

## RULES OF THE RIDE - 2010

1. No dogs. No stallions. No mares with foals at their side.
2. Horses that kick must have a noticeable red ribbon in their tail at all times.
3. Horses that bite must have a noticeable red ribbon on both sides of their bridle/halter at all times.
4. All smokers must field strip their smokes when done and put butts in their pocket -- both on the trail and in camp.
5. Horse owners must clean up after their animals at each encampment.
6. Trash at lunch stops and in camp must be put in the garbage cans provided.
7. No liquor on the trail.
8. Disorderly or abusive individuals will be dismissed from the wagon train.
9. For every horse's health, each must have its own bucket. Collapsible buckets preferred. Before you come on the ride, tag your bucket with your name and please have your horse practice drinking or eating treats out of it so that it will accept the bucket on the ride. (Last year we had horses that would not.)
10. All riders under the age of 18 must wear an approved riding helmet. Those over the age of 18 are encouraged to do so as well. (Alberta Health Care thanks you.)
11. While riding with the group, no traveling faster than a trot.

## SUGGESTIONS:

1. Your horse should be shod as we will spend the majority of our time on gravel roads. Because we will be on pavement from time to time, borium (aka tungsten carbide) shoes are highly recommended.
2. You should bring a spare set of horse shoes in case you lose one on the trail.
3. If your horse is not shod with borium, we suggest bringing horse boots for those times when we will be on pavement since those surfaces can be dangerously slippery for shod hooves.
4. Your horse will be fed hay for the duration of your ride. Safe Choice, **compliments of Nutrena**, will be available for those horses joining us for more than 5 days. (Please condition them to Safe Choice ahead of time.)
5. Adding apple cider to water can make it more palatable for horses that don't like a change in the taste of their water. If your horse is a picky drinker, habituate it to water with a touch of apple cider vinegar before you leave home (they love it) and we'll have apple cider vinegar available for you. (And it's good for them too!)
6. Put some leather strips and/or baler twine and a Leatherman tool in your saddle bag. You can fix a lot of equipment failures with these simple tools.
7. Bring an extra saddle blanket in case of rain.
8. Bring rain gear.
9. Wear really good riding boots.