Pony Express Legacy & Obstacle Challenge - Ride Rules

Camp fee per site: $55 for 2 nights, $75 for 3 nights or $30 for 1 night
Reservation Needed: CowboyCampground@gmail.com
Ride fee per rider/horse combo: $25 per run,   2nd Run: $20 same horse
Additional horse same rider: $20
Challenge Race Team Fee: $60   Think of a unique Team Name!   You can always look for team members at the event.
Legacy Park Riders Association members receive $5 off each class.

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No Refund for Weather Conditions, we will reschedule a week later in case of excessive rain/mud and will contact attendees.
Please bring layers, the month of September can have lower temps or rain.
We take Venmo, Check, Cash, Credit Card with fees paying paid by customer. Your spot will be secured after receiving full payment - 1st Come, 1st Serve!
If space remains, you can sign up onsite and add classes also. Limited to 40 Riders in each Class & 30 Teams of 3 Riders for the Challenge Race!
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There will be NO walk through for any of the obstacle courses, it's called a challenge after all.
There will be a pre-ride of the Pony Express course, Sunday morning after breakfast, only one this year!

Classes will run in order of listing, don't be late, no gate holds, be ready to ride. Horses are limited to ride the course for a max. of 2 times, with the same or different rider. Each entry must be paid before receiving Ride Entry Letter/#.
No alcohol may be consumed during the event, per our insurance rules. Dogs need to be leashed.

Obstacle Challenges are to be ridden on horseback, if rider dismounts at anytime during the course (except if challenge asks for it) horse and rider will DQ for that round.

Three Rider Team Race - Longest Course, 3 different trails. When passing the mail bag, if it drops while handing it over, the "delivery rider" has to dismount, retrieve bag, hand it back to the Rider and the rider continues the pony express race.

Horse/Rider Individual Race/Trail Course - Short Course, taking place at Rodeo Arena.

Goal: When riding this event, horse & rider aim for the Fastest Time and Highest Points for the obstacles.

Each obstacle will count for 3 points. For every refusal, judges will subtract a point from the score sheet.
Horses are allowed 3 tries per obstacle. After 3 refusals, judges will have you move on. Additional tries will be a total DQ if the judge moved you on.

Young Buckaroo (11 & under) Trails Obstacle Challenge - *Buckle Sponsor: TBA*
This timed event is more challenging for riders and horses. The course consists of several obstacles, which may include carrying an item, putting on a slicker, side passing, dropping balls into buckets, dismounting/remounting, backing, small jumps and will be more challenging obstacles. But don't forget the Mail and to deliver it. Walk/Trot Only.
Be the fastest to deliver the mailbag while completing all obstacles and Win**!** Helmets Encouraged!

Young Buckaroo (17 & under) & Open Youth Trail Obstacle Challenge - *Buckle Sponsor: TBA*
This timed event is more challenging for riders and horses. The course consists of several obstacles, which may include carrying an item, putting on a slicker, side passing, dropping balls into buckets, dismounting/remounting, backing, small jumps and will be more challenging obstacles. But don't forget the Mail and to deliver it.
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Greenhorn Trail Obstacle Challenge - *Buckle Sponsor: TBA*
This timed event gives beginner riders of any age and horses the opportunity to compete at an entry level standard. The course consists of several obstacles, which might include carrying an item, side passing, dropping balls into buckets, backup and more easier items. No dismounting. But don't forget the Mail and to deliver it.
Be the fastest to deliver the mailbag while completing all obstacles and short race track (at your own comfortable speed) and Win! May only enter the Greenhorn Pony Express Race, designated Walk/Trot Only.

