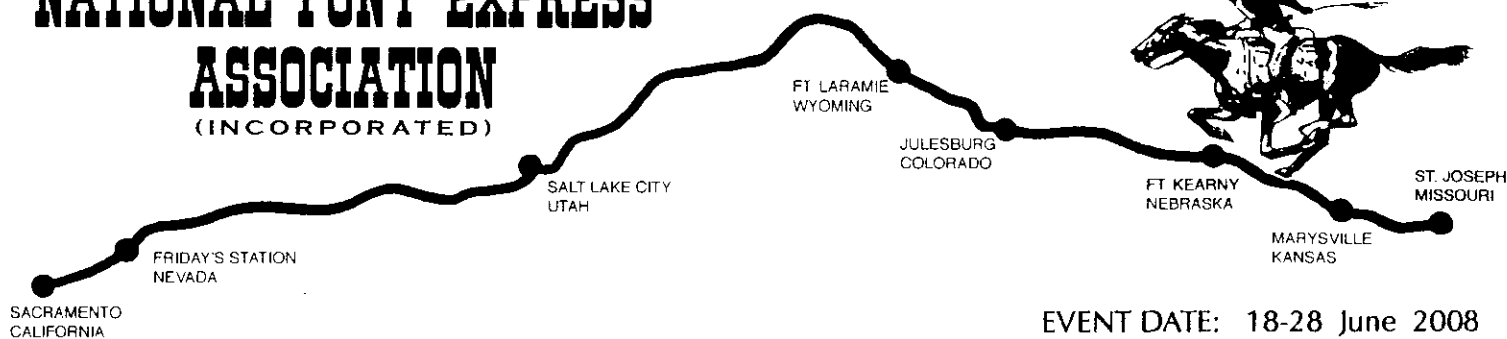


# NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION (INCORPORATED)



EVENT DATE: 18-28 June 2008  
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## NEWS RELEASE #1

### 2008 PONY EXPRESS TRAIL RE-RIDE

In June 2008, Pony Express Riders will saddle up, swing a mochila on the saddle, step into the stirrups and ride into history once again. They will carry mail east over the Pony Express National Historic Trail from Sacramento, California, to St. Joseph, Missouri. The 1,966 mile event will be sponsored by the National Pony Express Association of Pollock Pines, California.

The first rider will leave Pony Express Plaza, Old Sacramento, California, Wednesday, June 18 at 9:00 AM, and the last rider will gallop up to the Patee House, 1860 headquarters of the Pony Express in St. Joseph, on June 28, at 11:00 AM. The route between the two cities will be on the Pony Express Trail from Northern California across Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Nebraska, and Kansas to Missouri.

The Re-Ride will celebrate the 148th Anniversary of the founding of the Central Overland and California Pikes Peak Express Company. The Pony Express, as it was known, carried letters and telegrams for 19 months on the Central Route between 1860-1861, to prove it passable all year and win a proposed federal government mail contract.


The company wasn't awarded the contract but it did prove the route passable year-round. In fact, it pioneered a route followed by the Overland Mail, and the Overland Telegraph. It also created an enduring history of daring enterprise and perseverance in harsh weather and conditions. Today, it is remembered in books, video, festivals, trail markers and Pony Rider Monuments. Federal designation in 1992 as a National Historic Trail added the XP Trail to the federal trail system. The National Park Service coordinates interpretive and preservation activities from a Long Distance Trails Office in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Riders will carry personal mail and commemorative cachets in the mochila, and relay it horse to horse. Over 550 riders and horses will be posted at intervals on the route to Missouri. The cachets honoring Pony Express history in Nevada Territory can be purchased in advance by the public for 1860 prices - \$5.00.

Community groups are urged to add the event to their June 2008 calendars. To receive State ride schedules, schedule community welcomes for the rider, or to obtain a Commemorative Letter application, contact the National Pony Express Association, PO Box 236, Pollock Pines, CA 95726, or phone (916) 332-8382. The Pony Express Homepage, [www.xphomestation.com](http://www.xphomestation.com) has additional information.

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A National Organization to Re-establish, Identify  and Re-ride the Historical Pony Express Trail

# PONY EXPRESS RIDE INFORMATION

## 2008 Pony Express Re-Ride National Schedule

Depart Old Town Sacramento, California  
Wednesday, June 18, 9:00 AM (PDT)

California / Nevada Line (Woodfords)  
Thursday, June 19, 6:00 AM

Nevada / Utah Line (Ibapah)  
Saturday, June 21, 6:30 PM (MDT)

Utah / Wyoming Line (Evanston)  
Sunday, June 22, 11:00 PM

Wyoming / Nebraska Line (Henry)  
Wednesday, June 25, 5:00 AM

Nebraska / Colorado Line (Chappell)  
Wednesday, June 25, 5:00 PM

Colorado / Nebraska Line (Julesburg)  
Wednesday, June 25, 9:30 PM (CDT)

Nebraska / Kansas Line (Steele City)  
Friday, June 27, 1:00 PM

Arrive St. Joseph, Missouri  
Saturday, June 28, 11:00 AM

## State Presidents

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and Local Information

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Utah	Pat Hearty (801) 280-1150
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## WEB PAGES

PONY EXPRESS HOME STATION  
[www.xphomestation.com](http://www.xphomestation.com)

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
(for information on the Pony Express Trail)  
[www.nps.gov/poex/poex.htm](http://www.nps.gov/poex/poex.htm)

PATEE HOUSE / ST JOSEPH  
[www.stjoseph.net/ponyexpress](http://www.stjoseph.net/ponyexpress)

## XP MAP and GUIDE (Free)

National Trail System Office, NPS  
324 South State St, Ste 200  
Salt Lake City, UT 84111  
(801) 741-1012

## NPEA OATH

Riders will take this Oath:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby swear, before the great and living God, that during my engagement as a member of the National Pony Express Association Re-Ride, I will under no circumstances use profane language, that I will drink no intoxicating liquors, that I will not quarrel or fight with any other member of the Association, and that in every respect, I will conduct myself honestly, be faithful to my duties and so direct my acts as to win the confidence of my associates. So help me God."