

1. Trail Ride Name – *Southwestern Trail Ride of Houston*
2. Trail Boss Name – *Rosetta Gray*
  - a. Phone Number – *281-414-0580*
3. Assistant Trail Boss Name – *Elizabeth Cook*
  - a. Phone Number – *713-419-0580*
4. Secretary Name – *Gabrielle Curvey*
  - a. Phone Number – *832-931-6572*
5. Preferred Contact- *Elizabeth Cook*  
Phone Number – *713-419-0580*

Key Facts:

1. Years of Participation – *1975 – 49 years with the Houston Livestock and Rodeo*
2. Established date – *January 1973*
3. Start Date – *February 16, 2024*
4. Start Location – *West Columbia, TX*
5. Number of riders in HLSR ride – *250*
6. Number of annual members and participants in all activities – *300*
7. Distance – *100*
8. Number of Wagons – *11 with a 1 guess wagon*

Story Ideas:

**1. Charity Involvement** – *Every year, Southwestern Trail Riders of Houston sponsor a Christmas Celebration on the 2nd Saturday in December and give away approximately over 50 bicycles and toys to local youth.*

*The first Friday in November we go over to Charles Atherton Elementary School with horses and wagons for their Fall Festival, for the kids to ride on the wagons and horses. We also go in May we come back over to the school for their Spring Festival with wagons for the kids to ride on.*

**2. Awards received** – *Southwestern Trail Riders of Houston has received several awards over the years. They were awarded Top Trail Ride in their division in 1981, 1987, 1988, 1995, and 2009. In 2010 and 2011 the ride won the Trail Ride Committee Spirit Award. In 2014 they were awarded the Best Parade Trail Ride by the Parade Committee.*

**3. Scholarship Program Facts** – *The Southwestern Trail Riders of Houston scholarship program was founded in 1999 by Mr. James Middleton. Over \$90,000 in college scholarships has been granted thus far. Throughout the year each wagon club sponsors an event to help raise funds for the program. Scholarship recipients return each year to the annual banquet to encourage other youth and speak of the accomplishments that their scholarship has enabled. Annually the Southwestern Trail Riders of Houston*

Scholarship Committee presents 7 - 10 deserving individuals up to \$1,000 in scholarships to any college of their choice.

4. **Unique Attributes** – Rodney Jackson, he is our Ram Rod that helps to bring the ride down the road, help make sure that everyone is riding right and doing what they should be doing as safe as they should. Henry Bradshaw, he is our Chief Scout he is over our Scouts to help with the safety of the riders the week for the ride and throughout the year.  
We have a youth Club, Young Wranglers where the Wagon Boss is Garrett Sutton. He is our youngest Wagon Boss and Mule Skinner.

#### **Ride History:**

1. **Who established ride** – Fred Gray

2. **Details of establishment** – January 1973-we are celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> years as an association.

3. **Purpose of the ride** – The goal of the Southwestern Trail Riders of Houston is to promote the education of our youth and involve our elderly in the community. During the year, activities range from local trail rides to sponsoring educational programs for neighborhood centers, neighborhood centers, schools, 4-H Clubs, FFA, Groups, and other charities. Members are active, with groups in Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Harris County.

4. **Ride's route and daily schedule** –

#### **Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024**

Daily Miles:4

Depart at 9:00 A.M.

Circle Ride Kids Fun Day

Leaving 329 Ellis Ln. make a right on Hwy 35

Crossing over Hwy 36 to 1301

1301 Hwy 35 Bypass

Break and youth activities for 45 minutes

Back to campsite right onto Hwy 36 & Crewsray

Left on W. Jackson

Left on Bennett Dr.

Right on W. Bernards St

Left on Brown

Cross Hwy 35 to Ellis Lane

Overnight Campsite 329 Ellis Ln. West Columbia, TXL 77486

#### **Sunday, Feb. 18, 2024**

Daily Miles:13

Depart at 9:00 AM

Leaving 329 Ellis Ln. take a left onto TX35.

Go 5 miles take lunch stop on the side of TX35 for a 1 hr.

Continue on TX35 to TX521 take a left on TX521

Go 2 miles campsite on right.

Overnight Campsite: RV Ranch Mc Beth, TX 77583

**Monday, Feb. 19, 2024**

Daily Miles:22

Leaving at 9:00 A.M.

Leaving Mc Beth going North on 521.

Break every 4 miles.

Lunch stop at 521 and 523 intersection (the fork in the road) 1.5 hr.

Continue on 521 for 12 miles to Juliff, TX

Campsite is on your right.

Overnight Campsite: 9909 Juliff, TX 77583

**Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024**

Daily Miles:9

Leaving at 9:00 A.M.

Leaving Juliff, TX turn right onto 521 and go 1.5 miles

Making a right onto Glendale Lake Dr. to:

Heritage Rose Elementary School

636 Glendale Lake Dr.

Rosharon, TX 77583

For a 2 hours lunch stop.

Making left on Glendale Lake Dr. to 521

Making a right onto 521

Go 2.1 miles for a break at for 45 minutes:

The Wells Icehouse

5403 FM 521 RD

Arcola, TX 77583

Left on W. Davis Rd.

Right on Kansas St.

Left on Trammel Fresno Rd

Taking a left onto Trammel Fresno Rd. to campsite on right.

Overnight Campsite: 636 Trammel Fresno Rd. Fresno, TX 77545

**Wednesday Feb. 21, 2024**

Daily Miles: 10

Leaving at 9:00 A.M.

Leaving Fresno, TX left on Trammel Fresno Rd.

Left onto Nail Rd.

Right onto Evergreen St.

