

## NOTICE OF HAZARDS, COVID-19, AND ADDENDUM TO RELEASE OF LIABILITY

### CHALK ROCK ENDURANCE RIDE

Please read the following carefully. By signing below, you waive rights to claim liability in the event of accident or injury.

#### HAZARDS:

1. **Ranch Activities:** Chalk Mountain Ranch is a working ranch, on which raising of cattle and harvest of timber take place. The ranch will engage in these activities during the time of the ride. Riders may expect harvesting and transport of timber as well as roundup of cattle in areas that have been designated for the ride. Chalk Mountain Ranch DOES NOT maintain its property for recreational use.
2. **Natural Hazards:** Chalk Mountain Ranch is largely land in its natural state. As such, trail footing may be uneven, and natural hazards – known and unknown – may be present. Such hazards may include unstable soil, potentially dangerous plants such as poison oak, rocks or trees/brush on trails, and wildlife such as bears and mountain lions.
3. **Identification of hazards:** Ride volunteers have made an effort to place trail markings – ribbon and signage – to guide riders. This marking may be incomplete or, in some cases, may have been disturbed or removed by cattle, timber harvest or other ranch activities. Volunteers have endeavored to mark SOME BUT NOT ALL known trail hazards. Some such hazards include washouts/undercuts of trail, poison oak growth and a place where the trail crosses an active mountain slide. The owners and employees of Chalk Mountain Ranch LLC have had no role in marking trail or identifying hazards.

#### COVID-19:

I understand and acknowledge that COVID-19 is a global pandemic. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States constitutes a national emergency. The mode by which COVID-19 is transmitted or how long it remains on surfaces is not entirely known. I understand and acknowledge that COVID-19 is a public health risk, and Redwood Empire Endurance Riders (REER) and ride managers and volunteers putting on AERC/REER sanctioned endurance rides (Ride(s)) cannot guarantee my safety or immunity from infection.

#### RIDE SPONSORSHIP AND RIDE MANAGEMENT:

The sponsorship and management of this ride is by a small group of volunteer members of a social club, Redwood Empire Endurance Riders (REER), and is sanctioned by the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC). Although some club members/volunteers may have substantial experience in the sport, others may have little or none. They may only have interest but little skill or knowledge. The owners and employees of Chalk Mountain Ranch LLC have no role in this event.

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**RIDERS', VOLUNTEERS' AND OTHERS' RESPONSIBILITY:**

Riders, volunteers and accompanying others accept and acknowledge by signing below all responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their horses. This acceptance is done with full knowledge that endurance riding is a dangerous sport and that substantial judgement is required of the rider, volunteer and others. It is also done with full knowledge that COVID-19 infection represents a real and present threat.

By signing below, the rider, volunteer or accompanying other releases of all liability the property owner: Chalk Mountain Ranch LLC and its successor and/or assigns, the ride's sponsor and ride management: AERC, REER and individual ride managers and volunteers. This release applies not only to the rider or volunteer and others who accompany but all heirs and assigns.

**DECLARATION AND ACCEPTANCE:**

With full appreciation of these facts, I voluntarily agree to participate in this Ride as a rider, volunteer or accompanying other. In consideration for my participation, I knowingly and voluntarily assume all risks associated with my participation at the Ride, including but not limited to, the risk of illness, death, bodily injury, disability, or exposure or infection with COVID-19.

With full understanding of the aforementioned risks, I knowingly and voluntarily waive and release Chalk Mountain Ranch LLC its successors and/or assigns, AERC, REER, the manager of the Ride, and all Ride volunteers, agents, and attendees from all present and future claims of any type for any harm or loss, including but not limited to economic loss, personal injury, disease, death or property damage, suffered by me as a result of my participation at the Chalk Rock Endurance Ride. I agree to indemnify, hold harmless and covenant not to sue Chalk Mountain Ranch LLC its successors and/or assigns, AERC, REER, the managers of the Ride, all Ride volunteers, agents, and attendees for any personal injury, death, medical expenses, disability, loss of capacity, property damage, court costs, attorney's fees, or other loss arising out of my participation at a Ride.

By my signature below, I certify that I have read and fully understand this waiver and release and understand that it affects my legal rights. I understand and acknowledge that this waiver and release shall be binding on me, my heirs, family, estate, representatives and assigns. If I am signing on behalf of a minor child, I fully intend that all such waivers be fully applicable to said child, and I assume the risk of said child participating at the Ride.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Rider/Volunteer/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Minor Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of Minor Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_