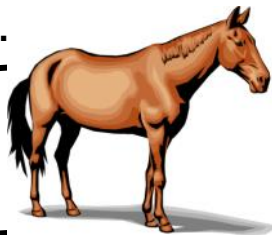


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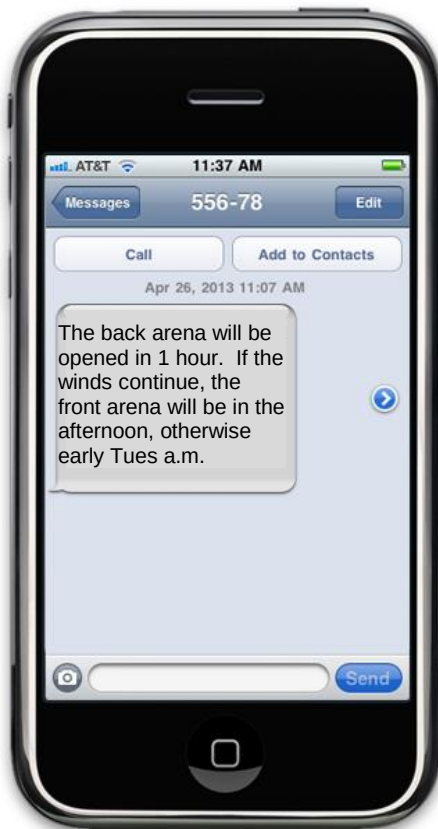
## Real Time Arena Alerts

With the likely heavy rains this winter, arena closures and openings will be critical to maximizing the available riding time. What we have found in the past, is that there were times when the storm slowed down, and at least one arena could be left open a little longer. But because our emails typically are buried in your inbox, it takes time for you to get them. Sending out follow-up emails seemed pointless, when we were talking about another hour or two

On the other end, the opening of the arenas is an hour by hour decision; typically dependent on the uncertain weather conditions immediately following the storms. Historically we have been cautious of making pronouncements of arena openings, for fear of making promises that then fail to materialize. So currently people discover a particular arena has been opened only when the gate is unlocked

For those who want real time arena status reports, we are beginning a separate notification list. Those on this list will receive timely messages of any delays or accelerations of closings / openings. This way you'll be able to adjust your schedule to squeeze in a ride if notified of a delay at the last minute. On the other hand, you won't race here only to find out that the arenas are not open yet.

Each cell provider has a specific email address that is a combination of your cell number and an email format. Below are some common carriers we think work. If this is of an interest to you, I would suggest that you try your cell number with the carrier's syntax, and make sure that it works. If ok, then just send us an email with the successfully tested sms email address and we'll include you in the Arena Update texting list.



If you wish to contact the stable, please use your regular email account. To protect our systems from viruses, malware, etc. we will avoid opening messages that are just sms text formats.

### Common Carrier Email To SMS Gateways

Alltel	[insert 10-digit number] @message.alltel.com
AT&T	[insert 10-digit number] @txt.att.net
Boost Mobile	[insert 10-digit number] @myboostmobile.com
Sprint	[insert 10-digit number] @messaging.sprintpcs.com
T-Mobile	[insert 10-digit number] @tmomail.net
US Cellular	[insert 10-digit number] @email.uscc.net
Verizon	[insert 10-digit number] @vtext.com
Virgin Mobile	[insert 10-digit number] @vmobl.com



We have changed the gate code, but have left the old gate code active, on the assumption that some have missed the email, and only learn things from others. We will be removing the old gate code by the end of the month. So if you have not gotten the new code, best to hoof over to the office and pick it up.

It has been brought to our attention that dogs have been on the stable grounds. We want to remind all of you that we have a "no dogs allowed" policy here. Not only has this been a rule for a very long time, but this year it was a condition of our insurance policy in order to receive the best price. If you must bring your dog to the stable, it must be kept in your car at all times. Offenders will be warned after the first offense, and second and subsequent offenses will result in a \$35.00 fine per offense. Your cooperation is most appreciated.

*I like the price of the reclaimed rock, but it seems to not allow water to soak in as fast?*



What you are experiencing is known as "hydrophobicity" which in certain conditions encourage the water to bead up like on a waterproof jacket.

As the reclaimed rock is produced, some of the surface may have a thin coating of dust or compost, or become very dry while sitting in the storage pile. It is possible that immediately after installation, the first wetting may result in the water beading up, hence appearing to temporarily stay on the surface for a longer time.

Rest assured that this effect is only temporary and any coating will wash downward leaving a surface that is identical to new birds eye- with the exception that you have extra money in your checking account. You may want to have that extra cash for a stall tune up mid *el nino*.



As was announced in the [May 2014 newsletter](#), the new rule for storage outside your stall will become effective on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. We have received several inquiries from a location scout for a major studio who wishes to use the aisles as a backdrop. Unfortunately the shoot is in mid-next year, and the current scene will no longer be available.