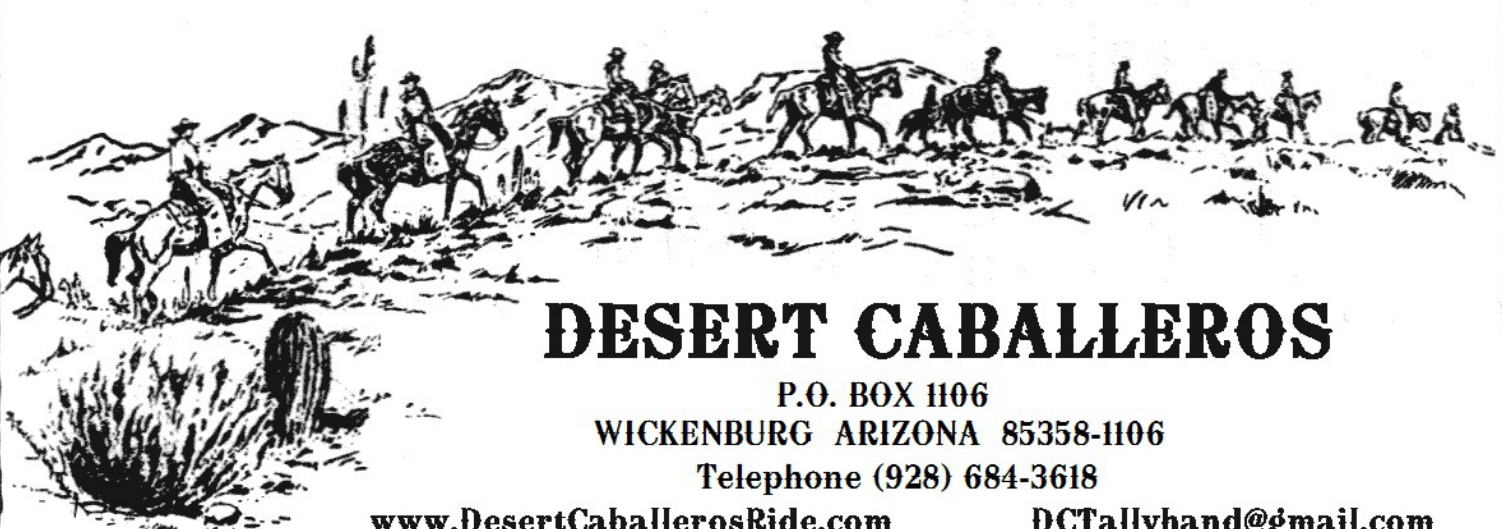




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79th DC RIDE, APRIL 13-17, 2026

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Saludos Caballeros, Amigos, y Nuevos:

Welcome to the 79th Desert Caballeros Ride. We are now working towards again making this year's ride as fantastic as the past few years,

We will NOT be mailing application packets again this year. All applications and information are available on our website: WWW.DesertCaballerosRide.com Plan now to join us by getting your applications returned as soon as possible, certainly by early January! Additional copies of this brochure, or additional information on the ride, may be obtained on the Desert Caballeros website, or you may contact Jim McArthur at the above address, by calling him at 928-684-3618, or email to DCTallyhand@gmail.com.

As in previous years, we will be limiting the ride to 150 riders, so plan on getting your application in early. No applications will be accepted unless completely filled out and signed in the appropriate places, **including the 2 page waiver in the packet**, and accompanied by your payment.

Caballero sponsors are responsible that their Nuevos are familiar with the contents of this brochure. Please pay attention to the deadlines. ALL Nuevo applications MUST bear the signature of the Sponsor and the Nuevo.

ONE VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE THIS YEAR: THE DC WILL NO LONGER BE PROVIDING COTS. IF YOU WILL BE NEEDING A COT, CONTACT YOUR CAMP DIRECTOR FOR INFORMATION.

Please be sure your email address is on your application. We expect to do most of the communication from now to the ride by email, and don't want you to miss anything.

So gather all of your Nuevos and get them headed "Out Wickenburg Way" for the 79th Desert Caballeros Ride. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you April 13-17, 2026



El Presidente Don Lawson

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE 79th DC RIDE

PICTURES IN THE ROSTER BOOK: It is unnecessary for any Caballero, Amigo, or Nuevo to send a new picture if it has appeared in the roster in the last 3 years, and **YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH THE PICTURE.** We will use the same picture unless a new one is furnished to us prior to January 15, 2026. **You should email your picture to DCTallyhand@gmail.com.** Your picture should be a “head shot”, preferably in western attire, against a light color background. Any graphic format is acceptable.

