	Keweenaw	Marquette, MI	Karen Jarvi	kjarvi0914@gmail.com
September 12-13	Lincoln Trail	Kinmundy, IL	Ruth Stewart	rrstewart 2002@yahoo.com
September 18-20	Colorama	New Prospect, WI	Jon Wagner	wagnercarol13@yahoo.com
September 26-27	Run Cut Foot Run	Deer River, MN	Sarah Maass	sarahmaass@hotmail.com
September 26-27	Pine Marten	Wetmore, MI	Karen Bahrman	kbahrman@gmail.com
October 2-4	Spirit Horse	Palmyra, WI	Laura Savatski	laura.savatski@bcw.edu
October 10-11	Iron Oak	Arkdale, WI	Ruth Casserly	casserlytimruth@gmail.com
October 10-11	Oak Leaf Run	Hamilton, MI	Barb Kurti	synerator@aol.com
October 16-17	Point Chaser	Theilman, MN	Holly Egerer	regerer287@aol.com
October Oct 31 - Nov 1	AHDRAs Big River	Keithsburg, IL	Jim Andriakos	cgswimcoach@yahoo.com
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