

# National Pony Express Association - Kansas

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### Pony Express Annual Re-Ride Enters Kansas on June 20 - 21

**Pollock Pines, CA – May 20, 2025** – The powerful legacy of the Pony Express continues on **Friday, June 20, 2025**, as the **Kansas Division** of the **National Pony Express Association (NPEA)** takes the reins from the **Nebraska Division** at the **Nebraska/Kansas state line**, launching an exciting day of history, heritage, and horsemanship. Riders will relay the symbolic mochila through several iconic Kansas towns before handing it off to the **Missouri Division** at **Elwood, Kansas**.

This coast-to-coast re-ride commemorates the legendary Pony Express mail service of 1860–1861, with hundreds of riders participating in a 10-day, 24/7 relay from **Sacramento, California** to **St. Joseph, Missouri**.

#### Kansas Route Highlights:

- **Nebraska/Kansas State Line (Handoff from Nebraska Division)**  
*Friday, June 20 | Approx. 10:00 PM CDT*  
On June 20, the Kansas Division will receive the mochila at the state border — a symbolic connection between neighboring states on the original Pony Express Trail.
- **Hollenberg Pony Express Station (near Hanover)**  
*Friday, June 20 | Approx. 11:00 PM CDT*  
This well-preserved station is one of the few original Pony Express buildings still standing on its original site. Now a **state historic site**, Hollenberg offers a rich glimpse into the daily life of frontier riders and is a celebrated location along the re-ride route.
- **Marysville**  
*Saturday, June 21 | Approx. 1:15 AM CDT*  
Known as the “Black Squirrel City” and home to the Pony Express Barn and Museum, **Marysville** was a critical hub for the original Express. Riders are often greeted here by spectators, historians, and local dignitaries. The **Pony Express Barn Museum** offers exhibits, photos, and artifacts for those eager to connect with the past.
- **Seneca Pony Express Museum**  
*Saturday, June 21 | Approx. 9:15 AM CDT*  
Riders make their way through **Seneca**, another key stop with deep historical ties. The

**Pony Express Museum** highlights Seneca's role as a vital relay station and showcases local memorabilia. Community engagement is high, with residents turning out to support the riders and celebrate local history.

- **Horton**

*Saturday, June 21 | Approx. 1:15 PM CDT*

A traditional stop for riders, **Horton** offers community hospitality and continues the relay through northeast Kansas. The town provides logistical support for riders and welcomes visitors who want to witness the historic exchange.

- **St. Joe Bridge, Elwood (Handoff to Missouri Division)**

*Saturday, June 21 | Approx. 7:00 PM CDT*

The final Kansas stop and the location where the **Kansas Division** passes the mochila to the **Missouri Division**. Located just across the Missouri River from **St. Joseph**, the trail's original terminus, **Elwood** marks a key turning point as the re-ride enters the final leg of its eastbound journey.

#### **About the National Pony Express Association (NPEA):**

The **NPEA** is a nonprofit, volunteer-led organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the Pony Express. Through education, reenactments, and community events, the NPEA keeps the spirit of the Old West alive for generations to come.

#### **About the Pony Express Annual Re-Ride**

The **Annual Re-Ride** is a living history event that celebrates the legacy of the **Pony Express**, which operated from **April 1860 to October 1861**. Though short-lived, the service became legendary for its daring riders, rugged terrain, and commitment to fast mail delivery across a developing nation. Spanning over **1,800 miles** across **eight states**, the **Pony Express Re-Ride** is a 24/7 non-stop relay involving hundreds of riders and horses. Commemorative letters are carried in a mochila, just as they were over 160 years ago. The re-ride is both a living history experience and a logistical achievement, preserving the spirit of the original Pony Express.

"This event bridges generations and geography," said Petra Keller, Corresponding Secretary, National Pony Express Association. "We ride to honor those fearless messengers of the past and to keep their memory alive for future generations."

#### **Public Welcome!**

Spectators are encouraged to attend the mochila exchanges, meet the riders, take photos, and engage with local Pony Express volunteers at each major stop. Forts and interpretive centers along the route will offer special programs and trail information.

Follow the ride live via GPS tracking at <https://nationalponyexpress.org/re-ride/follow-the-ride/>. Spectators are welcome at various handoff points and historical landmarks.

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