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## **Rules and Guidelines for the Annual Horse and Bike Ride to Williams Lake**

We are excited to have you join us for our Annual Horse and Bike Ride! In order to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants, we ask that everyone adhere to the following rules and guidelines throughout the event:

### **1. Safety First**

- **Helmets are required** for all participants riding bikes or horses. Please ensure you are properly equipped before starting your ride.
- **Children under the age of 18 cannot camp alone.** They must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
- Riders are expected to stay within designated areas and follow the instructions of event coordinators and security personnel at all times.
- **No riding without adult supervision** for children under 12. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian while riding.

### **2. Conduct During the Ride**

- **Respect for fellow riders and the land** is essential. Please be considerate of others, including other riders, participants, and the environment.
- **No alcohol, cannabis, or any form of drugs** will be allowed during the ride. Anyone caught consuming or possessing alcohol, cannabis, or any drugs will be immediately **asked to leave the ride.**
- **Parents and guardians are responsible for their children.** Parents who do not adhere to event security instructions and are told **not to follow behind the riders in their vehicle** will be asked to leave the event.
- **DO NOT litter!**

### **3. Horses and Safety Around Horses**

- **Horses that have a ribbon on their tail are “kickers”.** Do not ride beside or behind them, as they can be unpredictable and may kick.
- All riders should be **aware of the horses around them** and maintain a safe distance at all times.

- Ensure your horse is **well-prepared and comfortable** for the ride. If your horse shows signs of distress or aggression, please alert event coordinators immediately.

#### 4. Vehicles and Parking

- **No vehicles are allowed to follow riders.** Only staff are approved to follow.
- If directed by security, **please ensure your vehicle is parked safely** and does not obstruct the riding path or other participants.
- Do not block entry ways of camp sites while the horse and bike riders are entering camp areas.

#### 5. General Behavior and Respect

- All participants are expected to **maintain respectful behavior** toward others. Aggressive or unsafe actions, whether on horseback, bikes, or in camp, will not be tolerated.
- Please **listen to security and event organizers** if they give you instructions regarding safety, conduct, or camp arrangements.

#### 6. Youth and Curfew

- **Lights out is at 10:00 PM.** Please ensure you and your family respect the curfew time for a peaceful and safe environment.
- **Parents and guardians, please ensure you know where your youth are** at all times during the ride, particularly after dark. It is important to maintain safety and accountability.

#### 8. Important Reminders

- Children under 12 **must be accompanied by a parent or guardian** throughout the entire ride and cannot ride alone without their adult.
- All riders and participants must be **registered** and have the proper forms completed before joining the ride.

We are committed to creating a fun, safe, and respectful environment for all participants. By following these guidelines, we ensure that the ride remains an enjoyable experience for everyone. We thank you for your cooperation!