



Get on your horse and ride!

Help the Buffalo Bill Saddle Club and Intermountain Horse Association raise funds for **HARMONY EQUINE CENTER** while riding your horse through the meadow and forest of Alderfer Three Sisters Open Space

2019 Poker Ride

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What is a Poker Ride?

A Poker ride is a fun trail ride to benefit a local charity. You will ride through Alderfer Three Sisters Open Space Park to five stations. At each station you will draw a playing card, which a volunteer will note on your ride card.

Who benefits from the Poker Ride?

Denver Dumb Friends League Harmony Equine Center is the recipient of the proceeds of the 2019 event.

What does Harmony Equine Center do for the community?



Over the past 12 months Harmony Equine Center has received 225 starved horses from law enforcement. This is unprecedented for Harmony.

Communities are recognizing vulnerable and at-risk horses and are no longer accepting this type of neglect, and Harmony is helping more horses than ever.

Please visit their website for more information on the Equine Center and view adoptable horses. <https://harmonyequinecenter.org/>

Will food and drinks be available?

Lunch with a beverage is included in each ride entry. A vegetarian option will be available. Lunch is served from noon to 1:00 pm. You can also buy a extra lunch. See the link to our online store on the website www.BBSCGolden.org/Poker_Ride

What do I need to bring for the rider?

It's Colorado—the weather is variable! Bring a light rain jacket and/or a fleece for the cool morning. If we don't have rain, we will have sun. Bring sun block and a hat for after the ride. We strongly recommend wearing a helmet. Bring water or drinks for the morning and on the trail. Drinks will be available at lunch.

Oh, yea, bring your horse too!

What do I need to bring for my horse?

Bring anything you and your horse needs for a safe and successful trail ride. As a reminder, bring water and buckets. To keep your horse healthy, don't share water or tack or other tools with other horses.

Bring a manure fork to clean up around your trailer. We are sharing the park with other users—some of whom don't appreciate the sweet smell of manure on their shoes.

How much does it cost to enter?

All entries including sponsorship include the lunch
Adult Rider \$45
Senior (65 and over) \$35
Family (up to 2 adults or seniors and up to 2 minors) \$100
Minor (under 18)
Lunch only \$10
Sponsor \$75

Are there prizes?

Everyone will be awarded a prize. Best hand chooses first, then second best hand etc.

Where is the poker ride?

The ride is held at Alderfer Three Sisters Open Space Park in Evergreen Colorado.

Directions: Travel south from Evergreen Lake on Highway 73 for 0.6 miles. Turn west (right) on Buffalo Park Road for 2.2 miles. Drive past the first (east) Open Space parking lot to the large barn next to the west parking lot just beyond the yellow house. Trailer parking is in the grass meadow next to the barn, not in the public lot. Our volunteers will direct you.

Is there parking for my trailer?

Parking is available near the start of the ride. We encourage riders to buddy up and trailer with a friend. Local riders often ride to the park. **We do have space limitations for rigs so register online as early as possible.**

When is the ride?

The 2019 ride will be held on Saturday, ~~September 7th~~. **OCTOBER 26th**.

When does the ride start?

Long course riders may start between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM, short course between 9.00 AM and 11.00 AM. All riders must finish and turn in playing cards by 12:00 noon.

When does registration and check in start?

Online registration has started June 28, 2019. ***Check in at the registration table before starting out on the trail.***

Onsite registration is open from 8 AM to 11AM.
Registration table is located near the barn.

How long is the ride?

- ★ Choose the length of ride that suits you 1.5, 2 or 3 hours (3.4 miles, 4.55 miles or 5.85 miles)
- ★ Some parts are rocky so shoes or boots for your horse are recommended.

What is the short route?

1. Parking Lot Cross Buffalo Park Rd
2. Wild Iris Loop Turn Right - counterclockwise route
3. Parking Lot **Station One**: Cross Buffalo Park Rd
4. Bluebird Meadow Turn left (parallel Le Masters Rd)
5. Homestead Turn left to go around rocky hill
6. Mountain Muhly **Station Two** - bear left at fork
7. Coneflower **Station Three** Turn right onto Coneflower – downhill
8. Mountain Muhly **Station Four** Turn right at bridge – uphill
9. Bearberry **Station Five** Turn right
10. Homestead North Meadow At Station One: Turn left uphill and left again behind rocky hill
11. Silver Fox Right onto trail to return to start
12. Finish at the barn

What is the medium route?

1. Parking Lot Cross Buffalo Park Rd
2. Wild Iris Loop Turn Right - counterclockwise route
3. Parking Lot **Station One** - Cross Buffalo Park Rd
4. Bluebird Meadow Turn left (parallel Le Masters Rd)
5. Homestead Turn left to go around rocky hill
6. Mountain Muhly **Station Two** - bear left at fork
7. Coneflower **Station Three** - Turn right onto Coneflower – downhill
8. Mountain Muhly **Station Four** - Turn right at bridge – uphill
9. Bearberry **Station Five** - Turn LEFT - slight downhill - then right uphill
Sisters Turn Right
10. Ponderosa Turn Right
11. Ponderosa Turn Left - uphill into trees
12. Silver Fox Turn sharp right at the bench
13. Homestead Turn sharp left - go to the barn

What is the long route?

1. Parking Lot Cross Buffalo Park Rd
2. Wild Iris Loop Turn Right - counterclockwise route
3. Parking Lot **Station One** - Cross Buffalo Park Rd
4. Bluebird Meadow Turn left (parallel Le Masters Rd)
5. Homestead Turn left to go around rocky hill
6. Mountain Muhly **Station Two** - bear left at fork
7. Mountain Muhly **Station Three** - Straight stay on Mountain Muhly - uphill
8. Mountain Muhly **Station Four** - Turn left at bridge - uphill
9. Bearberry **Station Five** - Turn LEFT - slight downhill - then right uphill
10. Sisters Turn Right
11. Ponderosa Turn Right

12. Ponderosa Turn Left - uphill into trees
13. Silver Fox Turn sharp right at the bench
14. Homestead Turn sharp left - go to the barn

Where are the Stations?

- Start of the ride: Alderfer Barn at West Parking Lot
- Station 1: West Parking Lot near the crosswalk at Buffalo Creek
- Station 2: Mountain Muhly Trail at Bear Berry Trail — West intersection near Homestead Trail
- Station 3: Mountain Muhly Trail at Coneflower Trail — West intersection just past the spillway
- Station 4: Mountain Muhly Trail at Coneflower Trail — East intersection near the bridge
- Station 5: Mountain Muhly Trail at Bear Berry Trail — East intersection near house
- End of the ride: Alderfer Barn at West Parking Lot

What obstacles will we encounter on the trail?

It's a public park. You and your horse should be comfortable riding on trails that include water crossings, bridges, loose footing, mountainous terrain, loud (and sneaky) humans, and bicycles just to mention a few. You are the best judge of what is safe for you and your horse.

I have more questions or want to register or be a sponsor

- ★ Online registration, buy a sponsorship AND you can make additional donations to Harmony Equine Center through our online store even if you do not participate in the ride.
- ★ Additional information and link to the store: Buffalo Bill Saddle Club go to the Poker Ride page- www.BBSCGolden.org
- ★ Questions: contact Jan Kray info@BBSCGolden.org or Carolyn Knapp Nelson equinehands@comcast.net 720-985-7107

What are the benefits of being a sponsor?

Your logo and contact information will be displayed on both organizations' websites and Facebook pages. In addition, visitors from the DDFL website will be sent to our website. AND we encourage you to attend and bring a banner and set up a table with your brochures or products. Sponsorship fee includes lunch at the event.