

SOUTHERN TRAILRIDERS ASSOCIATION

2025 POKER RIDE & OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

APRIL 5, 2025

POKER RIDE

5 Card – Best Hand Wins
\$15 per rider
First Rider out 10 AM
Last Rider out 11 AM

**NEGATIVE
COGGINS
REQUIRED**

OBSTACLE CHALLENGE

5 Obstacles – Highest Score Wins
\$15 per rider
First Rider out 10 AM
Last Rider out 11 AM

POKER + OBSTACLE for \$25

ALL PROCEEDS TO:

TACK YARD SALE

\$15 per vendor
Vendor Set Up 11:00 AM
Sale Starts 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Lunch available for purchase.

LOCATION:

I-10 Exit 174
Address to Follow



<https://hopeprojectinc.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HealingOurPatriotswithEquines>



TACK YARD SALE



APRIL 5, 2025
Chattahoochee, FL
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

**FOOD
TRUCKS
ONSITE!**

New and used tack, equipment, clothes, & supplies-
just in time for spring riding!

\$15 for a 10x10 space

ALL space proceeds benefiting:
HOPE Project, Inc.

Purchase space day of event!

For early registration, please contact Jessica Mauer at 850-982-4217.



Event in conjunction with Southern Trailriders Association Poker Ride and Obstacle Challenge.

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WANTED

COWBOYS & COWGIRLS OF ALL AGES

Grab your buckles, boots and spurs and saddle up with Southern Trailriders Association as we hoof it to the Wild West.

Blaze your trail through 5 Hands Ranch in Chattahoochee, FL.

Lasso a winning poker hand.

Yee-haw your way to fun with five rootin' tootin' obstacles.

Ride away with a steal at the tack yard sale.

Mosey over to the Food Trucks for chow.

Giddy Up and Wrangle your friends for a fun day supporting a great cause!



The Southern Trailriders Association 2025 Poker Ride and Obstacle Challenge will be benefiting the HOPE Project, Inc, of Fountain, FL. The HOPE Project was founded in 2016 by Dr. David Trogdon, Chaplain, (LTC) US Army, Ret. Their Mission seeks to bring Hope and Healing to wounded warriors, veterans, first responders, and their families, through the use of horses who many of which have been rescued from slaughter houses. The HOPE Project provides free services for military personnel, veterans, first responders, their families, abuse victims, and children with special needs. Their program includes therapeutic opportunities with horses, which can have profoundly positive effects, such as reducing stress, improving emotional regulation, and fostering a sense of connection and trust. In addition to Equine Therapy, they provide Chaplain Counseling Services, and resources and support designed to assist with suicide prevention, grief, addictions, PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injuries.

The HOPE Project is a 501c3 not for profit organization that is funded solely by donations.



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STA WANTS YOU!

Ways you can help:

- Show up!!
- Bring your friends to ride!
- Share our Event on your Social Media
- Donate items for the Tack Yard Sale
- Donate items for the Lucky Draw or Silent Auction
- Business Sponsorships
- Attend Location Work Days
- Volunteer to work day of event

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BENEFIT RIDE

What time does the ride start?

Gates open at 9:30 am. First ride out is 10:00 am, last ride out by 11 am. Must be back by 2:00 pm to be considered for prizes.

How long is the ride?

The trail is approximately 5 miles long. It should take you 2-3 hours to complete the trail with obstacles and poker cards.

Can children participate?

Absolutely! Due to safety concerns, we cannot allow riding double, but children in control of their own horse are welcomed and encouraged. Any rider under 16 years of age must wear a helmet.

What is the terrain like? Does my horse need shoes or boots?

Much of the trail is sandy with some tree roots, but there are a few areas with rock to slow down erosion. You can walk around those spots. There are hills and water crossings along the way as well.

What's the pace of this event?

We encourage you to take in the peaceful scenery at a leisurely walk.

Can we camp?

No. We are using private property and camping is not allowed.

What facilities will be available?

The event will have a porta-potty and hand washing station. Water spigots are available for the horses. Bring your own bucket, please.

Can I participate if I don't ride a horse?

The poker ride and obstacle course are limited to equestrians with their own horses. However, come check out the Tack Yard Sale, Food Trucks and Lucky Draw!

Can we ride in a group?

Yes! We ask that the groups are limited to 6 riders as to not overwhelm the obstacles.

Are the obstacles dangerous?

The obstacles are not designed to be dangerous, but as a rider, you must know your horse. Things you may encounter include waving objects, walk throughs, and carrying items.

Do I need to know how to play poker?

Nope! You collect your cards along the ride, and we'll do the rest at the end!

TACK YARD SALE

What time does it start/end?

You may choose to set up any time after 11 am. The sale begins at 12 PM will end promptly by 3 PM.

What is provided to sellers?

For \$15, you purchase one 10x10 space. Additional spaces can be purchased as well. We encourage you to bring tables, chairs, and tents as those will not be provided.

What facilities will be available?

The event will have a porta-potty and hand washing station.

What if I want to do both events?

Great! For optimal use of your time, we encourage you to ride out at 10:00 am, which should have you back by noon. This will give you 3 hours for your tack booth. Alternatively, bring a friend to cover your booth while you ride!

Can I donate tack for the benefit of HOPE Project?

Yes! A tack booth for HOPE Project will be set up at the event. All proceeds from this booth will be donated to HOPE Project. Please contact Jessica Mauer at 850-982-4217 to arrange tack drop off prior to event.

Will there be parking for shoppers?

Yes! Follow the signs through the second gate, and please watch for equestrians!

Can I park my truck and/or trailer at my space?

Yes!

Will there be food to purchase?

Yes!