Left onto FM 521 RD./Almeda Rd.

Make a right onto Almeda Rd. to Bluebonnett Dr./Southbelt Industrial Dr.

Make a left and then a right onto Almeda Rd. 6 miles to Beltway 8 bridge/Fellows Rd. 521 lunch stop 1.5 hrs.

Continue onto 521 to Fuqua St.

Make a left on Fuqua St. go to the:

If the weather is acceptable for us to stop at the school.,

Martin Luther King Jr. Early Childhood Center

3930 Fuqua St.

Houston, TX 77045

*Rest stop for 1.5 hr. leaving MLK Jr. Early Childhood Center turn right onto Fuqua  
Continue to Hiram Clark and make a left,  
Then make a right onto Anderson Rd.  
Then make a left onto Vandalia Way, the campsite is on the right.  
Overnight Campsite: 15226 Vandalia Way 77053*

***Thursday, Feb. 22, 2024***

*Daily Miles:0  
No Riding  
Overnight Campsite 15226 Vandalia Way Houston, TX 77053*

***Friday, Feb. 23, 2024***

*Daily Miles:15  
Leaving at 9:00 A.M.  
Leaving going left on Vandalia Way  
Then right on Anderson Rd.  
Continue to Hiram Clark Rd and make a left-on Hiram Clark Rd.  
Continue down Hiram Clark Rd. until you get to W. Airport Blvd.  
Make a right on W. Airport Blvd.  
Left on Taintor St  
Right on Uptown Dr.  
Turn left on Parcel 3 and take a break a for 30 minutes  
Leaving break going down Parcel 3 to Holmes Rd. keep straight across to Keely St.  
Make a left onto N Holmes Rd.  
Keep straight down N Holmes Rd./S. Main St. and make a on Hiram Clark Rd.  
Make a left onto S. Main/Hwy 90 and to the Stella Link Rd. exit  
Exit Stella Link and make a left onto Stella Link Rd.  
Continue down Stella Link until you get to N. Braeswood  
Make a left on N. Braeswood.  
Continue down N. Braeswood/Beechnut St. until you get to Frankway Dr.  
Make a left onto Frankway Dr. for lunch stop 1hour  
Making a left on Beechnut St.  
Right on the 610 feeder continue on 610 feeder to Memorial Dr.  
Make a right and continue to Memorial Park.  
Overnight Campsite: Memorial Park  
5. Unique stops/special events hosted – On Tuesday we stop at Heritage Rose Elementary School in Rosharon, TX to let the kids come out and enter act with the trail riders, ask different question about what we do, get on the wagon and take a short ride around the parking lot. We came up with the idea of putting bag(s) together for the students and giving the bag(s) to school. We will be putting bag(s) together for the school to give the kids. They will have all kinds of goodies for them.*

*On Wednesday, we stop at Martin Luther Early Childhood Center on W. Fuqua St. We come to the school let the kids come out and enjoy seat on the wagons and pet the horses.*

*We are going to be doing this to the schools that we pass on the way to Houston, TX. We had to think of something that we could still show love to the kids. We love stopping at the schools every year and the*

*kids love to see us also. They have been asking if we are still going to pass by the school. We have let them know we are going to pass by. Gabrielle Curvey our Recording Secretary/Photographer will go to the school to let you all know when we get close.*

Wagon Details: (complete the following information for each wagon)

1. Wagon name – *Austin & Bo Riding Club*
2. Wagon number - *1*
3. Wagon boss – *Melvin Patton Jr.*
4. Wagon driver – *Melvin Patton Jr.*

1. Wagon name – *Onyx Riding Club*
2. Wagon number - *2*
3. Wagon boss – *Elizabeth Cook*
4. Wagon driver – *Albert Mitchell*

1. Wagon name – *O.T.C.*
2. Wagon number – *Guess Wagon 2-A*
3. Wagon boss – *John Price*
4. Wagon driver – *Eboni Price*

1. Wagon name – *Southwestern Young Wranglers*
2. Wagon number - *3*
3. Wagon boss – *Garrett Sutton*
4. Wagon driver – *Garrett Sutton*

1. Wagon name – *Dickinson Rough Riders Riding Club*
2. Wagon number - *4*
3. Wagon boss – *Frederick Spradley Jr.*
4. Wagon driver – *Frederick Spradley Sr.*

1. Wagon name – *Outlaws Riding Club*
2. Wagon number - *5*
3. Wagon boss – *James White*
4. Wagon driver – *Herman Roberts*

1. Wagon name – *Sugar Shack Trailblazers*
2. Wagon number - *6*
3. Wagon boss – *Kathy Hebert*
4. Wagon driver – *Kathy Hebert*

1. Wagon name – *Beltway Regulators Riding Club*
2. Wagon number - *7*
3. Wagon boss – *Nicolas Cooper*
4. Wagon driver – *Nicolas Cooper*

1. Wagon name – *Just N Time Riding Club*
2. Wagon number - *8*
3. Wagon boss – *Brayzill Stevenson*
4. Wagon driver – *Stacy Smith*

1. Wagon name – *Texas Pride Riderz*
2. Wagon number – *9*
3. Wagon boss – *Beverly Breaux*
4. Wagon driver – *Beverly Breaux*

1. Wagon name – *40 Acres & a Mule Riding Club*
2. Wagon number - *10*
3. Wagon boss – *Troy Howard*
4. Wagon driver – *Samuel Coleman*

1. Wagon name – *Oh Boy Riding Club*
2. Wagon number - *11*
3. Wagon boss – *James Middleton III*
4. Wagon driver – *James Middleton III*