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Here you will find information about your Application and the 77th DC Ride, April 15-19, 2024. There are a few matters which we need to bring to your attention:

1. REGISTRATION FORMS: AS IN 2022 and 2023: All of the packets are being distributed online this year, instead of being mailed. Here are the instructions for registering for the ride:

If you have not yet done this, **DOWNLOAD AND READ THE REGISTRATION PACKET INSTRUCTIONS ON WWW.DESERTCABALLEROSRIDE.COM** (Click on "Get Forms") That document will give you all the information on downloading the application forms, and provide instructions for completion and getting them back to the DC.

2. REGISTRATION CHECK-IN: THIS IS THE SAME AS 2022 and 2023, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. Registration envelopes with books, badges and ride information will be available by Saturday, April 13, 2024. Some camps will be distributing their packets directly to their riders; please check with your camp director. Other camps will have their packets at the DC Headquarters in La Siesta Plaza, 472 E. Wickenburg Way #105, from 9 am to 3 pm. All riders, especially 1st year Nuevos, are encouraged to come to the registration to see the Headquarters, and to meet with other Caballeros, and fellow Nuevos, even if you already have your packet from the camp director.

3. HORSE RENTAL: Please DO NOT send your horse rental application, check, release, etc to the Desert Caballeros. The Desert Caballeros does not rent horses. This is a transaction between you and your horse provider, and the Ride is not involved at all. Sending the horse rental documents to the DC only delays the process and causes additional work to everyone concerned. Help us out, please!

YOU NEED TO CONTACT THE HORSE PROVIDERS DIRECTLY.

Arizona Horse Company

Gibb Kerr 425-640-2748

gibbkerr@gmail.com

Yellowstone Horse Rentals

Chad Madsen 307-248-3638

wagons@silverstar.com

4. NUEVOS: Nuevos, when you have completed your application, PLEASE SEND IT TO YOUR SPONSOR for his approval and signature. You can send your waiver to the DC address. **SPONSORS** - please contact your Nuevos to make sure they received their packet, and please sign and send their application and check to the DC as soon as you receive it. Remember, Nuevos and Amigos can INVITE new riders, but we need to have the signature of a CABALLERO SPONSOR who will be riding on the ride.

5. EMAIL: One of the MOST IMPORTANT bits of information in our records is a correct email address for you. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU GIVE US YOUR CORRECT EMAIL ADDRESS. Most of the communication we do now is by email, and we don't want you to miss anything. Some of our emails are being rejected as spam, so be sure to have DCTallyhand@gmail.com as an approved, or white-listed, or "not spam" in your email. You can also usually solve this by putting DCTallyhand@gmail.com in your address book or contacts list. Please help us out with this - it provides for better communication, at less cost to the ride.

6. COT: A spot has provided on the Application to let us know if you need a cot provided by the DC. Because of the size of the Ride, we need to know if you need a DC cot, or are bringing your own cot

7. DUES: All Caballeros and Amigos are required by the By Laws of the Desert Caballeros to pay dues each year whether you go on the annual Trail Ride or not. If you have not yet paid your dues, please send them in as soon as you can since they are due by January 1. If you haven't paid your dues by the time you send in your application, please be sure to include a check with your application for your dues as indicated on the invoice you received in August - if you paid dues in 2023, it is \$150 for 2024. If you pay by credit card, your unpaid dues will also be added. Remember that payment of dues entitles the Member or Amigo who is not riding to attend the el Presidente Party, and the Picture Party; please let me know if you will be attending any of these activities since you will need a badge, and need to sign a waiver/release. (THIS SECTION DOES NOT AFFECT NUEVOS - NUEVOS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY DUES TO REMAIN ACTIVE.)

8. CREDIT CARD: As in past years there will be a 3.5% service charge added to each payment made with a credit card.

9. ZELLE®: You can pay your dues and registration fee by ZELLE®. Use your banking app or the Zelle app. The payee/recipient address is DCTallyhand@gmail.com.

10. UPDATE INFORMATION: We are trying to get all of our information correct in our records and in the Ride Book. PLEASE complete all of the information on the application, **ESPECIALLY THE ITEMS PRINTED IN RED**. If any of your information in the 2023 Ride Book is incorrect, or which you would like changed, please send me an email at DCTallyhand@gmail.com. If you are not able to ride with us in 2024, and any of your information has changed, you should still sent back the application with updated information. Don't forget to complete the section on Veteran status, on your need to have a cot provided, and on Spouse/Guest.

As Administrative Assistant, I feel my role is to help make the best possible ride, with as few problems as possible; therefore, if you ever have any questions, or problems, or need any information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. The phone is (928) 684-3618, and email is DCTallyhand@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in April!



Jim McArthur
Administrative Assistant