

Things to do if you are hosting a ride:

1. Ride the proposed trail. You will need to create a flyer and have it sent out to the membership about 1 to 2 months in advance. (Our web tech will help get this out to members.) As the host, you should ride the proposed trail at least 2 weeks prior to the ride to make sure it is rideable.
2. What you need on your flyer:
 - DATE
 - WHERE
 - TIME OF RIDE OUT
 - LENGTH OF RIDE
 - LEVEL OF RIDE
 - DESCRIPTIONS--ARE SHOES REQUIRED, WATER CROSSINGS, ETC
 - DIRECTIONS
 - RSVP IF NECESSARY
 - CONTACT INFO OF THE RIDE HOST
3. Send the ride flyer to the Ride Coordinator at ridecoordinator@redshankriders.com who will double check that everything is on it. When complete the flyer will be sent to our web tech for the website, calendar and to email all members,
 - a. 2 months ahead if possible
 - b. Newsletter submission deadline is the 24th of each month.
4. Trail host must contact a board member one week prior to the ride to get a current membership list.
5. Liability & Insurance: Determine if the ride is for members only. If it is an open ride, please contact the Vice President who is in charge of insurance to determine if we need to pay for the insurance and for the necessary insurance paperwork and
6. You will need the following :
 - ✓ EXTRA MEMBERSHIP FORMS (attached, also can be found on the website)
 - ✓ RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM (sent a board member and will need to be signed by all in attendance)
 - ✓ TRAIL GUIDELINES (attached)
 - ✓ RIDE LEVEL DESCRIPTION (attached)

RIDE LEVEL DESCRIPTION

- ❖ **Level I:** Good for inexperienced riders/ horses. The terrain will be relatively level with no obstacles. Good exercise for out of shape horses and becoming familiar with riding in a group. Easy pace.
- ❖ **Level II:** This level recommended for an inexperienced rider and green horses. The terrain will be more demanding than level I with a few obstacles that can easily be crossed. Pace will be easy.
- ❖ **Level III:** This level NOT recommended for the inexperienced rider/ green horses or out of shape horses. The terrain will be challenging and the pace quicker than level I-II. The obstacles will not be suited for green horses. However, the average rider and horse will have no problem with this level.
- ❖ **Level IV:** Level IV: This level will be more suited for the advanced rider and horse. The terrain will be moderate - difficult at times. The obstacles will be safe for the calm experienced horse and rider only. Your horse will need to be shod and in good physical shape and.
- ❖ **Level V:** This level will be considered advanced for horse/rider. The terrain will be moderate to difficult. The obstacles will be considered hazardous with an out of control horse. The pace will be steady, long and demanding at times. Your horse must be in top condition and be shod.

REDSHANK RIDERS TRAIL RIDE GUIDELINES

1. Be ready at ride-out time. Please do not be late and hold everyone up.
2. No horses or mules move out until all riders are mounted.
3. Never ride ahead of the trail boss. If you plan to leave the ride before completion, notify the trail boss or drag rider.
4. Do not ride nose to tail on the trail. Maintain a reasonably safe distance.
5. A red ribbon is required if your horse or mule kicks.
6. Please be considerate of fellow riders and their mounts. Understand problems do occur.
7. If a problem arises, please notify the trail boss or drag rider.
8. Do not race or run your horse by other riders. Ask the rider in front of you if you may pass, then do so at a walk.
9. Do not run up hill.
10. No dogs or stallions allowed on the trail.
11. No smoking while on the trail.
12. No drinking alcoholic beverages while on the trail.
13. Stay on designated trails.
14. Do not stop on narrow trails, especially ledge trails. Trail boss will try not to stop unless it is safe for all riders.
15. If we come upon a closed gate, please close gate after we pass. If gate was open, leave open.
16. Observance of all County and State Park rules will be mandatory on their premises.
17. All riders must sign in prior to ride.
18. Unless otherwise noted you must be a BCHC member to ride, non-members may join prior to the ride.
19. Practice Gentle Use. Leave a clean trailhead or camp, free of all manure and trash.
20. Minors (under 18) must wear helmet.
21. The unit president, vice president and/or trail boss will enforce these guidelines.

Red Shank Riders: Release from Liability Date: _____

I acknowledge that horseback riding is a sport, which carries inherent risks of injury and damage to my horse, my property, and myself. I knowingly assume all risks, whether known or unknown, of horseback riding.

I hereby release the Redshank Riders BCHC and Ride Hosts from all liability for any act of negligence or want of ordinary care on the part of Redshank Riders BCHC. In consideration of my participation in events organized or sponsored by Redshank Riders BCHC, I waive, release and discharge Redshank Riders BCHC, Ride Hosts and their directors, officers, agents and members, their representatives, heirs, executors and assigns from any and all claims of liability for injury or damage to myself, my animals or my property arising out of my participation. This agreement is binding upon my executors, heirs and assigns. I expressly waive any rights I may have under California Civil Code 542, which states: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him might have materially affected his settlement with the debtor." I agree that I will indemnify and hold harmless Redshank Riders BCHC, Ride Hosts and their officers, directors, members and agents against all claims, demands, and causes of action, including court costs and actual attorney fees, arising from any proceeding or lawsuits brought by or prosecuted for my benefit, in which this release is upheld. BCHC Redshank Riders, ride hosts and its' agents or employees shall not be held liable for any damage which may occur from any cause or as a result of fire, theft, running away, state of health, injury to person, horse or property. I acknowledge that I have read this RELEASE OF LIABILITY, know, and understand its contents.

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