

TVT SPRING WILDFLOWER RID & BENEFIT FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL
SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010
MT. DIABLO STATE PARK

Meet at Macedo Gate at the end of Green Valley Road in Danville.
DIRECTIONS: take 680 to Stone Valley Road, go East to Green Valley
Road. There is a four-way stop sign. Turn left onto Green Valley and
follow it all the way to the end where it becomes the Macedo Gate
Staging area.

Be sure to bring at least \$6.00 for the parking fee. Seniors over 62 pay
less. I hope the prices haven't changed recently! There is a HUGE fine if
you do not pay the parking fee and the rangers do check frequently.
Parking is limited so try to squeeze into the available spaces. Although
not required, I think it shows good sportsmanship if you take manure back
home in your trailer and not leave an unsightly mess for the general public
to walk through; i.e., SCOOP YOUR POOP!

Arrive at 9:00am
Be ready to ride at 10am.

Bring a lunch, snacks, water, and a halter and lead rope for your horse.
We will proceed up Wall Ridge to Bar B Que Terrace for lunch. The
wildflowers and vistas are always spectacular. Your horse should be
conditioned and have shoes, the trail can be rocky as well as muddy. It is
an uphill climb all the way to lunch. Helmets for the riders are strongly
recommended. The ride will be all at the walk with frequent stops to
enjoy the flowers and plant communities that we encounter on the trail.

After a short lunch break (there is water for the horses, bathrooms, tie
stalls and one picnic table), we will ride back down Pine Canyon to Macedo
Gate. There are several water crossings on the return route. Ride time,
including lunch, is 9 miles long and takes about 4 hours. Only club
members can participate in the ride, but anyone can donate to the
benefit.

Please make reservations with Marilyn Russell, trailboss. If it rains on
Thursday or Friday, the ride would be cancelled--you will be notified by
phone by 8pm Friday, April 16, if the ride is called due to rain (or snow!).

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This is also a benefit ride for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. JoAnn Swift is the coordinator for this wonderful cause. She has the envelopes, donor cards, and prize lists, which will be available at the April club meeting. This is purely a voluntary event, but it has been very successful in the past. You will be helping to contribute to life-saving research and treatment programs for very deserving children. You may get sponsors or provide a donation on your own, or just come to the ride and enjoy the flowers, friends, and scenery. For more information and sponsorship forms, call JoAnn at 925 443 4366. You do not need to feel obligated to participate, but I'm sure it will bring a lot of meaning to your ride. You can turn in your forms at the ride or bring them to the May meeting. JoAnn will submit the money collected and hand out the prizes at a summer meeting.