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**Super Ride VI:
Top drill teams gear up for USEDC Ride of Champions**

The United States Equestrian Drill Championship's inaugural "Ride of Champions" will be held on **Friday evening, June 27, 2008**, at the [Texas Rose Horse Park](#), near Canton, Texas (USA).

The USEDC Ride of Champions will be a featured competition at **Super Ride VI: [The 2008 United States Equestrian Drill Championship](#)**, held at the horse park from **June 24 through 28**.

The Ride of Champions will showcase USEDC Open Division National Champions, Reserve Champions and Second Runners-up from previous Super Ride competitions in a highly anticipated ride-off.

Teams qualified for the 2008 Ride of Champions include: [Latigo N Lace](#) (Washington State), the [Rebel Riders](#) (Texas), the [Easy Riders](#) (Missouri), the [Matagorda County Thundering Hooves](#) (Texas), [Stars N Steeds](#) (Missouri), the [Visalia Rockettes](#) (California), the [Cowgirl Express Rodeo Drill Team](#) (Ohio), the [Bellville Heritage Cowgirls](#) (Texas), the [Canadian Valley Rangerettes](#) (Oklahoma) and the [Ghostriders Precision Drill Team](#) (Texas).

“The team is excited about a competition of the champions. The riders are working hard to perfect an innovative and creative drill that will thrill the judges, the audience and other teams. Riding with precision is what this team loves to do.”

Julie Guillebeau

Drill Master and Coach

EasyRiders Drill Team of Southwest Missouri

The USEDC Ride of Champions will be contested under a special set of rules. Teams will not be allowed to carry flags, and no pyrotechnics or other special effects will be permitted. As a nationally sanctioned “high performance” event, a special emphasis will be placed upon the creativity and overall professionalism of the competing units. Good horsemanship, attention to detail, artistry, innovative musical interpretation and thoughtfulness of presentation will receive positive marks from a panel of nationally recognized judges.

“The Thundering Hooves are honored to be qualified for the Ride of Champions at the USEDC competition in June. They are looking forward to competing with the other champions and are most excited about the competition. A lot of hard work and practice are involved, as they know this will require their best performance yet. This being the fifth trip to the USEDC Canton competition, the Thundering Hooves look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.”

Karen Fikes

Publicist

Matagorda County Thundering Hooves

Based upon entries received through February 5, the **United States Equestrian Drill Association** (USEDA) has confirmed that the 2008 Super Ride will host the most geographically diverse field of entrants seen to date.

“The perception in some circles that the Super Ride is a principally regional competition has been forever erased”, says **Gary Bonner**, Executive Director of the USED A and coordinator of the Super Ride. “The drill community has fully embraced the change in venue and the expansion of the competition's format for 2008.”

“The fixing of the late June competition dates will accommodate those teams from the West Coast that have historically participated in the Western States Drill Team and Color Guard competitions at the Reno (NV) Rodeo, yet also wish to participate in the National Championship”, adds **Kelly Jayroe**, a drill coach and USED A Board Member.

“Super Ride VI will be a National Championship in all aspects, and will feature top level competitors from all regions of the United States - in a comfortable, conveniently accessible setting”, says Bonner. “We expect the competition to be truly first rate in all drill team and color guard divisions.”

“It is an honor and a thrill for the Bellville Heritage Cowgirls to be invited to compete against some of the nation's best drill teams.”

Jada Wiley
Drill Captain
Bellville Heritage Cowgirls

Tickets for Super Ride VI: The United States Equestrian Drill Championship will be available from April 21, and may be purchased on-line at www.superride.us, or through **Circle B Western Wear** (210 E. Dallas Street, Canton, Texas). A limited number of tickets will be available at the gate.

The Texas Rose Horse Park is a 1,700 acre facility opened in 2006. The multi discipline venue features four permanent barns that can stable up to 400 horses.

Video coverage of Super Ride VI: The United States Equestrian Drill Championship will be coordinated by [SportsQuest International](#), with interviews, highlights and behind-the-scenes features available on-line via the [SportsQuest.tv – Equestrian Channel](#).

Full details on the competition, and on Super Ride sponsorship and merchandising opportunities are available upon request. Kindly contact the **United States Equestrian Drill Association** on **1-972-679-0770**.

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