📧 **ALL FIRST YEAR NUEVOS MUST PROVIDE A PICTURE** 📧

LOCAL CONTACT: Participating Caballeros, Amigos, and Nuevos - please let us know where you may be reached during the week preceding the Ride, in case there is new information which may have to be communicated.

IMPORTANT RULES AND GENERAL INFORMATION - PLEASE READ

- ***PLEASE STRESS TO YOUR NUEVOS THAT THIS IS A VERY STRENUOUS RIDE, AND THAT THE RIDERS MAY BE IN THE SADDLE FOR 9 HOURS OR MORE ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY. ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL SHAPE AND CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE PHYSICAL DIFFICULTIES OF THE RIDE. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT !***
- **THE DESERT CABALLEROS RIDE NO LONGER PROVIDES COTS FOR THE RIDERS.** If you will be needing a cot, contact your camp director for information.
- **THE DESERT CABALLEROS RIDE DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY HORSES;** however, horses are available through private providers. Current regular providers are listed in the Registration Packet Letter.
- Anyone breaking the trail, getting ahead of the trail leader, or violating any of the rules of the Desert Caballeros, shall be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors
- The bar is for Caballeros, Amigos, and Nuevos only. Do not offer or encourage our employees or wranglers to drink.
- We request that riders NOT ride through the main camp. When arriving in camp, DO NOT water your horse. Go directly to the picket line.
- If you are riding a mule, indicate that on your application so we can make arrangements for the mule on the picket line.
- Riders bringing their own horse may find accommodations for them in Wickenburg - please contact your camp director for information.
- If you bring your own horse, be sure it is properly shod and in shape for the Ride. It will increase your enjoyment. A rope, halter, breast collar, and chaps are recommended
- **THE OWNER OF THE HORSE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FARRIER AND VET FEES AND CHARGES.**
- Hay will be furnished for all horses.
- A canteen for use on the trail is a must. Warm clothes and a good sleeping bag will be welcomed at night, including a poncho and sleeping bag cover in the event of rain.
- Please do not bring any firearms. A knife might come in handy.
- **BECAUSE OF WORK REQUIREMENTS THE CAMP CREW AND WRANGLERS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY TO BE SERVED IN THE MEAL SERVING LINES.**
- **PLEASE LIST YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CLEARLY ON YOUR APPLICATION**

NUEVO APPLICATION SPONSORSHIP: Every riding Caballero Member is permitted to sponsor **one first-year guest.** Caballeros may sponsor more than one 2nd year Nuevo. You should instruct your Nuevo to stay behind the Trail Leader. **Nuevos, Amigos, and Non-riding Caballeros may invite a Nuevo; however, a Caballero Sponsor who will be riding must also be identified, and sign the application.** No Nuevo will be considered unless the sponsoring Caballero is on the Ride and looks after the Nuevo; **THE SPONSOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NUEVO'S CONDUCT, SAFETY, AND ENJOYMENT OF THE RIDE.** Members are not to invite Nuevos who are not planning to ride the trail. Nuevos are expected to ride the ENTIRE trail. Nuevos who have been on the Ride and who are temporarily disabled may be considered an exception, with a written request to the Board. Remind your first year Nuevos to email his picture to DCTallyhand@gmail.com when he sends in his application.

FEE SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION FOR THE 2026 RIDE FOR ALL RIDERS

DUES All Caballero and Amigo members are required to pay annual dues of \$150. Failure to pay dues will result in the suspension of membership, and removal from the rolls of the Desert Caballeros. If the dues are current for a Caballero or Amigo, the following fees apply. If dues not paid, you need to add the unpaid and past-due dues to the amount of the Ride Fee.

RIDE FEES	Caballeros Ride Fee	\$ 1,900
	Amigo Ride Fee	\$ 2,100
	Nuevo Ride Fee	\$ 2,250

All Caballeros, Amigos and Nuevos paying a full ride fee receive credit for Ride Year Pins

NON-RIDER FEES

Please Note: the fees listed below are for **Non-Riders Only**

**	Day-In-Camp (Caballeros and Amigos current on dues)	No additional fee
**	Day-In-Camp (Other DC and Guests)	\$ 150

Caballeros and Amigos current on **dues** are entitled to attend the **El Presidente Party** and the **Picture Party**, at no additional fee.

** The Day-In-Camp shall be defined as commencing at daylight of Day-In-Camp, and terminating when The Ride departs on the following day.

DAY IN CAMP GUESTS Such guests must be sponsored by a Caballero Member. Guests must be registered with the Administrative Assistant and the fee paid prior to the Ride. Any guests expecting to stay one or more nights in camp or partake of meals except during Day-In-Camp shall pay the full Ride fee. Any guest appearing intoxicated may be required by the Directors to stay overnight Wednesday.

