

2019 Annual Joaquin Murrieta Ride and March for Justice



The Joaquin Murrieta Ride traces the route of famed rebel, Joaquin Murrieta, which ended near the *Arroyo de Cantua* - Cantua Creek, where he was purportedly killed on July 25, 1853.

The 2019 Joaquin Murrieta Ride marks another year in the history of California, which only became a state of the union 169 years ago. It is another year since men like Joaquin Murrieta resisted “gringo” subjugation and the theft of their lands and livelihoods.

It is another year of injustice and the criminalization of immigrant families and communities; another year of internment camps and the separation of thousands of children from their families. It is another year of child deaths due to abuse and an inherent lack of compassion in the system; there are surely more tragedies to come.

The 2018 Joaquin Murrieta Ride provided a unique intersection of the past and the present as dozens of horsemen and women “en plena vestidura de charro y vaquero” rode alongside immigrants’ rights activists.

*See 2018 Ride and March:

<https://fresnoalliance.com/joaquin-murrieta-ride-and-immigrant-rights-march/>



In 2019, the communities along the route of the Joaquin Murrieta Ride and beyond are confronting basic issues such as the quality of the water and air, the lack of investment in jobs, housing and economic development.

Those communities which share the same social and environmental justice issues include Madera, Firebaugh, Mendota, Kerman, San Joaquin, Huron and others along the West Side of Fresno County.

*For background see:

<https://fresnoalliance.com/march-against-walls-and-the-separation-of-families/>

In response to these needs, community groups will hold the March for Justice – Marcha por la Justicia, including El Despertar del Sueño Americano (The Awakening of the American Dream), the Central Valley Committee for Immigrants Rights and the Jovenes del Valle Central (Youth of the Central Valley).

2019 March for Justice

Saturday, July 27th at 7:00 a.m. - The March for Justice will join the Joaquin Murrieta Ride at the Firebaugh High School, 1976 Morris Kyle Drive in Firebaugh. The March will travel eight miles to Lozano Park in Mendota where they will gather for a program.

Sunday, July 28th at 9:00 a.m. – Marchers and Riders will gather for a mass and blessing at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and travel down Hiway 33 from Three Rocks to 17913 S Derrick Avenue. They will then return to the starting point where they will hold a jaripeo and celebration.

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