

Spring Ride

The Spring Ride started in 1986 in the beautiful Santa Barbara Mountains. After 4 years the Ride started its move throughout Southern California. Locations for this popular ride have included Frazier Park, Hart Bar, Tehachapi, Big Bear, Cuyamaca, Grade Valley, Pine Valley, McCall Park near Hemet and Pt Reyes near San Francisco. The Spring Ride is a week long “Wagon Wheel” ride; base camp is set up at one location and different trail rides are offered each day.

Gwen Allen created and chaired this Ride with Suzie Corrales and Sandy Hendricks as co-chairs. Tom Kirsch took the reins in 1989, with Alice Sutton as co-chair, and then



Patty Hug took over from Alice. Patty and Tom worked together on this ride for 10 years. Then Linda Fullerton took over the reins, followed by Debbie Foster and presently by Bob Foster as the current chairperson. All of them have kept up ETI’s great tradition of trail riding.

The week starts Sunday night with the distribution of the hay for the horses and a delicious dinner for the humans. There is a short introduction meeting about a few rules and times for eating. Monday starts the week with a hot breakfast before a great day of riding. The evenings begin with appetizers then a delicious dinner. The evening is finished with a campfire and the usual stories and maybe a song or two.

Staying at one camp makes for a lot of fun. On Wednesday there is the, all too much fun, Horseshoe tournament. This is a must. Everyone’s name is drawn to pair him or her up for the play offs. With the crowd on the side lines cheering you on, it is a lot of fun to watch, as most participants have never played horseshoes before the ride. Spring Ride has its own rules, so the competition is high right down to the finals. The Champions are presented with very unique awards, as the crowd roars.



On Friday it’s hard to believe the week is over. The riding is usually a little shorter to give everyone a chance to get ready for the evenings festivities. After the final gourmet dinner together, awards are given along with the Ride pins and the party begins. Saturday

morning before everyone is on the way home, riders have their last catered meal, breakfast.



What a way to spend a week, beautiful scenery, great food, wonderful crew, seeing old friends and making new ones. It is a fantastic ride. So come join us for the 2010 Spring Ride when we ride the mountain and meadow trails at Big Bear.

This ride changes location every couple of years so you can never get tired of riding the same places. But it does return to our favorite places every few years also.

For more information don't hesitate to call our Chair or the ETI office for this ride.

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