**THE MOST CONVENIENT WAY TO PAY DUES, REGISTRATION, GOLF,
OR OTHER FEES OR CHARGES IS BY USING *ZELLE*®
THE PAYEE/RECIPIENT ADDRESS IS "DCTALLYHAND@GMAIL.COM"**

ANY PAYMENT MADE WITH A CREDIT CARD WILL HAVE A
PROCESSING FEE OF 3.5% ADDED

EMPLOYEES Please remember that Employees, Wranglers and Bat Boys are not permitted at the main bar.

GYMKHANA Any horse entered in the gymkhana on Wednesday Day in Camp must be ridden on the trail from Wickenburg to the Desert Caballeros Camp by a Caballero, Amigo or Nuevo.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION Please inform your family that if they need to get in touch with you during the ride for an emergency, they should call Jim McArthur, the Administrative Assistant, at (928) 684-3618. If they cannot reach that number, and it is truly an emergency needing immediate notification, they may call Jean Mason at (928) 684-2339, and she should be able to contact the ride by radio.

CALENDAR -79th DESERT CABALLEROS RIDE

JANUARY 15, 2026 Application deadline for Caballeros, Amigos and Nuevos. **WHEN 150 COMPLETED APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, REGISTRATION WILL BE CLOSED, EVEN IF THAT DATE IS BEFORE JANUARY 15.** After applications close, a waiting list will be maintained by the date of application for any openings which develop. Application and Waiver/Release must be completely filled out and bear the signature of the applicant to be accepted. Nuevo Applications must also bear the signature of the applicant and sponsor. **YOU ARE STRONGLY URGED TO FILE YOUR APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOU CAN BE ON THE RIDE.**

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 Ride Book Cutoff Date. Amigo and Nuevo Riders whose applications are not completed before this dates may not have their picture and information in the Ride Roster Book. New Pictures, or other changes given after that date will not be in the 2026 Ride Book.

MARCH 13, 2026 Deadline for **cancellation** with refund. Caballeros, Amigos and Nuevos will be refunded the ride fee paid, less \$100.00 expense fee (Dues will also be deducted if not yet paid). A ride fee refund after the deadline must be requested in writing and the reason for cancellation documented. If approved by the Board, 50% of the ride fee may be refunded. **As an alternative, canceling Riders may have the amount paid, less unpaid dues, applied to the following year's ride.**

APRIL 11, 2026 Registration envelopes with books, badges and ride information will be available. The Camps will be distributing their packets directly; please check with your camp director. All riders, **ESPECIALLY 1ST YEAR NUEVOS (with their Sponsor)** are encouraged to come to see the Desert Caballeros Headquarters, La Siesta Plaza, 472 E. Wickenburg Way 105, between 9 am and 12 Noon to meet with other Caballeros, and fellow Nuevos.

APRIL 12, 2026 - Safety and Horsemanship Class (Time and Location in your registration materiels)
Each Nuevo and their Sponsor should make every effort to attend this event.
- **Golf Tournament** at Los Caballeros Golf Club at **8:00 am.**
- **El Presidente Party** at Los Caballeros Golf Clubhouse, **5:30 to 7:00 pm.** All Riders and dues paying Caballeros/Amigos, their wives and sweethearts welcome. If a member wishes to bring additional guests, he must contact el Presidente in advance for approval. Adults Only

Please Be Courteous and DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 5:30 to Allow the DC Staff, the Auction Committee, and the Los Caballeros Staff Time to Properly Set-up.

APRIL 13, 2026 Opening Ceremonies for the Ride will begin at **11:00 a.m.** on Apache Street, near the Library.

PARADE NOTE: Do not permit your children to ride with you in either parade. Obscene or vulgar T-shirts or caps are not considered appropriate parade attire. Drinking in either parade on the streets of Wickenburg is prohibited by DC Rules and by the Ordinances of the Town of Wickenburg, and the Laws of the State of Arizona.

APRIL 13-17, 2026 Desert Caballeros Ride. In Wickenburg, local groups and businesses will have activities to entertain the Desert Caballero wives. Information will be in your Ride Packet, available at registration, upcoming by email, or available at www.desertcaballerosride.com.

APRIL 17, 2026 - Return of the Ride at the time indicated in your Ride Packet - generally about noon. (See PARADE NOTE above)

- Picture Party and Farewell Cocktail Party at **5:30 p.m.**, at the Desert Caballeros Western Museum Learning Center (Tegner and Wickenburg Way). All Riders and dues paying Caballeros/Amigos, and their wives and sweethearts welcome. Adults only.