



ATRA ON THE TRAIL

Summer 2018 Newsletter

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ATRA was established in 1973 for people interested in recreational riding & driving.

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ATRA is a non-profit family oriented organization that encompasses a variety of equestrian activities that promote safe horsemanship, ongoing education and responsible use, maintenance and development of trails.

Next General Meeting is September 20, 2018

The ATRA Website has a new look! www.atra.ca

For upcoming trail rides & clinics check it out.

Join us for a mountain trip, local ride or clinic!



ATRA meets at 7pm the 3rd Thursday of the month Jan-Apr & Sept-Nov upstairs at Kirk United Centre, 13535-122 Avenue, Edmonton.

Visitors are welcome at any meeting. Website: www.atra.ca

Membership for the calendar year is \$20 single, \$35 family.

Riding members must have current ATRA and AEF memberships.

Upcoming Trail Rides

Saturday May 12, 40th Annual 'Trail Ride Against Cancer' at Able Ranch, north of Bon Accord. The ride will be a slow pleasure ride of approximately 3-4 hours. **Join in with other riders or head out on your own** through multi-use, natural lands. You may arrive on Friday, May 11 and camp overnight in Bruno Neuville's pasture. Start collecting your donations for the Canadian Cancer Society – using the pledge sheet and/or on-line. Prizes will be awarded to the top collectors. A minimum donation of \$50/adult rider (15+) and \$25 for youth rider (14-) is required. After the ride join us for a BBQ (Burgers/Hot Dogs) **at no cost**. For your comfort, bring a chair. Please go to www.atra.ca to download/print your rider package, copies on hand at our general meetings or do feel free to photocopy someone else's forms. The Cancer Ride Committee can always use extra help. For info or to volunteer, please contact Allison alcarter@telusplanet.net or 780-910-4639. If you can't make the ride, mail in your pledges or make a donation to someone who is planning to ride. **Non riders may also use the pledge sheet to collect donations and come out to enjoy the day.** We hope to see you there. Don't forget to pack a lunch!

Mountain trips are listed on back page with a contact name/number. Info is now on our website. These trips are for ATRA members, with their own horse, trailer & camping accommodations. We tend to split up and ride out in various smaller groups to different destinations. We do ask that you **REGISTER** with contact or sign up at a spring meeting so we know you are coming and can send additional information on group activities, meals, travel and directions to destinations.

If anyone is planning to ride and wants to invite members to join them, please post on our Alberta Trail Riding Association facebook page. Email Lisa (lisa_f@mailcan.com) if you need an invite to the facebook group. If anyone hears of any other Alberta trail rides of interest to members, please let Lisa (lisa_f@mailcan.com) know so she can include in a future newsletter or eblast.

Friends of the Eastern Slopes Work Weekend

The FOESA work weekend at the YAHA TINDA is May 25-27, 2018. Saturday is the main work day and we will also assemble the tables. To participate call Murray 780-434-2000.

Clinics

Clinics are listed on back page with a contact name/number. Info/form is now on our website. Contact Cindy dich@telus.net or Cindy 587-986-1535 to find out if space left and to register.

Past Events

On April 15, ~20 of our members enjoyed a Mountain Readiness Clinic and would like to thank Lucille and Duane Landals for hosting and Sharon and Wally Breitkreuz for assisting organizing it. We all learned more about how to prepare for a trip to the mountains.



Classifieds

For these items, contact Cindy at 780-962-2690 or dich@telus.net to bring to a meeting or ride.

Ad Rates	#	Classified	1/4 Page	1/2 Page
Member	1	\$5	\$15	\$30
Member	3	\$12	\$34	\$63
Non-Member	1	\$10	\$20	\$40
Non-Member	3	\$24	\$45	\$84

ATRA Coffee Mug \$15

ATRA Tush Cushions \$10

ATRA Trailer Decal \$10-30

ATRA Jacket \$65



Ride A Thon

Brightwood Ranch

(9 Kilometers Southeast of Entwistle, AB)

All money raised will help underprivileged kids go to camp

12th Annual

June 2
Sign in 8am
Info: 780-727-3840

Grand Prizes: Yearling Filly donated by Lazy D Diamond Ranch and a New Saddle!

