

NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)



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NEWS RELEASE

2021 PONY EXPRESS RE-RIDE

After a year of Covid Quarantine--- the National Pony Express returns to ride the Pony Express Trail June 16-26.

Personal Mail and Commemorative Letters will be carried by rider and horse relays 1966 miles from the Sacramento River to the Missouri River. The first rider departs Pony Express Plaza, 2nd and J Streets, Old Sacramento, California, at 2:00 PM (PDT) June 16th. The last rider will ride up to the Patee House, 12th & Penn Streets, in St Joseph, Missouri, June 26th, at 7:00 PM, (CDT).

The Route will be over the Pony Express National Historic Trail, a component of the National Trail System, administered by the National Park Service. Starting in California, it crosses Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, and Kansas, to Missouri.

The Re-ride is a 10-day, 24 hour a day event honoring the Central Overland California and Pikes Peak Express Company founded by Russell, Majors, and Waddell, a Missouri freighting firm. It carried letters and telegrams from April 1860 to November 1861, to prove the Central Route through Salt Lake and Placerville, passable year-round and win a proposed mail contract.

600 Riders will take the Pony Express Oath and receive a Bible, in the custom of Russell, Majors, and Waddell, the Founders. Riding in relays of 1-5 miles, they will transport a mochila (a leather square with four pockets) filled with Commemorative Letters.

The Commemorative Letter will be a Vignette of Pony Express History. The Cachets can be purchased In advance for \$5.00--- 1860 prices. Letter Applications can be obtained by downloading from the NPEA'S website.

Information and updates can be found on the NPEA's website "nationalponyexpress.org," and during the Ride on Facebook.com/expressrider/. A GPS unit on the mochila will transmit real-time location of the mochila/mail, and will be found on "national pony express.org/annual-reride/follow the ride/. A telephone hotline (855-809-8589) with recorded reports of Rider locations will be available June 17-20, courtesy of Churchill Communications. Additional information from National Pony Express Association, PO BOX 236, Pollock Pines, CA 95726, OR (916) 332-8382.

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A National Organization to Re-establish, Identify and Re-ride the Historical Pony Express Trail



PONY EXPRESS RIDE INFORMATION

2021 Pony Express Re-Ride

National Schedule

Depart Old Sacramento, California
Wednesday, June 16, 2:00 PM PDT

California/Nevada Line (Woodfords)
Thursday, June 17, 1:00 PM PDT

Nevada/Utah Line (Ibapah)
Sunday, June 20, 1:00/2:00 AM MDT

Salt Lake City, Utah
Sunday June 20, 10:00 PM (MDT)

Utah/Wyoming Line (Evanston)
Monday, June 21, 6:30 AM (MDT)

Wyoming/ Nebraska Line (Lyman, NE)
Wednesday, June 23, 2:30 PM (MDT)

Nebraska/Colorado Line (Chappel)
Thursday, June 24, 2:30 AM (MDT)

Colorado/Nebraska Line (South of Big Springs)
Thursday, June 24, 6:00 AM (MDT)

Nebraska/Kansas Line (Tri-County Marker)
Friday, June 25, 10:00 PM (CDT)

Kansas/Missouri Line
Saturday, June 26, 7:00 PM (CDT)

Arrive St Joseph, Missouri (Patee House)
Saturday, June 26, 7:30 PM (CDT)

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