

GRUENE HISTORIC DISTRICT

At The Water Tower

19th Annual Pony Express Ride Saturday, December 5, 2020, 10am

In honor of the historic Pony Express, the Heritage Trail Ride Association of New Braunfels will be sending 5-10 riders to Gruene with sheriff escorts and a "Christmas Greeting" from Governor Abbott. A temporary post office is set up from 10am to noon to collect letters for Santa and cancel stamps with a commemorative stamp representing the event.

Based on previous light attendance and being an outdoor event this has been determined by the City of New Braunfels to be a safe and socially distanced event:

- Social distancing will be managed with signage and announcements.
- Visitors will not be permitted to touch the horses or riders – pedestrian barricades will be placed around the horses once the riders enter a private driveway. Once the greeting has been read, the riders will head on their way, making this a very brief event.
- With a brief road closure (approx. 9:55-10:15am), visitors will be able to spread out into the street.
- Masks will be worn by riders and encouraged for attendees through signage and announcements.
- A PA system will be used so that visitors do not need to crowd around the stage in order to hear.
- No more than 50-75 visitors are projected to attend.
- The 10x10 pop-up post office has stanchions with one-way directional signage, a box for no-contact maildrop and an acrylic wall between the masked/gloved postal worker and the visitors. Sanitizer at table.
- No food or beverages will be served.

