

WEST COAST ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE CLUB
APRIL 19-24, 2012
INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS TO EVENT LOCATIONS

Northcote residence – Ranchita Estates- Campground location
1500 Big Baldy Way, Arroyo Grande (805) 481-1905

Coming from the South or the North, take Highway 101 to Arroyo Grande, California. Get off at the exit marked Lopez Lake (also marked Highway 227) and proceed EAST through the village of Arroyo Grande to the three way **stop sign**. (It's a good idea to gas up at that exit. There are three gas stations at that exit that have good access for trucks with trailers). (Vallero Gas Station one block west of Grand Ave Exit has Diesel Fuel).

At the three way stop sign just beyond the village, turn right and follow the signs that guide you to Lopez Lake. From that intersection it is 18 miles to Ranchita Estates and the Northcote's ranch.

As you arrive at the East (far) end of the lake, you will cross a large bridge. Just past the end of the bridge turn RIGHT onto Hi Mountain Road. Follow the Hi Mountain road signs (at the road split about a mile beyond the lake turnoff, stay to the right). You will pass through Rancho Arroyo Grande for several miles, then finally enter Ranchita Estates. Some road signs to watch out for cross over a wooden ½ mile to Big Baldy and then a cattle guard is 1/3 of a mile to Big Baldy Way. Turn left at *Big Baldy Way (Big Baldy Way is across from a string of mailboxes and you will see a sign that says you are entering a private road of Ranchita Estates). As you are driving on Big Baldy Way at each intersection keep to the right. You will dead end into Northcote's Paradise ranch.

***Please Note:** Big Baldy Way is a private road. The road has just had some upgrades, drainage, base on the side of the road, white reflectors and road improvement on the turn to the Northcote's.

In the past, a few people are letting their trailers go off the road then hit reflectors and move the base onto the road. This also breaks down the shoulder of the road.

Please be aware these are Private Roads and the speed limit is 15 MPH road (as posted) and keep their trucks and trailers on the road.

There is a pool, Jacuzzi, and a bathhouse with toilets and showers. There is also an outdoor kitchen with electricity, two burners, hot water, a microwave and BBQ. These are available for use throughout the week.

Current shots and worming for your horse(s) recommended before arrival.

Things To Be Done:

- Sign Up Sheet Form
- Please Pre-sign up for the Trail Course Event
- Need to sign one waiver. Sign, fill-out and return all postmarked by April 10, 2012
- Bring a "Turquoise" Shirt/Pants/Boots/Jewelry/Outfit for the Ride to the Winery. Prizes for best dressed Women, Men and Couple!!!
- Bring your clean tack: saddles, pads, bridles to the Tack Sale!
- Bring money or credit cards to purchase wine at the winery. Wine Transportation back to the Northcotes will be provided.
- Bring a Helmet (Required to ride on the Trail Course) Juniors are required to have a helmet and boot with a heel when riding at all times.
- Print out Event Schedule before you arrive (Subject to change).

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For RMHA Certification: This exam procedure will be available. Schedule an exam time in advance by contacting Linda Clarke at (805) 441-7231 or email ljclarke@thegrid.net. Bring your horse's ORIGINAL registration papers and a check to be made out to RMHA. The Fee Schedule is on the RMHA Website. The horse must be shod on all four feet or not shod on any feet for certification to be valid. The horse must be rideable and you (or someone else you authorize) will be required to ride it.

Horse Stuff: Water/feed/muck buckets, horse blankets (it can be cool at night), hay, grain/feed, shavings (if you want to put them in your corral), pooper scooper, lead rope, halter, saddle, saddle blanket, bridle, breast collar, pommel pack/cante bags, long tie rope for tying to trees at the winery or at lunch on the trail. Horse water is available at camp. Farm Supply 1079 El Camino Real Arroyo Grande, CA 93420-2518 (805) 489-5514 store is at the East end of Arroyo Grande. If you forget anything, or need to purchase hay, grain or shavings, stop there before you leave town for camp.

People Stuff: Helmets recommended; Required for riders Sunday Trail Course; If on a horse, Juniors are required to wear helmets and a boot with a heel at all times. Folding chair, rain gear, light jacket, warm jacket, riding clothes, boots, mud shoes, warm blankets, hat, gloves, rain gear (in case of cool or rainy weather), your food (see below), snacks and bottled water/drinks. Camping gear/shower stuff, swim suit, large towel and shower shoes for the pool area. Cell phone and power cord. Cell phone coverage is not the best, however, they do work when you are at a higher location. Carry it when riding and at the top of a mountain, call home. Set of walkie-talkies handy if you have them. **Bring a bathing suit if you want to swim in pool /sit in Jacuzzi.**

FOOD: Meals are not provided with the exception of the following: Friday Night Dinner. Saturday BBQ Lunch at the Winery. Sunday Hot Dog Lunch, Sunday Night Dinner. Morning coffee, tea, hot chocolate and snacks in the AM.

If you plan to participate in the potluck's, (and we hope you will), please See the Event Schedule and a serving utensil. Your side dish may be hot or cold. We will provide plates, napkins and eating utensils.

The nearest feed stores, grocery stores, restaurants and gas stations are in Arroyo Grande, 18 miles from the camping and event locations. It is recommended that you purchase or bring what you need prior to arriving at the camping location.

CAMPING ITEMS: There is limited access to plug into electricity, bring along a long, heavy duty electric extension cord, just in case there is an open outlet (**this would be in addition to what is already on your rig.**) Depending on where your rig is located may be a longer distance from the electric hookups than your rig cord will stretch, and an extension cord may be necessary. Check your rig book or with your RV dealer for the recommended amperage required for an extension cord.

Suggest to bring hose(s) for water. Small BBQ for grilling, awning, outside table, extra camp chairs, flashlight(s), extra batteries, rubber shoes.