

Trail Times



Official Publication of the Gold Country Trails Council

A non-profit incorporated association formed in 1981 to develop, maintain and protect non-motorized recreational trails in the Sierra Foothills area for public use and enjoyment.

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

I hope you enjoyed our March 10th meeting and tack swap. I've never seen a bigger collection of beautiful saddles and tack. Thanks to all of you who brought, bought and sold treasures. As usual, I didn't sell anything but ended up buying more - an equine heart monitor this time.

Our day ride at Spenceville March 14th was great fun on a beautiful day at a gorgeous place. Many thanks to our Trail Boss, Mary Beyer. Read all about it in the article by our GCTC Day Ride Leader, Jamie Canon, in this newsletter.

A big thank you for the success of our Lone Grave workday, April 18th, goes to our Lone Grave leaders, Harry and Karen Wyeth; Debbie Malloy, who prepared a delicious luncheon for all our volunteers; and the volunteers themselves. This was the opening session for our 2015 workdays, and we're off to a great start.

And welcome aboard to Pamela Warmack, our new Publicity leader and Debbie Malloy, our new Camp Cook. Our volunteers are what make GCTC such a great organization.

We have lots more fun coming up in May and June, so put these dates on your calendar right now.

First, we have a new event at the **Running I Ranch** in Dunnigan, scheduled for **Saturday, May 2nd**. We'll be de-sensitizing our horses to a multitude of man-made and natural obstacles. I spent last weekend at Running I with one of my horses, and we learned so much. Contact me for more information at karen-schwartz@prodigy.net.

The next weekend on **Saturday, May 9th** is our **Cronan Ranch day ride**. This is always a fun event and will be led by our tireless Trail Boss Merrill Kagan-Weston. Contact our day ride leader Jamie Canon for all the details.

Three days later, join us for the **May 12th meeting** at the Nevada County Horsemen's clubhouse. After our

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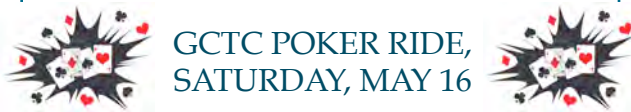


Horse Camping Beautiful Little Lasier Meadow

June is just around the corner and time for GCTC weekend event at Little Lasier Meadow Horse Camp. Located in the Tahoe National Forest near Jackson Meadow Reservoir north of Truckee, Little Lasier Meadow is a horse camp created by GCTC in the early 1980's. Since that time GCTC members have maintained the camp and surrounding trails on an annual camping trip in June. This years event will be the weekend of June 26, 27 & 28, 2015. Through the joint cooperation of Tahoe National Forest and California Land Management, the weekend is reserved for the exclusive use of GCTC members. Time is spent Saturday morning on camp maintenance and trail clearing/building. The rest of the time is spent riding, socializing and just enjoying the peace and beauty of the area. Many members arrive earlier during the week or stay an extra day to camp and to ride the varied trails, including a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail. (extra days are at the camper's own expense). A potluck is planned for Saturday night, June 27.

Since this is a popular GCTC event, please contact Mary Johnson as soon as you can to be put on the list. Camp sites are assigned (usually two rigs to a site) based on your needs. Corrals are limited so alternate horse "housing" is encouraged (portable corrals, high line, tie out). For additional information contact Mary at mjshasta@aol.com or 530-477-8501. You won't want to miss this fun time!

Submitted by, Mary Johnson



GCTC POKER RIDE, SATURDAY, MAY 16

Linda Lanzoni would like to remind all the GCTC members that our annual fundraiser is a wonderful event and important for the club. We need you to sign up, bring your friends and come ride! A few volunteers are still needed for some positions, please contact Linda at 530-273-6346 or Linda@MtnEquestrian.com for more information.

Information Flyer and
Registration Forms are on
Pages 11, 12 and 13

Tuesday, May 12, 2015
at 7:00 P.M.

Nevada County Horsemen Clubhouse
10600 Bubbling Wells

Speaker: Morris Older, speaking on the East Bay Hills Ride. He will also be talking about trail work that the East Bay trail group has been accomplishing.

