



Muckleratz Run Competitive Trail Ride, R&T, and AHA Region 15 Championship, July 25-26, 2026

Sanctioned By: ECTRA (Eastern Competitive Trail Riders Association)

Rider's name: _____ Phone: _____ ECTRA Rider # _____

(REQUIRED for mileage credit!)

Email: _____ Address: _____

Horse's name: _____ Breed: _____ ECTRA Horse # _____

Registration #: _____ Color: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____

Owner's name and address (if different): _____

DAY OF RIDE EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____ Phone: _____

Junior Rider (under 18) _____ SPONSOR _____

Novice Rider (under 100 ECTRA miles) _____ Novice Horse (under 100 ECTRA miles) _____

Do you wish to ride with anyone? _____ Ride pass/fail? Yes _____ No _____

Entries must include an entry fee and be postmarked or emailed by July 18, 2026, to get the early bird discount. After July 18, please add \$25.

	ENTRY FEE		TOTAL	
DISTANCE ENTERED	SENIOR	JUNIOR		
Saturday CDR	\$75	\$55		
Saturday CTR	\$100	\$70		
Sunday CDR	\$75	\$55		
Sunday CTR	\$100	\$70		
2-day 50	\$175	\$95		
OPTIONAL Friday night pizza dinner for riders and crew \$5 each	_____ @\$5 pp		Total Friday night pizza dinner	
EXTRA MEAL TICKET	Sat. _____ @\$10 Sun. _____ @\$10		Total EXTRA MEALS	
After July 18, add \$25.		\$25	LATE FEE	
Award sponsor \$10				
(Please indicate if for specific award.)			TOTAL	

I understand that I am held responsible for the full knowledge of ECTRA ride rules, and I agree to abide by them. I hereby release Ride Management, Officials & Volunteers, Camp Muckleratz, PA DEPT of Conservation & Natural Resources, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Eastern Competitive Trail Riding Association and its officers and members from any and all liability arising from participation in the activity and from any claim for damages which may occur to me, my horse, my property or attendants. I further release the aforementioned from any expenses arising out of any injury to any person or property caused by my horse, my attendants, or myself. I agree to allow a drug test to be done on my horse at the discretion of the judges.

Rider Signature: _____ Date _____

Owner Signature: _____ Date _____

Junior Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

(For Riders under 18 years of age)

Make checks payable to: Carolyn Blocker **Send to:** Carolyn Blocker, 2517 Vineyard Lane, Crofton, MD 21114-1113. **OR** pay fee via PayPal to MuckleratzCTR@gmail.com (choose "Sending to a friend" or "Friends and family") and email entry.



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Key Contacts

Ride Manager: Carolyn Blocker, eagleonvineyard@msn.com, 443-253-4541 (cell)

Trail Master: Diana Murphy, hawkmeadow@gmail.com, 610-420-3654

Trail Master emeritus: John Stacy, renegade.farm@gmail.com, 240-346-3640

Welcome to Muckleratz Run Competitive Trail Ride/Conditioning Distance Ride, one leg of the Keystone Classic CTR Series! Base camp is located at Camp Muckleratz, on the edge of Weiser State Forest, near Halifax and Elizabethville, PA, just 45 minutes north of Harrisburg. Jim Theurer and his family started the ride in 2008 because they wanted to share the wonderful trails.

The AHA Region 15 CTR Championship will be held on Sunday, July 26, concurrently with the regular ride. Qualified AHA members can be entered concurrently in the ECTRA CTR and R15 Championship for the same entry fee. Riders and owners in the AHA Region 15 CTR Championship must hold AHA competition cards. Horses must have Arabian or Half-Arabian/Anglo Arabian papers. Riders are responsible for knowing [AHA CTR rules](#) as described in the [AHA Handbook Chapter 16](#). Riders can also be concurrently entered in the ECTRA CTR.

