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Pony Express National Re-Ride Departs Sacramento June 11 — Historic Journey Revived Across Eight States

SACRAMENTO, CA – June 5, 2025 — Riders, history buffs, and communities along the historic Pony Express Trail are preparing for the 2025 National Pony Express Re-Ride, California Pony Express President Rich Tatman will open the event at 1:15 PM and the first rider departs **Wednesday, June 11** from **Old Sacramento** at **2:00 PM PDT**. This year's journey will span over **1,900 miles** and continue **24/7 on horseback**, following the original mail route to **St. Joseph, Missouri**, with arrival expected at **7:30 PM CDT** on **Saturday, June 21** at the steps of the Patee House.

Each year, the **National Pony Express Association (NPEA)** commemorates the legendary 1860-1861 Pony Express mail service by organizing this cross-country relay. Riders in authentic attire carry a mochila filled with commemorative letters, honoring a vital chapter in U.S. communication history.

To help raise awareness and support along the trail, the NPEA encourages local businesses, organizations, and residents to display the **official 2025 Re-Ride Flyer**, now available online. The flyer includes key information, and a QR code for live tracking during the Re-Ride.

Download and print the flyer here:

👉 [2025 Pony Express Re-Ride Flyer \(PDF\)](#)

“Community support is what keeps this tradition alive,” said NPEA corresponding secretary Petra Keller. “Displaying the flyer is a simple but powerful way to show pride in this living history and cheer on the riders as they pass through your area.”

The ride will be carried out **non-stop** through California, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, Kansas, and Missouri. The public is invited to follow the riders via GPS at <https://nationalponyexpress.org/re-ride/follow-the-ride/>, attend local send-off and arrival events, and share photos on social media using **#PonyExpressReRide2025**.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this storied tradition—ride along in spirit, welcome the riders in person, and help share the legacy of the Pony Express.

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.

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/>.

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