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**Gold Country Trails Council
2015 Calendar**

MAY

- May 2 Running I Ranch Camp/Ride
Leader: Karen Schwartz
- May 9 Cronan Ranch Day Ride
Trail Boss: Merrill Kagan-Weston
- May 12 General Meeting - 7 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- May 13 Work Day - Skillman
Leader: Melissa & Robert Ribley
- May 16 GCTC Annual Poker Ride Fundraiser
Leader: Linda Lanzoni/
Merrill Kagan-Weston
- May 30 Celebration of Trails Day

JUNE

- June 2-4 Pioneer Trail Ride
Leader Karen Schwartz
- June 5-7 Western States Horse Expo, Sacramento
(non GCTC event)
- June 9 Board Meeting - 7 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- June 19-21 Wild West Endurance Ride
(non GCTC event)
- June 26-28 Little Lasier Meadow Camp/Work/Ride
Leaders: Mary Johnson, Worth and
Mary Lundin

JULY

- July 3-5 Tevis Educational Ride (non GCTC event)
- July 14 General Mtg./Ice Cream Soc. - 7 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- July 18 Royal Gorge Day Ride
Trail Boss: TBA
- July 25 Work Day - Omega/Upper Pioneer
Leader: TBA

AUGUST

- August 1 Tevis (Western States Endurance Ride
(non-GCTC event)
- August 5-9 Nevada County Fair (non-GCTC event)



AUGUST (Cont'd)

- August 11 Board Meeting - 6 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- August 14-16 Loney Meadow Camp/Work/Ride
Leader: Teri Personeni
- August 15 Loney Meadow Workday

SEPTEMBER

- September 2-6 East Bay Hills Trail Benefit Ride
(non GCTC event)
- September 8 General Meeting - 7 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- Sept. 17-20 Draft Horse Classic Fair
(non GCTC event)
- September 26? Skillman Closes

OCTOBER

- October 10 United Trails Day/Workday
Leader: Irv Mazur
- October 13 Board Meeting - 6 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley
- October 21 Skillman Workday
Leader: Melissa Ribley
- October 24 Lone Grave Ride/BBQ
Leader: TBA
- October 31 Lone Grave Ride/BBQ (rain date)
Leader: TBA

NOVEMBER

- November 10 General Mtg./Thanksgiving Feast - 7 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley

DECEMBER

- December 8 Board Meeting - 3 p.m.
NCHI clubhouse, Grass Valley

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First Workday of the Season at Lone Grave

Many thanks to Willie & Sue Brusin, Karen & Harry Wyeth, Irv Mazur, Cathy Scott, Tom Fletcher, Mary Johnson, Gail & Jim Plakos, Jeff Foltz, Kurt Sorensen, Doug Tweed, Nikki Julian-Vasquez, Teri Personeni, and Debbie Molloy (and her husband) for making our first work day of the season such a success. We were able to clear out a huge amount of brush along the Harmony Trail with the help of the hedge trimmer, chain saw, and lots of good energy. The Malloy's put together a great lunch with Polish sausages, beef and vegetarian hot dogs, potato salad, strawberries and cookies. We finished early and spent the rest of the morning chatting and eating. The weather was perfect, cool with blue skies. This is one of our most popular trails, since it connects the equestrian staging area with the Harmony Ridge Market. Now we may be able to go for a couple of years until it needs trimming again.

Submitted by, Karen Wyeth



LEAVE ONLY HOOF PRINTS



Watch Where You Step

Recently I was looking up info about Hidden Falls and read a large number of comments from park users. I would say that more than 95% of the comments mentioned their disgust with the horse manure on the trails. I am not going to get off my horse every time he passes manure. He continues walking and often I am not even aware. I know tail bags, however they work, are most likely in our future.

Yesterday at Empire Mine, I parked our trailer and unloaded my horse right into a pile of manure. Then I walked over to the tack room, and had to step over manure to get to the door. The least we can do as park users is clean up the staging areas of manure.

Let's remember that it is in our best interest to clean up after our horses whenever we can. Certainly the staging area is a place where we can. That includes manure, hay, and shavings. I know cleaning up after others doesn't seem right, but it may be necessary to keep our riding privileges.

I appreciate having so many wonderful places to ride locally. I dread the day when horses are banned from all of them.

Submitted by, Mary Lundin



Howdy and Welcome to our newest members!!