Amateur Trail Obstacle Challenge - *Buckle Sponsor: TBA*
This timed event is more challenging for riders and horses. The course consists of several obstacles, which may include carrying an item, mounting/dismounting, side passing, putting on a slicker, dropping balls into buckets, backing, small jumps, carrying a flag, dragging an item and will be more challenging. But don't forget the Mail and to deliver it.
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Cowboss Trail Obstacle Challenge - *Buckle Sponsor: TBA*
This timed event is more challenging for riders and horses. The course consists of several obstacles, which may include carrying an item,mounting/dismounting, side passing, putting on a slicker, dropping balls into buckets, backing, small jumps, carrying a flag and will be more challenging. But don't forget the Mail and to deliver it.
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Pony Express "Legacy" Greenhorn Team Challenge - *3 Buckles will be awarded - Buckle Sponsor(s): TBA*
This timed event is the most challenging for riders and horses. The course consists of several obstacles, which might include backing, loping, side passing, dropping balls in to buckets and more skilled items and might carrying an object or touching a flag. And riders will ride a pre-defined, marked pony express course. Don't forget the Mail & deliver it. This team event will have 3 separate courses, one mostly speed and agility, one a little slower to keep the trail in tact. The mail has to be passed between the team members at the speed you are comfortable with, remember speed is of the essence. If mail bag gets dropped, the "delivery rider" has to dismount, retrieve bag, hand it back to the Rider & the rider continues the pony express race. Be the fastest to deliver the mailbag, completing all obstacles, the speed trail &Win! Walk/Trot Only. Loping will cause a 10 second time penalty each time, DQ if lope is not corrected right away.

Pony Express "Legacy" Youth Team Challenge - *3 Buckles will be awarded - Buckle Sponsor(s): TBA*
This timed event is the most challenging for riders and horses. The course consists of several obstacles, which might include backing, loping, side passing, dropping balls in to buckets and more skilled items and might include or toughing a flag. And riders will ride a pre-defined, marked pony express course. Don't forget the Mail & deliver it. This team event will have 3 separate courses, one mostly speed and agility, one a little slower to keep the trail in tact. The mail has to be passed between the team members at the speed you are comfortable with, remember speed is of the essence. If mail bag gets dropped, the "delivery rider" has to dismount, retrieve bag, hand it back to the Rider & the rider continues the pony express race. Be the fastest to deliver the mailbag, completing all obstacles, the speed trail &Win! **Helmets Encouraged!**

Pony Express "Legacy" Team Challenge - *3 Buckles will be awarded - Buckle Sponsor(s): TBA*
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Pony Express "Legacy" Jackpot Team Challenge - *Winning Team Takes The Money! $10 per Rider, bring $$ at start of race time!*
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The History

The Pony Express was an American express mail service that used relays of horse-mounted riders. It operated from April 3, 1860, to October 26, 1861.

With only two months to make the Pony Express a reality, the team of William H. Russell, Alexander Majors and William B. Waddell had their hands full in January 1860. Over 100 stations, 400-500 horses and enough riders were needed - at an estimated cost of $70,000.

But on April 3, 1860, the first official delivery began at the eastern terminus of the Pony Express in St. Joseph, Missouri. Amid great fanfare and with many dignitaries present, a mail pouch containing 49 letters, five telegrams and miscellaneous papers was handed to a rider. At 7:15 p.m., a cannon was fired and the rider bolted off to a waiting ferry boat.

The Pony Express was set up to provide a fresh horse every 10-15 miles and a fresh rider every 75-100 miles. 75 horses were needed total to make a one-way trip. Average speed was 10 miles per hour.

On April 9 at 6:45 p.m., the first rider from the east reached Salt Lake City, Utah. Then, on April 12, the mail pouch reached Carson City, Nevada at 2:30 p.m.

The riders raced over the Sierra Nevada Mountains, through Placerville, California and on to Sacramento. Around midnight on April 14, 1860, the first mail pouch was delivered via the Pony Express to San Francisco.

Despite the success and approval of the public, the Pony Express was by no means a trouble-free operation after the first delivery. Costs and difficulties of maintaining the extensive network of stations, people and horses were numerous. Yet the Pony Express, with the exception of delays caused by the Pyramid Lake War, stayed in operation until the telegraph's arrival in 1861.

Pledge for Pony Express Riders

I do hereby swear before the Great and Living God, that during my engagement, and while I am an employee of the Pony Express Company, I will, under no circumstances, use profane language, that I will drink no intoxicating liquors, that I will not quarrel or fight with any other employee of the firm, and that in every respect, I will conduct myself honestly, be faithful to my duties and so direct all my acts to the confidence of my employees, so help me God!