

July 12, 2010

Dear Tevis Rider

Welcome to the 55th running of the Western States "Tevis Cup 100 Miles in One Day" Trail Ride, fondly known as the "Tevis Cup." The documents enclosed in this packet contain vital information regarding your participation in this event. Please familiarize yourself with the information contained in the booklet *Rules of the Western States Ride - Including Ride Policies and Ride Medication Policy* for yourself and your crew. The success and ease of your ride will be increased with your familiarity of the rules and guidelines contained in the booklet.

1. Rider numbers will be assigned one to two weeks prior to the ride.
2. Please complete the: (1) Participant's Emergency Information Form, (2) Mini-Biography, (3) Squaw Valley Ski Corp. Liability Release Agreement, and (4) the Lyon Peak LLC Liability Release Agreement **before** you go to Registration and have them ready to present to the Check-in Staff on Friday, July 23, 2010.
3. If you are coming from out-of-state, please check with your local veterinarian about requirements for taking horses across state lines and into California **and regularly check our website [www.teviscup.org](http://www.teviscup.org) for updates** such as fire conditions, etc.
4. Inform your crewmembers of information described in the Rules booklet and in several other documents in the packet. Remind them to take care of themselves, and you, with food and drink throughout the weekend.
5. Only one vehicle per rider is allowed into Robinson Flat. "Buddy up" or car-pool, if possible. The Ride will provide a shuttle from Saylor Flat to Robinson Flat.
6. We salute the Junior Riders and their Sponsors. Juniors and Sponsors must be familiar with the sponsorship rules listed in the Rules booklet, including the Change of Sponsor form.
7. Because there may be last-minute changes to rider or crew information, it is **mandatory** that you attend the Pre-Ride meeting at Robie Park on Friday, July 23rd, at 7:00 PM at the banquet area.
8. **Make arrangements in advance for shuttling your rig out of Robie Park.** **Please inform your crew – NOT TO START THEIR ENGINE OR MOVE VEHICLES ON THE ROADS IN ROBIE PARK PRIOR TO 5:30 AM ON RIDE MORNING.** Headlights and maneuvering vehicles create an unnecessary hazard to riders as they assemble for the start of the Ride.
9. The farriers will be charging for their services during the Ride. If you use specialized shoes/pads, please bring spares in the event they are needed.
10. Should your horse require veterinary treatment during or after the Western States Trail Ride, you are directly responsible to the attending Veterinarian for payment.
11. Cut-off times *to leave a vet stop/check point* will be strictly adhered to; become very familiar with these **in and out times**. This information can be found for review on the enclosed Check Point Card.

Lastly, don't think of the Tevis as 100 miles! Ride each section in increments with planning that is specific for that section of trail. Give your horse and yourself time to regroup prior to each vet check, demonstrate patience and courtesy, and enjoy the horse you are on, the trail you traverse, the compatriots who are sharing the trail with you, and the experience only known as "The Tevis."

From the Board of Governors, the 750+ volunteers, and myself, thank you for participating, and have a great ride!

Sincerely

Mike Pickett  
Ride Director 2010