

SHEPHERD'S VALLEY COWBOY CHURCH TRAIL RIDES TIPS FOR OVERNIGHT CAMPING TRIPS WITH HORSES

*For each trip planned, be sure to remember the family/friends you leave behind. Don't forget to give them the phone number at the camp/ranch where they can get a message to you in case of emergency. **For many of our rides, your cell phones may not be usable.***

General Items:

- Current Coggins Papers for each horse **ALWAYS**.
- Health Certificate **if traveling out of Texas**
- Current Registration – Truck and Trailer
- Confirmation of reservation where you will stay if the location provides such
- Map to where we are going. Provided at the church or on this Web site. See SVCC [Riding Schedule](#)
- Saddles (w/breast collars preferred when riding in hills) and other essential tack; (1 extra set of reins recommended)
- Saddlebags or cante bags (if you have them) with hoof pick, pliers, wire cutters, spare latigo leather strips
- Camera and film, extra batteries
- Cash for misc. gas, meals on the road.
- You will get thirsty riding. Bring water canteens or plenty of bottled water for the trail
- Lawn chairs and folding table (if you have one) and something for "shade" if natural shade is not available
- Wood for Campfire, fresh butane for lamp, and fresh batteries for your flashlights
- Trash bags (large "contractor" type is preferred; some locations require you to collect your horses leavings and throw it away)
- Give phone number/s to ___ relatives and/or ___ friends/neighbors on how you may be reached in case of emergency
- Plans on taking care of your animals left at home while you're away

Horse Care Items: *(Things to remember when packing)*

- Feed (for number of days camping) Morning and evening feedings
- Hay (for number of days camping) Remember extra hay for nighttime
- Feed pans for each horse
- Scoop for feed
- Hay bags
- Water buckets
- Water hose(s) and a "Y" faucet connector (with cut-off valves) when sharing water hookup
- Portable pens or strong rope picket line for high-tying if possible (preferable to trailer tying)
- Grooming supplies (and basic horse meds for minor cuts/scrapes, just in case...)
- Fly Spray (and foil-pack fly wipes for use on the trail on ears and around horses faces when the other wears off in summer heat)
- Extra Blanket or Saddle Pad for each horse
- Plastic Bag or saddle cover (in case of rain at night)
- "Horse apple" picker or pitch fork for clean-up

If You Have A Trailer With Living Quarters:

- Fill fresh water tanks
- Full propane tanks
- Generator (if location does not provide electricity)
- Extra gasoline for generator (most gas stations are not conveniently close)
- Heavy duty extension cord (one may be needed to share with another trailer or camp site)

Meal Prep Checklist: *(Meal prep items to remember)*

- Cups (reusable or foam disposable) Plastic forks, spoons, knives
- Serving spoons Paper Towels
- Napkins Plates
- Skillet Sauce Pan
- Can Opener Paring Knife
- Dish Detergent **How do you plan to cook??** (Over campfire, Coleman stove,
portable grill, etc.)
- Charcoal (if needed), lighter fluid, matches or disposable butane lighter

Food:

- Plan food needs by the number of breakfast meals, lunches, evening meals
- Ice Chest(s) for food storage (Remember the "ice" comment above...) It is suggested that you take more ice than you think you'll need.

Personal Items:

- Even in summer, long sleeves and wide-brim hats are advisable (When you realize you are sunburned, it's too late)
- Pack clothes as if there will be one EXTRA day (in case it rains and you get soaked)
- Raincoats or ponchos (just in case....)
- Riding gloves
- Hat
- Hat cover (if it rains)
- For Cold Weather:* Long Johns, heavy coat, heavy gloves, winterized cover-alls, "toe warmers", scarf
- Take an extra pair of boots
- Pillows, blankets, sleepwear
- Insect repellent (especially if you are allergic to chiggers and ticks, etc.)
- Sun Tan Lotion
- Soap, toothbrushes, washcloths, towels, and other personal hygiene products
- What are you going to wear walking to/from the shower? (Tennis shoes too, perhaps...)
- REMEMBER your prescription medicine

NOTE: *You may not need all of the above for every ride, but something you "forgot" may not be easy to secure on the "other end".*