Where does the name Muckleratz come from? Jim Theurer has heard two stories where the name Muckleratz came from. One is that it is a Pennsylvania Dutch word meaning “a place so quiet you can sleep like a log.” The other involves a farmer named Muckle and the large overgrown rats that ran on his farm. During the depression, when nearby residents could not afford to do anything else, they would drive by the farm to see Mr. Muckle’s rats.

Keystone Classic CTR Series: The award was started in 2025 to promote the competitive trail rides in Pennsylvania. For 2026, the award has expanded to include the Pennsylvania endurance rides. To earn the award, a rider must enter and start three of the four Pennsylvania rides. Two of the rides must be 7 Mountains CTR/CDR and Muckleratz Run CTR/CDR, and the third ride may be either Muckleratz Endurance Ride or Steel City Human vs Horse Endurance Ride. Any combination of distances, including Ride & Tie. If you enter and start three of the Keystone Classic Series rides but do not finish, you will still receive a Keystone Classic Series credit just for meeting the challenge. *As a reminder, the credit certificates awarded in 2025 must be used in 2026 and can only be used for entering 7 Mountains CTR/CDR/R&T and Muckleratz Run CTR/CDR/R&T.*

An online entry form is available at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/251909156423054>.

FOOD: There will be an **optional** Friday night pizza dinner at 6:00 p.m. The pizza dinner is **not** included in the entry fee and costs \$5 per person. The ride briefing will follow at about 6:30 p.m. A continental breakfast, dinner, and trail snacks are included in each rider’s entry **for the day they ride**. An extra meal ticket for each day may be purchased for \$10 and includes a continental breakfast and dinner (Saturday or Sunday). **Volunteers receive all their meals free!** There’s plenty of space inside and outside the clubhouse or in a pavilion to spread out and eat. (Pray for good weather!)

One key date to note: Please mail or email your entry by **July 18, 2026**, for the early bird discount. If you cancel July 19-20, \$25 will be held for an admin fee. NO REFUNDS after July 20.



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SCORING/JUDGING AND AWARDS: All riders in the 25 or 2-day 50 will be judged and scored in accordance with ECTRA rules and regulations. The CTR riders will be scored, and awards will be given for Grand Champion, Reserve Champion, and 1st -8th place. Any rider (CTR or CDR) may choose to do pass/fail, but *the rider and horse will only receive mileage credit*. Pass/fail riders do not receive a numerical score, and horses are only evaluated to make sure they are “fit to continue.” All CDR and CTR riders who finish the ride will receive a completion award. To be eligible for a breed award, include your horse’s registration information on the entry form or send a copy of the registration papers. It is the responsibility of all riders to know ECTRA’s rules, but if you have any questions, please ask! Rulebooks are available on the website: <https://www.ectra.org/rulebook/>.

JUDGES: Nick Kohut, DVM, and Dodie Sable (lay judge)

ARRIVAL: Riders may arrive at camp starting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday. Plan to arrive in time for vetting. PLEASE, no late-night arrivals for vetting! If you cannot vet in the day before you ride, please contact the ride manager. Pre-ride vetting is from 3:00-5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and the ride briefing. The CTR starts at 6:30 a.m. each day, and the CDR starts at 7:00 a.m., or 15 minutes after the last CTR rider leaves. The start times may be adjusted, if necessary. If you want to ride with someone, please note it on the entry. Juniors under 18 must ride with an adult sponsor.

CAMP RULES: *Please spread ALL manure/hay/straw in the woods and leave the grounds clean. If a campsite isn’t cleaned up, others have to do it.* Everyone is tired after the ride and wants to leave, so please take care of your own site. **All manure and hay must be thrown into the woods. If a hay or a turd fits on a manure fork, it should be picked up and thrown into the woods.** (Don’t forget a manure fork!) No fires. No smoking or littering on trails. No riding bareback at anytime, anywhere. Please carry out all your trash. Turn off generators by 10:00 p.m. Remember the Scout saying: Leave a place as clean (or cleaner) than you found it. **Riders must wear ASTM approved hard hats** anytime they are mounted.