- Dennis & Charlotte Chapman
- Kathy Davidson
- Shana Stratton
- Katelynn Stratton
- Skyler Hancock
- Thomas Fletcher
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March 14, Spenceville Ride

Our Gold Country Trails Council Spenceville ride was a great success! Spring in Spenceville is such a magical place and shouldn't be missed. It was oh so green. We had a wonderful group of riders, including our intrepid trail leader Mary Beyer, (thank you Mary) Deborah Thorsen, Irv Mazer, Karen Schwartz, Karen Purmort, and Jamie Canon. New members we were so glad to have with us were Kathy Davidson, Shana Stratton and Skyler Stratton. Irv's good friend Tom Fletcher also joined us (Irv is working on getting Tom to join the club). We all met at the "Far Camp Ground" We rode out from the trailers fording Dry Creek (which wasn't so dry). We headed out on our beautiful spring adventure, passing Pittman Pond. Home of Great Blue Herons, Red Winged Black Birds, various species of ducks and a myriad of other marsh birds. After passing the pond we headed out into the heart of Spenceville. We traversed a huge loop ending up riding in along Dry Creek for a ½ mile or so before we crossed the creek back to our trailers. After the ride, members sat down together for lunch and story swapping. If you haven't ridden Spenceville in the spring you are missing out on one of life's beautiful rides. Hope you can join us next year.

Submitted by, Jamie Canon



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

meeting, our speaker will be Morris Older. For years he has staged the East Bay Hills Trail Benefit Ride, which just gets better year after year. In late August I'll be leading a contingent of our members to the EBHTB Ride. After you hear Morris speak, you'll want to join us.

And then comes the annual **Poker Ride** fundraiser on **May 16th**. As a GCTC member, you already know what a fun event this is, whether you're riding or volunteering or both. Poker Ride Leader Linda Lanzoni is doing a great job again this year. See her article in this newsletter for details of how you can get involved in the fun.

Next will be the first **Pioneer Trail Ride** to honor the amazing accomplishments of our founding members. We've reserved Skillman campground for Tuesday, **June 2nd through June 4th** and plan to ride different parts of the trails each day. We'll have catered dinners to make it easy for us to relax and socialize after our rides. For more information, contact me at karen-schwartz@prodigy.net.

As if all that wasn't enough, we'll end the month of June with our **Little Lasier Meadow Work/Camp/Ride** the **weekend of June 27th**. This is always a special occasion, thanks to leaders Mary Johnson and Worth and Mary Lundin. Please see the newsletter article by Mary Johnson for more information.

"For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and I am free." This is the last line of the beautiful poem "The Peace of Wild Things" by Wendell Berry. It expresses so well the peace many of us find in riding our horses on the beautiful trails of Nevada County and beyond, allowing us to renew an intimate and timeless connection with nature.

Happy Trails,

Karen



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C Horse Ranch-Healing Pastures Events

April 19 was CASA Kids Day at C Horse Ranch-Healing Pastures in Auburn. Twenty foster youth and their CASA Workers had a fun filled day. Horsing around on beautiful mounts, they looked like princes and princesses instead of youth in foster care. Fear became joy and laughter replaced pain and sorrow. Courage, confidence and caring was the call of the day. Even reluctant riders took a chance and had a great time. The mini horses jumped, the goats ate from their hands and the pig squealed in delight. Even the chickens and rooster entertained these special guests. All had fun. Event was sponsored by C Horse Ranch-Healing Pastures and the volunteers and staff had a great time too. If you care to volunteer for one of these special events contact: Honey Cowan 530 888 7766. Family Fun Day is June 28 from 12 to 4 admission is free. We visit Emerald Hills on April 25, 1 to 3. A Fashion Show by Marilyn on July 19, 12 to 2 (\$25 includes a glass of wine). Blue Jean Ball on August 29, 4 to 8 (\$50 includes dinner and dancing).





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Oroville Lake Camping Adventure

Frank and I went to Lake Oroville Loafer Creek equestrian campground, with our 2 Rocky Mountains "Dusty" and "Otis". The facilities there are amazing and we got to enjoy the first night completely to ourselves in the entire campsite(s). We rode one day for 9 miles on the loop that goes to the dam. All of the trails are marked really well and are double tract in most places.

The grass was long and green and our horses enjoyed a few nibbles after a long workout. We met up with a few nice "Cowgirls" from the Bunco squad that makes its trek up there to enjoy riding and looked to be having a really fun time. We met Mary from the Gold Country Gaited Horses Association, and she invited us to check them out and possibly join as well.

