

# National Pony Express Association - Nevada

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### **Pony Express Annual Re-Ride Returns: Nevada Division Set to Receive Mochila in Woodfords, CA on June 12**

**Pollock Pines, CA – May 20, 2025 –** The thundering hooves and time-honored tradition of the Pony Express return once again as the National Pony Express Association (NPEA) conducts its Annual Re-Ride. This year's relay sees the Nevada Division proudly receiving approx 1200 letters in the mochila — the iconic mail-carrying saddlebag — in **Woodfords, California on June 12, 2025 1 PM PDT**, before racing across the Silver State's historic trail segments.

The re-ride commemorates the original 1860-1861 Pony Express, a daring mail service that bridged East and West in just 10 days. Riders will travel over 1,900 miles from Sacramento, California to St. Joseph, Missouri in a continuous 24-hour relay spanning 10 days.

#### Nevada Route Highlights:

- **Woodfords, CA**  
*Thursday, June 12 | Approx. 1:00 PM PDT*  
The Nevada Division will be receiving the mochila from the inbound California rider.
- **Mormon Station, Genoa, NV**  
*Thursday, June 12 | Approx. 3:00 PM PDT*  
Nevada's first settlement, where history breathes through preserved pioneer heritage.
- **Carson City, NV** South Curry & West 2nd St  
*Thursday, June 12 | Approx. 6:00 PM PDT*  
The state capital, where riders will trot past rich historical landmarks.
- **Fort Churchill**  
*Thursday, June 12 | Approx. 10:45 PM PDT*  
A Civil War-era military post, once a key Pony Express station.
- **Cold Springs**  
*Friday, June 13 | Approx. 11:30 AM PDT*  
Remote desert outposts where the endurance of riders and horses is tested by arid terrain.

- **Schellbourne Rest Area @ Hwy 93**  
*Saturday, June 14 | Approx. 6:15 PM PDT*  
Sites that once served as critical hubs for Pony Express and Overland Stage lines.
- **Ibapah, Utah**  
*Sunday, June 15 | Approx. 1:00 AM PDT*  
The handoff point to the Utah Division, continuing the eastbound journey through the rugged heart of the American frontier.

"This ride isn't just a reenactment—it's a living tribute to American perseverance, unity, and innovation," said Petra Keller, Corresponding Secretary for the Nevada Division. "Each mile our riders cover is steeped in the legacy of those who risked everything to connect the country."

#### **About the National Pony Express Association (NPEA):**

The **NPEA** is a nonprofit, volunteer-led organization dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the Pony Express. Through education, reenactments, and community events, the NPEA keeps the spirit of the Old West alive for generations to come.

#### **About the Pony Express Annual Re-Ride**

The **Annual Re-Ride** is a living history event that celebrates the legacy of the **Pony Express**, which operated from **April 1860 to October 1861**. Though short-lived, the service became legendary for its daring riders, rugged terrain, and commitment to fast mail delivery across a developing nation. Spanning over **1,800 miles** across **eight states**, the **Pony Express Re-Ride** is a 24/7 non-stop relay involving hundreds of riders and horses. Commemorative letters are carried in a mochila, just as they were over 160 years ago. The re-ride is both a living history experience and a logistical achievement, preserving the spirit of the original Pony Express.

"This event bridges generations and geography," said Petra Keller, Corresponding Secretary, National Pony Express Association. "We ride to honor those fearless messengers of the past and to keep their memory alive for future generations."

#### **Public Welcome!**

Spectators are encouraged to attend the mochila exchanges, meet the riders, take photos, and engage with local Pony Express volunteers at each major stop. Forts and interpretive centers along the route will offer special programs and trail information.

Follow the ride live via GPS tracking at <https://nationalponyexpress.org/re-ride/follow-the-ride/>. Spectators are welcome at various handoff points and historical landmarks.

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