BASE CAMP: The base camp is Camp Muckleratz, a hunting camp, located on the edge of the Weiser State Forest. The camp has over 10 acres of open field for parking and camping, a lodge with a fireplace and kitchen, a 40-bed bunkhouse with a washroom with sinks, outdoor showers, and two picnic pavilions. The lodge has outside running water, but, if possible, please bring water with you. No human water is available. The bunkhouse in the clubhouse is available to anyone, but bring your own bedding. No hookups available. *There are outdoor showers with private stalls available!*

ELIGIBILITY: For all distances, according to ECTRA guidelines, open to all equines 4 years (48 months) and older. Current negative Coggins must accompany your ride entry or be provided at check-in. (ECTRA also recommends vaccinating for EV1&4 [Rhinopneumoniosis].) Juniors (under 18) must ride with an adult sponsor.

DISQUALIFICATION: Will occur if any rider is found riding anywhere other than the marked trail; for use of any drugs before, during, or after the ride before final judging; or at the discretion of management or judges should a situation warrant. See ECTRA handbook pertaining to disqualification. Any horse requiring treatment of any



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kind, or any horse that the judges deem necessary to treat and the rider/owner refuses treatment will be disqualified. Management retains the right to drug test each day.

TRAIL: The 25-mile trail consists of two loops (13 miles and 12 miles). The trail consists primarily of state forest snowmobile trails closed to vehicles. Portions of the trail are gravel, but most are grass and moss-covered. Several short stretches may be along or cross gravel roads open to vehicles. The first loop has some brief steep stretches and some brief rocky stretches. For the 25-mile CTR, riders will do the 13-mile loop first and then the 12-mile loop. The CDR will do the 12-mile loop. **The trail is not rough, but shoes or the equivalent on all four legs are strongly recommended.** It does not have any natural water, but there will be several water stops, including a hospitality stop at the picnic grounds with a bathroom in about the middle of each loop. This state forest is also popular with mountain bikers and hikers, so please watch out for them and be courteous. This is a carry-out forest, so please do not litter.

HOLDS: The 30-minute midpoint hold for the 25-mile CTR will be in camp. Riders may set up a crewing area near the vetting area or go back to their trailer. At the midpoint, CTR riders must present their horse for pulsing **within** 10 minutes after their arrival time. At the final, CTR and CDR riders must present their horse **exactly 20 minutes after** their finish time.

TRAIL CONDUCT: Riders should ask to pass only if safe to do so and should avoid passing at a canter or a gallop. Red ribbons in the tails of kickers; yellow ribbons in the tails of stallions. No smoking on the trail. Novice riders or riders with a novice horse may want to put a green ribbon in the horse's tail.

VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed for recording, spotting, hospitality/meals, water stop, P&R, and ambulance driver. If you are bringing someone who would like to volunteer, please indicate on the entry form. Ride volunteers eat free!

DOGS: Well-behaved dogs are welcome. They **must** be on a leash or crated at all times.

MISCELLANEOUS: No pleasure riding on trails during the ride or after the horse has vetted in. Riders should provide their own buckets, electrolytes, feed and hay, and grooming items. Running water is available. Remember to carry a sponge with you on the trail! (An auto sponge or natural sponge works well.) Leg protection allowed for Pass/Fail division. **No internal or external medications are allowed.** Note that VICKS, SWAT cream, Desitin, Aquaphor, and Vaseline fall into this category. Ice is not permitted. Fly repellents, electrolytes, grooming products, and water at ordinary temperatures may be used. **NO ICING OR HOSING OF HORSES ALLOWED.** ASTM/SEI-approved hard hats are mandatory and must be used whenever mounted.

FARRIER: There will not be an on-site farrier, but we hope to have one on call. It is recommended that each rider carry an EZboot or equivalent on the trail. Each rider is responsible for paying for any farrier services.