Our camp neighbor was Karen, who is a professional barrel racer and was equally friendly and helpful. Her big quarter gelding, which looks like he feasted all winter on fine hay, was quite the character, learning if he pounded on the metal bars of his corral he could keep "Mom" pretty busy with his demands.

We had good weather, learning it can get pretty hot there in the summer months. We rode every morning and every evening and got in 5 really good rides. We really recommend Lake Oroville for anyone who has not camped there yet.

Submitted by, Frank & Cheryl Maricich
Nevada City GCTC members

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GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
NCHI Clubhouse, 10600 Bubbling Wells Rd.
Grass Valley, CA

Attending:

Karen Schwartz, President
Melissa Ribley, Vice President
Karen Wyeth, Secretary
Teri Personeni, Treasurer
Willie Brusin, Forest Service Liaison
Mary Johnson, Membership Chair
Helen Harvey, Past President

Others:

Linda Lanzoni
Jaede Miloslavich
Sue Brusin

Board Members:

Fran Cole
Charles Green
Vicki Testa

Call to Order: Karen Schwartz called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM. Sound quality at the March meeting seemed better for the PA system, but the room still echoed with so many people talking during the tack swap. Treasurer's report moved to after the Forest Service report.

Approval of the Minutes of the March meeting: The minutes were approved.

Forest Service Report: Willie Brusin met with Paul Hart at Chalk Bluff and Upper Burlington. They discussed unauthorized signs from Pioneer Trail to the multi-use trail. Paul has put up 45 new signs in the Burlington trail system.

Skillman - Cory Richardson is the new campground coordinator for the Tahoe National Forest. He's in charge of maintenance and likes the idea of no rocks that would be a problem for horse trailers at Skillman. He supports grinding stumps and is generally very cooperative. He seems to support the proposed layout of the campground. Water is turned on at Skillman and the waterline repaired. Horse water is turned off at the green box. Water troughs are in place. Downed wood will be transported to White Cloud and split for campers. All of the red-tagged trees will be removed. The TNF crew will clean up most of the brush, but we will have to finish the job during the workday. Six manure signs need to be ordered and given to Cory. A manure bin will be installed. A new lock has been purchased for the Skillman Gate. The combination is 2119. Teri suggested that we have our own lock on the chain. Willie and Pat Gibbs surveyed the camp, but it's hard to find markers even with a metal detector. Teri, Melissa, Cory, Cecilia and Linda will meet at Skillman and mark the plans. A question came up about whether GCTC was building and paying for the new corrals.

The prefabricated bridges are available on websites. Paul needs to secure permission to place the bridges over the two small creeks on the Pioneer Trail near Lang's Crossing. He would prefer to build the bridges out of natural material on the site.

The Cable Trail meeting with the biologist and archaeologist will take place on the last week of April. We may hear in May on the status of the trail. There are three local trail machine operators in the area. Estimates range between \$1,000 and \$3,000 per day. Willie thinks it won't take more than one day. Paul will select the operator.

Paul couldn't submit the application for the green sticker funds this year for a multi-use parking area at Upper Burlington. He will do it for 2016.

Sue and Willie gave a talk on trail locations and maps in the Hwy 20 corridor to the Nevada County Horsemen, Inc. on Friday, April 10.

Sue put out trail maps at the Gold Country Equestrian Trailhead. Four areas were flagged to be pruned for the Lone Grave workday. There is also flagging for more extensive clearing by the Forest Service.

The Forest Service recommends that GCTC submit a date for the 2016 Poker Ride to Cecilia after this year's ride, and then again in January so we're assured of our preferred date.

Sue and Willie have six hours each at Skillman and four hours each for planning the Lone Grave workday.

Rice's Crossing - the park is 2/3 in Yuba County and 1/3 in Nevada County. Sue said that the bridge over the gully will be difficult to build and expensive. It probably won't be done this year. GCTC donated \$450 to the Rice's Crossing effort. We will be involved in planning trails so they will be suitable for horses.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Teri reported that we had \$27,509.26 in the bank in Feb. Income was \$511.76 and expenses were \$303.89. Current bank balance is \$27,717.13. Report was approved. It was generally felt that we don't need a more detailed report. Karen Schwartz wants recommendations on an independent auditor.