Ride your own horse or call to reserve one of ours
3 or 5 hour ride. Followed by supper and a short camp presentation.
\$300 sends a child to camp! To register or donate go to www.hopemission.com/summercamp



Saddle up your horses for a fantastic day of horseback riding to help send underprivileged kids to camp. Brightwood Ranch, owned by Hope Mission of Edmonton and located near Entwistle, is running a Ride-A-Thon on Sat June 2, 2018. Enjoy a great day of riding, meals over the campfire, beautiful scenery and the opportunity to give underprivileged kids the chance to attend a week-long camp. Riders can be of any age but those 15 and under must have an adult to supervise them and are free to use their own horse or

borrow one of the camp's horses. This summer close to 1,100 kids are will attend the ranch. Three-quarters of the campers come from single parent, foster and group homes or guardianships. The campers spend a week enjoying the many activities at the ranch: horseback riding, climbing wall, archery, riflery, sports, drama, wilderness skills, skateboarding, games, small group Bible study times and chapels with lots of singing, dramas, and a Bible message. The campers are asked to pay a small fee to come to camp if they can but many families are not able to pay anything. The camp then seeks to raise funds to pay these costs. To donate or for information on riding, contact the ranch at 1-780-727-3840. email: bright.wood@hopemission.com Registration forms and info is available at www.hopemission.com/summercamp.

Upcoming Events Calendar: See details on website: www.atra.ca

Contact Names/Numbers for events below are provided for those without website access.

DATE	LOCATION	
May 5	Parade Readiness Clinic at the Lawrence's	Vicki 780-922-2227
May 12	40th Cancer Ride at Able Ranch, north of Bon Accord	Allison 780-910-4639
May 18-21	ATRA Fort Assiniboine Sandhills (Wierenga Pastures)	Allison 780-910-4639
June 12/13	Wilderness Survival Clinic with Bruce Zalwalsky	Doug 780-916-7474
June 8-10	MSW Farms Camping and Trail Ride—near Ponoka	Sheila 780-686-2534
June 22-24	Scott Phillips Obstacles & Mountain Readiness	Marjorie 780-919-6035
Jun 25-Jul 2	Hummingbird Mountain Camping & Maintenance	Candace 780-990-4076
July 16-21	Cadomin Drummond Creek Trail Maintenance	Ken Zelt 780-922-3222
July 22-29	Cypress Hills Camping Trip	Lisa 780-237-7587
Aug 3-12	Yaha Tinda Mountain Camping Trip	Allison 780-910-4639
Aug 19-26	Kananaskis Mountain Camping Trip: Little Elbow	Lisa 780-237-7587
Aug 30-Sep 3	Drayton Valley Riverside Trails Camping Trip	Cindy 587-986-1535
Sept 7-14	Panther Pack Trip and Trail Re-development Ride	Doug 780-916-7474
Sept 20	ATRA General Meeting	
Sept 23	STARS Trail Ride at Ministik Bird Sanctuary	Vicki 780-922-2227
Sept 28-30	Riverwood Ranch Cattle Drive/Trail Rides, Evansburg	Sheila 780-686-2534
Oct 18	ATRA General Meeting	
Oct 20	Biomechanics, Anatomy, Saddle Fit & Stretching	Marjorie 780-919-6035
Nov 15	ATRA General Meeting	
December	ATRA Christmas Social	

If you have an event we should know about, call Lisa @ 780 237-7587 or lisa_f@mailcan.com

For insurance purposes, each member joining our rides/clinics is required to hold a current **AB Equestrian Federation** membership. Renewal forms are available: www.albertaequestrian.com

All riders ride at your own risk. We recommend helmet use for all riders & **STRONGLY** encourage it for those under 18 during ATRA events. For the safety of all members, ATRA's policy on riding with dogs is: On single day rides or weekend rides with a large group, no dogs are permitted. On longer overnight trips, dogs may be permitted if all riders in your group are in agreement.