REFUNDS: The early bird deadline is **July 18, 2026. After July 18, please add \$25. Entries will be confirmed by email.** If a rider withdraws July 19-20, a rider will receive a refund minus a \$25.00 admin fee. **NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 20.** If entries are warranted, a waiting list will be maintained; refunds are contingent on your place being filled from the waiting list. Refunds will be issued after the ride.



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RIDE T-shirts: Our famous T-shirts will be for sale at the ride for \$10.

MILESTONES: Will an ECTRA rider or horse milestone be reached on the ride? If so, please note it on the entry.

ECTRA MEMBERSHIP: Not a member? You can join on line: [ECTRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION \(google.com\)](https://www.ectra.org/forms/membership-application) or mail a membership form in. <https://www.ectra.org/forms/membership-and-promotional-forms/> Members and horses registered with ECTRA accrue mileage towards awards and are eligible for year-end awards.

AWARD SPONSORS: Would you like to sponsor or donate an award for the 25-mile CTR or 2-day 50 FOR \$10? If so, please note it on the entry form.

RIDE & TIE AND EQUATHON: A Ride & Tie race and Equathon will run concurrently with the ride. What is Ride & Tie? Two people, one horse. A team alternates between running and riding, and the race can be almost any distance. An Equathon consists of a team of two people (rider/runner) and one horse, or Iron consists of one person (rides/runs) and one horse competing on a pre-determined course. The length of the run must be at least 25% of the length of the ride. The rider completes their portion of the course first before the runner starts their portion of the event. For more information and a copy of the entry, see the Ride & Tie website: <https://www.rideandtie.org/mec-schedule/muckleratz-run-competitive-trail-ride-cdr/>.

ALL VENDORS ARE WELCOME! Mary Coleman and Millie Turner will be at the ride with all the essentials, including sponges and colorful tack. Contact them via Facebook if you have any special requests. Other vendors are welcome, too! Please send me an email ahead of time.

INCLUDE IN ENVELOPE: (1) your entry form, (2) a copy of your current negative Coggins, and (3) your check or note indicating date and amount of PayPal payment. If you wish to pay by PayPal, please send it to MuckleratzCTR@gmail.com. Click on "Sending to a Friend" to avoid fees. Venmo: @Carolyn-Blocker-2 (phone #4541). **You may also submit your entry via email, but please include an electronic signature. Entries for junior riders must include a parent/guardian's signature.**



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DIRECTIONS TO CAMP MUCKLERATZ

****DO NOT FOLLOW YOUR GPS. USE THE FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS THAT
ARE TRAILER-FRIENDLY.****

FROM THE SOUTH:

- From Harrisburg Interstate 81S take Exit 67A/67B to 322 West towards Lewistown and travel 11.3 miles to Route 147 North.
- Stay on 147 North 6.4 miles to the only traffic light in Halifax.
- From the light follow Route 225 North 9.3 miles.
- At the Weiser State Forest sign turn RIGHT on Mountain House Road.
- Once on Mountain House Road continue to follow the signs to Weiser.
- Go .6 miles and make the first LEFT onto Dietrich Road. (PLEASE BE CAREFUL ON THIS TURN AS IT IS ON A CURVE GOING DOWNHILL!)
- Go .6 miles to the stop sign & turn RIGHT (still on Dietrich Rd).
- Go .9 miles to the Y and bear RIGHT onto White Oak Road into Weiser State Forest.
- Go past the maintenance sheds and watch for sign to Camp Muckleratz on LEFT about ¼ of mile.

FROM THE NORTH:

- From Hazelton Interstate 81S take Exit 107 (Tremont/Tower City) to Route 209 South.
- Follow Rt. 209 South to Elizabethville.
- Turn LEFT onto 225 South in Elizabethville.
- Continue on 225 South .9 miles to the top of the mountain.
- Turn LEFT on Quarry Road.
- Quarry Road runs into Dietrich Road.
- Follow Dietrich to the Y, turn RIGHT on White Oak Road into Weiser State Forest.
- Go past the maintenance sheds and watch for sign to Camp Muckleratz on LEFT about ¼ mile.