



HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO™

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2019 Texas Independence Trail Ride Association Story Ideas and History

Story Ideas

- The Texas Independence Trail Ride Assoc., Inc. supports our community and families in need year-round as well as donating to scholarships in both Galveston and Brazoria Counties.

- Texas Independence has received many accolades over the years, including: 2016 – Spirit Award, 2009

- Spirit Award for Bryan Dorsey's wagon from Louisiana, 2010 – Division II – Best Trail Ride, 2011 –

- Division II – Best Trail Ride, 2013 – Division I – Best Trail Ride & Spirit Award, 2014 – Division II – Best

- Trail Ride, Spirit Award, & Downtown Parade for Best Appearing Group and 2015 – Division I – Best

- Trail Ride, Spirit Award, & Downtown Parade for Top Trail Ride.

History

- The Texas Independence Trail Ride was formed in 1961 by a group of riders who wanted to ride

independent of wagons. (At that time, most of the rides required a rider to be signed up with a wagon

group.) Lots of the wagon groups were full and did not have room for more riders or their families.

Our riders are allowed to participate without being part of a wagon group. We wanted to encourage

families to come ride together. Today, we are still known as the "family" ride. We have generations of

families that keep coming back to ride with us every year. In fact, the ride itself is like a "big family

reunion"!

- Even though Texas Independence Trail Ride has several different wagon groups, we are ALL united as

one entity. We are family. The camaraderie between our riders is difficult to define. We are not only

there for each other during our ride; we are there for each other throughout the year – through every



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day ups & downs. If at any time someone in our "extended family" has an unexpected tragedy or

misfortune, we all pitch in to help!

- The purpose of the organization is social and the corporation is formed to stimulate, promote and

encourage the love of horses, riding and good fellowship. Also to further stimulate, promote and

encourage the best interest of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Inc. and of agriculture,

livestock raising and marketing. Preserving the Cowboy Heritage is a tradition of our ride. Many of our

riders are "true" cowboys/cowgirls and live a life that is the cowboy way. Trail riding is a time to relax

with your horse and see the world at a slow pace. It's like going back in time when horses & wagons

were the only means of travel. For that week we get lost in the way it used to be and enjoy every

minute of it!