

Dear Friend,



- ◆ California State Horsemen's Association Incorporated (C.S.H.A. INC.) was founded in 1942 by eight Bay Area equestrian organizations and associations committed to equestrians having access and positive experiences in parks and on trails in California.
- ◆ Today C.S.H.A. INC. has wide range of programs in many equestrian disciplines. One of these programs is the C.S.H.A. INC. State Endurance Program founded in 1972 to promote distance riding and horsemanship in distance riding.



- ◆ Endurance is a sport in which horse and rider compete over a course ranging from 25 to 100 miles within a maximum time limit. There are strict veterinarian controls at all the rides. A horse must pass a vet check before, during and after the ride. Endurance riders can compete at a regional, national or international level. Endurance riding is sport families can do together and is a great way to teach kids about good sportsmanship and responsibility.
- ◆ C.S.H.A. INC. State Endurance Program provides a High Point Buckle awards program for our members that rewards riders who succeed in completing many rides each season with a sound and healthy horse. Points are taken from endurance rides that participants complete that are sanctioned by the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) We are involved in helping promote Endurance riding by holding educational events to help horsemen and women who want to learn more about the sport of Endurance Riding
- ◆ Annually on the last weekend in June, CSHA Endurance puts on the Gold Miner's Campout and Scavenger Hunt, in Weaverville CA. This is a free event for all trail users, to educate everyone that we can all share trails and participate in outdoor trail recreation together.
- ◆ On July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend in Weaverville CA, we have 25, 15 and 10 mile CSHA Endurance Education Rides along with the La Grange Ditch 50 Mile AERC Endurance Ride and The Weaver Basin Express 25 and 50 mile AERC Endurance Rides . Rides are fund-raiser events that benefit our new Campground in Weaverville CA (construction expenses), CSHA's Endurance Program, AERC Trails Fund, Trinity County Resource Conservation District (TCRCD), and also funds some of the expenses for the Free Gold Miner's Campout and Scavenger Hunt the weekend before.
- ◆ Another event we are managing is a 2 day AERC Endurance Ride, Campout and Fun ride at Ruth Lake on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 called the Trinity River Challenge. For the past 4 years, volunteers have been restoring old pack train trails we use on the ride with the cooperation of the Shasta Trinity and Six Rivers National Forest Service. Any profit from this ride will be used to help with trail restoration on South Fork Mountain in Trinity County and improvements for equestrians at the Barlow Group Campground in Ruth CA.

- ◆ All CSHA and AERC events in Trinity County are free to kids 17 and under. In 2015 the CSHA Gold Miner's Campout and Scavenger Hunt is free to adults as well as kids.. These events are meant to draw in recreational users to Trinity County to benefit the local economy, and to provide a family friendly, healthy, outdoor activity to locals and non locals alike. We are committed to providing outdoor recreational and educational events that are affordable. This is made possible by the generous help from donations and sponsors.
- ◆ In addition to these CSHA and AERC events put on by the CSHA Endurance Chair, there are many other AERC Endurance Rides in California that are managed by CSHA Endurance members. These managers give back to our program by donating entries to our CSHA Endurance Fund Raising Raffles. CSHA Endurance supports our fellow CSHA Endurance member AERC ride managers by donating awards to their events as funds allow. In 2015 we are going to work on funding and creating a grant program for AERC ride managers that are CSHA Endurance members and run their rides as a fund raiser for a charitable cause.
- ◆ CSHA Endurance is a Silver Level Sponsor of AERC. We provide 2 Silver Gist Buckles each year for winners the AERC Bob and Julie Suhr Husband and Wife Team Award.
- ◆ CSHA Endurance fund-raises and donates money to the C.S.H.A. INC. Charitable Trust for Youth Royalty Scholarships each year as funds allow.
- ◆ CSHA Endurance members put in many hours of volunteer time in clearing and maintaining trails as well as attending planning meetings across the state.
- ◆ CSHA Endurance is working on the construction of a new public group camp in Weaverville CA. We are collaborating with the TCRC and USDA Shasta Trinity Forest Service. In 2014 CSHA Endurance constructed a access road around the campground site on Musser Hill. We blocked off the road that we built with large stumps after our event in 2014. Our next steps will be to add gates and rock barriers to protect the area. We will be looking to raise funds for the gate and rock barriers then for road surfacing and other improvements such as water on site and vault toilets.
- ◆ Sharing the trails with a favorite equine partner, family and friends can be great therapy, both physically and mentally. Enjoying the outdoors is a healthy experience. Endurance is the perfect way to explore this all with family, friends and horses.
- ◆ C.S.H.A. INC. is a 501 3c Non Profit California Public Benefit Corporation, your sponsorship or donation is tax deductible and a receipt will be provided. Please make check out to CSHA and mail to Audra Homicz C.S.H.A. INC. State Endurance Chairwoman PO Box 581 Weaverville CA 96093.