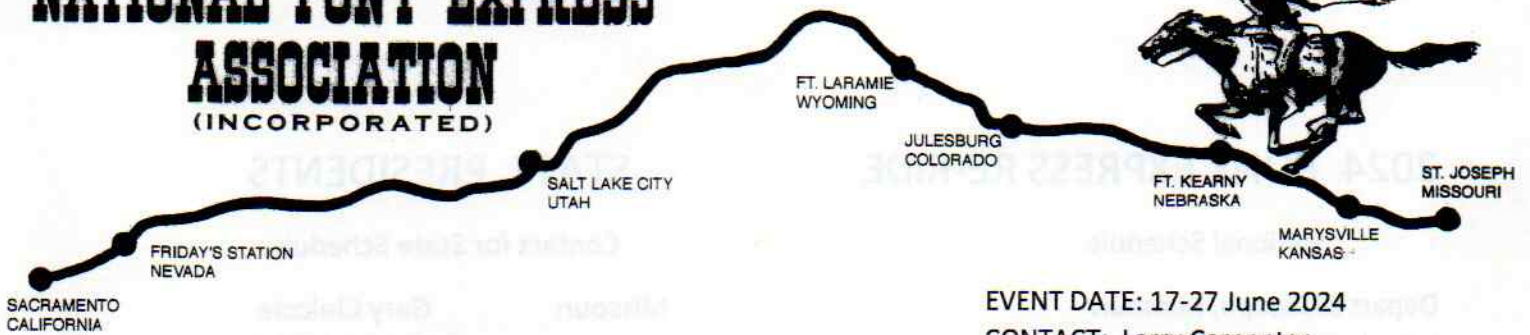


NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)



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NEWS RELEASE

PONY EXPRESS RE-RIDE

Hoofbeats of history will echo across the historic Pony Express Trail this June. Riders and horses of the National Pony Express Association will carry mail pony express style June 17-27.

They will carry Commemorative Letters and Personal Mail by horse and rider relays from the Missouri River to the Sacramento River. The first Rider will leave the Patee House in St Joseph, Missouri, June 17 at 3:00 PM, with the last Rider riding into Pony Express Plaza in Old Sacramento, California, June 27th at 4:30 PM.

The route will be over the Pony Express National Historic Trail, a component of the National Trails System, administered by the National Park Service. The event will travel 1966 miles from Missouri, through Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, and Nevada, to California.

600 Riders from the eight State Divisions will ride in relays of 1 to 5 miles each, taking turns carrying the mail in a mochila---a leather square with four cantinas (pockets) sewn in the corners. Each Rider Will take the Pony Express Oath and be issued a Bible prior to riding.

The Re-ride is a 10-day, 24 hour event honoring the 164th Anniversary of the Central Overland California and Pikes Peak Express Company which carried letters and telegrams from April 1860 to November 1861, on the Central Route through Salt Lake.

The Commemorative Letter this year will be a Vignette of Pony Express History in St Joseph. The Cachet can be purchased at 1860 prices---\$5.00. A great Souvenir of the event. Letter Applications can be purchased from the NPEA's Website.

Information and Updates can be found on the NPEA'S Website "nationalponyexpress.org/" and during the Re-ride on "facebook.com/expressrider/." A GPS Unit on the mochila will transmit real-time locations of the mochila, and be found "nationalponyexpress.org/annual-re-ride/follow-the-ride/." A Telephone Hotline (855-809-8589) with recorded reports will be available Courtesy of Churchill Communications. Additional information can be obtained from the National Pony Express Association, PO Box 236, Pollock Pines, CA 95726, or (916-332-8382)

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and Re-ride the Historical Pony Express Trail