Old Business:

Membership - Mary Johnson reported that she was still receiving renewals. She hasn't received membership forms when people use Pay Pal. This will be fixed with the new web site. She estimated that there are about 169 members. The phone directory will be sent out as pdf to everyone on the email list.

Leaders update - Pamela Warmack is the new publicity person. There is no permanent camp cook or historian. Karen S. asked whether we need to have a historian or whether our Facebook page could replace the need for one. Irv Mazur will be the phone tree organizer. Karen and Harry Wyeth will lead the Lone Grave workday. Debbie Malloy and her husband will be the cooks and will consider being the permanent camp cooks for the rest of the season.

Website Review - Helen Harvey recommends finding a web platform other than Word Press. Of the two website designers we have information about, only one is working with Weebly. We could make changes at any time to the web page content and it produces a very user-friendly site. The Board selected a home page style and approved a contract with Punk Rock Tech owned by Britney Yunker. The motion was made by Teri, seconded by Fran with modification of timing and milestones. Approved unanimously.

The Board discussed problems with the current Facebook page, such as the inability of GCTC to make changes to the calendar. Karen Wyeth moved that we go back to the original Facebook page, take down the current one. The new FB page would become active when the web site goes live. Karen Schwartz will notify Merrill after the Board approves the first 3 pages of the web site. Seconded by Teri. Approved unanimously. The web site and the Facebook page should have links to each other both ways.

Calendar Update -

- Lone Grave Trail Work Day April 18th-The Wyeth's will send out a reminder of the workday.
- Running I Schooling Event, May 2nd, has had a number of people going. There is stillroom for more.
- Skillman Work Day, May 13, should be added to the agenda. Debbie Malloy will be the camp cook for that day. Melissa and Robert Ribley are the leaders.
- Cronan Ranch, May 9th, will be led by Merrill Kagan-Weston.
- Poker Ride, May 16th-Linda Lanzoni has only one entry so far, but the corrals are full. Email notification is not out yet. Jaede said that we don't have all previous entries in digital format. These need to be sent from a Yahoo account. Everyone should post the event on their own Facebook page to help expand the notification. Debbie is unable to be the cook for the Poker Ride. Fran Cole suggested having a food truck. Linda needs someone to camp there Friday night to welcome riders who are camping there and make sure campers end up in their correct campsite. Teri Personeni volunteered to be there. Karen Wyeth asked about printing a map of the route so people could ride it later. She, Linda and Sue will look into doing that.
- Celebration of Trails Day, May 30 - Karen S. asked whether anyone would like to lead a ride on that day at Lone Grave. No one volunteered. Jaede and Karen S. will be there at the GCTC table. Karen W. volunteered to help out with that.

- Pioneer Trail Ride - Skillman is reserved June 2-4 for the Pioneer Trail Ride and campout. Sue will get maps from Jet Lowe. There could be catering Tues. and Wed. Melissa knows a Mexican food service and will send the name to Karen S. Fran will give Karen S. the food service names from the Lacy J. Dalton event.
- East Bay Hills Trail Ride, Sept. 2-6 - Karen S. has arranged for Morris Older to speak at the May General Meeting about this ride.

Lone Grave PortaPotty Update - It has been installed and is supposed to be serviced every other week for \$90. Teri saw that it had been serviced weekly and had little toilet paper. Melissa will check into it.

Insurance paperwork errors - Karen S. will send Teri changes needed to paperwork.

Legal Compliance Checklist - Fran Cole is concerned that individual Board members are not protected against liability, and that GCTC doesn't have a Conflict of Interest Statement. Legal issues will be scheduled for the next Board meeting at an earlier time in the agenda.

New Business:

Focus Group Meeting for Donner Memorial State Park - It's scheduled for April 30 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Helen can't go. No one volunteered.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Wyeth, Secretary

GOLD COUNTRY TRAILS COUNCIL 2015 POKER RIDE

Benefits the building and maintenance of local trails, trail access parking,
horse camps and equestrian trail advocacy.



Saturday, May 16, 2015

Sign up begins at 8:30 a.m. with ride out starting at 10:00 a.m.
Ride is approximately 8 miles of easy to moderate difficulty.

Ride entry:

\$30* at ride includes BBQ, one poker hand, a raffle ticket and lots of fun!

