

2007 Billy's Last Ride
Trail Ride
April 21st to April 28th, 2007
Suggested Equipment List

1. Horse, fresh shod and legged up.
2. Tack – **Saddle** that fits your horses withers well, neither pinching nor smashing. **Brush/ curry comb, bridle, halter & lead shank or rope, hobbles, breast collar, saddle pad, **candle/saddlebag, pommel bag, feed bag, water bucket(s) with snaps.** Note – Check your cinch, saddle blanket, and latigos. Make sure they are clean and soft.
3. Bedroll. The nights will be cold and the ground is hard. Bring a pad for greater comfort.
4. Change of clothes, slicker*(1) (we are praying for rain), warm layers, jacket, and gloves.
5. Overnight case – don't forget any medications.
6. Hat, bandana, wild rag*(2), stampede string*(3), sunglasses, sunscreen, & Chap Stick. Have a plan to keep your hat on in the wind. We will experience New Mexico wind and you will need to keep your hat on to prevent sunburn and heat stress. If you are not from our area, you may not understand New Mexico Sun (its serious).
7. Camera, extra film, fresh batteries.
8. Flash light – fresh batteries.
9. Snacks – (snack mixes that include nuts, raisins, and candy coated chocolate are good, as are granola bars and jerky)
10. A canteen is mandatory. A two-quart canteen is optimum. We will have plenty of water at the camps and will have access to water at noon on most days.
11. You will be given a 29x17x17 Rubbermaid tote that will be for all your personals. Everything except what you have on your horse and what is in your bedroll will need to fit in it. If you want to carry a small tent or cot make sure it fits in the tote.

NOTES

**** CANTLE/SADDLE BAG** This is critical . . . since you will be carrying a sack lunch and water EVERY DAY !!

(1) A **SADDLE SLICKER** is a long raincoat that commonly is attached to your saddle cantle with leather saddle strings. Its function is to keep you, and your saddle warm and dry. It will also promote bucking if your horse is not used to it especially in the wind.

(2) A **WILD RAG** is a cowboy scarf. It is at least a yard square and made of silk. It serves to keep your neck warm, your ears covered, your hat on, and when dipped in water it will keep you cool.

(3) A **STAMPEDE STRING** attaches to your hatband and serves to keep your hat on by securing under your chin. Some would say it only keeps your hat off the ground so you don't have to get off to pick it up.

HORSE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Please be advised that you will be required to meet New Mexico guidelines for horse movement. We will be traveling across more than one district so you will have to have your brand inspection papers with you. This applies to states with brand laws. If you are unsure of these requirements, contact with your local Brand Inspector.

- Out of state horses will have to have a coggins test that is 6 months or less old, plus a current health paper (certificate). Be sure your horse is sound enough to pass **our** Vet Check when you arrive in Fort Sumner, New Mexico. Arrange for your vet to do a through physical examination of your horse. This is a strenuous ride for both horse & rider.

*** All horses will have to pass our personal inspection before they are allowed to go on the ride. This includes your ability to handle and ride them. Kim Chesser and Rex Buchman will be the final authority on this subject.** We do not intend to be hard to get along with, but we are very interested in you and your horse's safety. Keep in mind that this is a strenuous ride for both horse & rider.