

Region 6 Membership Update

July 12, 2020

1. **2020 Ride Season Update:** The Region 6 Board of Directors met last Wednesday, July 8th. During this meeting, the board discussed the 2020 Region 6 ride schedule and concerns regarding the recent increases in coronavirus cases as well as the recent outbreaks of Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV), especially as of late in Kansas.

Following their discussions, the board voted unanimously to cancel all A and B rides for Open, CP, and Novice for the 2020 ride season. The board also voted that Clinic and LeD rides could continue with management discretion for the 2020 ride season. Limited numbers were encouraged.

The Region 6 board also agreed that this message should be sent after the July 11-12 Clinic and LeD ride held at Branched Oak, NE.

The safety and well-being of our NATRC family is of utmost importance.

The LeD rides that were planned to be held with the El Dorado, Jesse James Rideout, and Exploring Sand Hills rides will NOT be held according to the ride management of those rides.

The Salt Creek Clinic and LeD ride has also been cancelled due to concerns with coronavirus and VSV in Kansas.

Indian Cave was changed to an LeD ride a few weeks ago. I am not aware of any other changes as of this evening. However, the sponsor of this ride, NECTRA will be having a meeting Monday July 13th and I am sure they will be discussing this ride. If anything were to change, I'm sure they will get the word out as soon as possible.

2. It has been and continues to be a challenging year for all of us. Our board discussed the possibilities of some scheduled weekends of just riding and camping with our Region 6 NATRC family. No judges, no check-ins, no P&Rs, just some good old - fashioned trail riding and some social distancing sitting around a campfire. Another board member discussed the possibility of our own Region 6 virtual trail ride. We will for sure make the best of the current situation so look for some announcements of some different opportunities soon!
3. Looking ahead we need to start putting together our 2021 ride calendar. Gina Kollars is our Region 6 Ride Coordinator. We already have three brand new rides and a new clinic on the 2021 schedule! If you are a current ride manager, it is time to secure your ride date(s) for next year. If you are interested and willing to manage a ride that would be very appreciated by all our members! We have locations in MO, KS, NE, and IA identified as possible ride locations. We just need ride managers to make it a reality. We have experienced ride managers very willing to serve as mentors for new ride managers.

4. Have you watched any of the new “Let’s Ride” webinars as a part of the 2020 NATRC Coronavirus Response Challenge? Just in case you missed any of these webinars or if you want to watch them again you can find them on our NATRC (North American Trail Ride Conference) YouTube channel. While you are there, why don’t you go ahead and subscribe to our NATRC channel, so you won’t miss any new videos as they are added.
5. Way to go Region 6 riders! For the second month in a row, Region 6 is leading the NATRC Mileage Challenge!
6. Region 6 is on social media! Huge shoutout to Kristen Schmalzried, our Region 6 Marketing/Social Media coordinator for keeping us up to date with her Facebook posts on our Region 6 NATRC Riders group and our Region 6, North American Trail Ride Conference page. Follow us on Twitter @natrc_6 and follow us on Instagram @natrcr6. A new Region 6 picture is posted each day on our Instagram account. There are currently 129 pics! Are you in one of them?

Stay safe!

John