New Low Price \$10 for juniors 12 and under

•*Pre entry by May 9th is \$25 and receive 2 free raffle tickets!

Non-riders are only \$10.00 with BBQ and a poker hand.

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Saturday May 16, 2015



Sign-ups begin at 8:30am and Ride-out at 10:00am

Hands must be turned in by 1:00pm to be counted!

Located at Skillman Campground (15 miles east of Nevada City on Hwy 20)

Ride length is approximately 8 miles of easy to moderate difficulty on beautifully wooded trails located within the Tahoe National Forest. Overnighters welcome, fee required. Camp provides some corrals, tie rails, water for horses (bring water for humans), fire rings, picnic tables and vaulted restrooms.

Entry - \$30 per person at ride - 12 and under - \$10; includes ride, meal, one poker hand and one raffle ticket.

Non-rider \$10 per person; includes meal and one poker hand. Additional poker hand \$5 each, raffle tickets \$1 each, available on the day of the ride. Fabulous prizes awarded for poker hands and raffle.

****** PRE-ENTRY (postmarked on or before May 9th) \$25.00 and receive 2 free raffle tickets! ******



Meal served after the ride (approximately 1:30 pm)

- GCTC events are non-alcoholic -

****Please remember to bring chairs****

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Entry forms can also be obtained from: www.goldcountrytrailsCouncil.org and at local feed/tack stores.

Please return **ENTIRE** form (including signature on **Release of Liability** form (see page 2) to sign-up for the **Gold Country Trails Council 2015 Poker Ride!** (NOTE: Register at the ride after May 9th.)

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Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Alternate/Cell phone: _____

Number of riders: ___ @ \$25/ea = \$ _____

Number of additional poker hands: _____

Number of non-riders: ___ @ \$10/ea = \$ _____

@ \$5/ea = \$ _____

Number of juniors: ___ @ \$10/ea = \$ _____

Campsite # days: ___ @ \$23/day = \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

***Campsite Must Be Reserved prior to Registration**

**RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY
GCTC 2015 Poker Ride**

This is a binding legal document. Read it carefully before signing below.

I understand that the Gold Country Trails Council sponsors and organizes a variety of events, including, but not limited to, equestrian trail rides and overnight campouts, trail building and work days, tack sales, membership meetings, potluck dinners, and other social events. Gold Country Trails Council events are non-alcoholic.

In consideration of the acceptance of my application for membership in the Council or permission to participate in these events, I agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Gold Country Trails Council, its officers, members, agents, employees, and representatives, from and against all claims, suits, actions, or liabilities (including any of the foregoing by way of indemnification or contribution), for personal injuries, property damage or loss, death, or for attorney fees, which are based on or arise out of my participation in such events. This release applies to all such claims, suits, actions, or liabilities, even though they may arise out of or be based on the negligence, lack of care, or other fault on the part of the persons listed above.

In signing this release I acknowledge that (a) equestrian events and activities involving horses involve risks which may result in serious personal injuries, property damage or loss, or death, (b) that trails and areas for equestrian events may consist of rough trails, steep or unstable terrain, water hazards, wild animals, and other natural or manmade obstacles and dangers, and that I may expect to encounter such areas in their natural condition without any preparation or safeguards designed for equestrian activities, and (c) that horses themselves may create dangers because of kicking, running away, throwing riders off, and other disruptive and uncontrollable behaviors.

I am sufficiently skilled in riding horses, and am sufficiently physically fit, to participate in the equestrian events listed above.

This release is binding on my heirs, executors, administrators, and personal representatives.

DATED: _____, 20____ DATED: _____, 20 ____

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY ON BEHALF OF MINOR

I, the undersigned parent or guardian of _____, address: _____
_____, age(s): _____, have read, and having legal authority to do so, agree to all of the foregoing provisions of the **RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY** on behalf of such minor and myself. I authorize any supervisory personnel to consent on my behalf to any necessary emergency medical treatment for such minor by a properly licensed or qualified person, and I agree to indemnify and hold harmless any persons giving such consent in accordance with the foregoing **RELEASE FROM ALL LIABILITY**.

DATED: _____, 20____ DATED: _____, 20 ____

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____

DATED: _____, 20____ DATED: _____, 20 ____

SIGNATURE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____ PRINTED NAME: _____