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2019 Mission Trail Ride Story Ideas and History

Story Ideas

- The host organization, The Fort Bend County Vaqueros Trail Riders, along with the supporters of the Mission Trail Ride, have awarded over \$153,000 in scholarship grants since their first appearance in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Downtown Parade.
- Only ride that begins from one of the original Catholic Missions in Texas.
- Mass is celebrated at Mission Espada, and the riders are blessed as they depart for their two week ride.

History

- The Mission Trail Ride was established in 1991 by the Fort Bend County Vaqueros.
- The Mission Trail Ride has been judged "Best Trail Ride" in their division 17 times in their 28 year history.
- The Mission Trail Ride recreates the route that the early Vaqueros and Cowboys took to drive cattle east to the Louisiana markets in support of General Galvez and the United States in the American Revolution.