

Exploring Sand Hills CTR -- April 22-23, 2017

Sand Hills State Park, 4207 E. 56th Avenue, Hutchinson, KS 67502

Governed by the Rules of the North American Trail Ride Conference

60 Rider Limit

NATRC Type A (two day) Ride: Open, Novice, CP

April 22 and 23

Directions: To reach the south parking lot of the park, take K-61 northeast of Hutchinson, KS, to the 56th Avenue exit and head east across old K-61 to park camp ground entrance. **GPS:** N38 07.372 W97 50.746

Trail: A 1,123 acre natural area, has been preserved for its sand dunes, grasslands, wetlands and woodlands. Located on the north edge of the Hutchinson Dune track, it is a rolling sand prairie with well-maintained trails suitable for barefoot horses. The Dunes were formed by wind-deposited sand from the Arkansas River at the end of the Ice Age and they have been stabilized by the roots of the sand prairie grasses.

Camping: At Sand Hills State Park Campground with 75 camp sites that include a modern campground and restrooms w showers, dump Station and 5-acre pond stocked with catfish and corrals for horses. The State Park will collect camping and vehicle fees. Pre-register by calling Kathy - park office 316-542-3664 ref. NATRC. Camping fees are \$10/night non-electric, \$21 electric & water sites; \$22 for electric, water & sewer sites **plus** \$3 processing fee. \$2 prime site fee attached to the pull through sites closest to the horse pens. Vehicle permits are \$5/day; \$3.50 if over the age of 65. A \$5 KS state park fee is charged if you do not have a KS park pass.

Stabling: Corrals are available to all competitors at a cost of \$10/night; Thursday, Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday nights; 1 horse per corral. You may stationary tie your horse to the trailer in a primitive camping site. Primitive camping sites are on a first come, first served basis.

Ride Details: Check-in at 2:00 pm until dark on Friday. Ride briefing planned for 7:00 pm Friday.

Rules: All equine are required to have current Coggins. Health Certificate required on all out-of state horses.

Meals by Leslie: Friday & Saturday dinner, Saturday & Sunday breakfast and lunch meal deal available for \$40 **OR** Friday and Saturday dinners only \$20 **OR** Friday dinner only **OR** Saturday dinner only \$10 **OR** Saturday only breakfast, lunch and dinner \$20. Workers will be provided all meals.

Dogs are not allowed at management areas or at meals. Dogs must be on leash at all times in the park.

Entry Fee: Corral and camping fee additional First time competitor discount - \$10

A (2 day) Adult – Open, Novice, and CP \$85.00 NATRC member/\$100.00 non NATRC member

A (2 day) Jr – Open and Novice \$60.00 NATRC member/\$75.00 non NATRC member

Make checks payable to Liz Klamm and mail with completed form to Liz Klamm.

If possible, please enter thru RMS system at www.natrcregion6.org.

Minimum deposit of \$30, refundable up to **April 5**, deposit must accompany entry. Any entrant deemed unfit to compete at check-in will be refunded all but \$10. No shows, no refund. All changes or cancellations to be made through the **Ride Secretary: Ruth Mesimer (816-863-3221) r_mesi@att.net**

Tack Sale: Friday and Saturday 4 to 8 pm, Reno County (Hutchinson, KS) 4-H Club

Silent auction closes at 6:45 pm Saturday. Door prize drawings after auction closing.

Music Entertainment Saturday night at dinner: Bryton Stoll from Lawrence, KS

Guest Speaker Saturday night: Capt. Tim Finley - "In the Arena - A Thousand Clicks of Beautiful Hell." -

US Air Force Capt. Tim Finley deployed to Iraq to command air strikes for nine months and came home to a world that had changed for him. Seeking a solution for a broken heart and broken mind, he literally got back in the saddle. From there his absurd goal developed: Riding in the 2016 Mongol Derby - the longest horse race in the world, spanning 626 miles over 10 days on 28 different horses. Hear his story and learn why it was so important. Learn the value of "being comfortable with being uncomfortable."

Judges: Horse: Kay Gunckel, DVM Horsemanship: Kathy Shanor

Ride Chair/Trail Master: Liz Klamm, 6103 N Plum, Hutchinson, KS 67502 (620-694-9336 (text) lizandyk@att.net

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

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