



# The Highline

A tri-annual newsletter of the Back County Horsemen of Oregon

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## The Ultimate Leave No Trace Training

The 2011 BCHO sponsored LNT training was held in the Eagle Cap Wilderness. Instructors were Becky Wolf and Jerry Bentz with the help of packer and cook, Jerry Schmeltzer.

We took four students on a 12-mile pack trip into North Minam Meadows. This area is accessed from the Bowman Trailhead on the Lostine River out of the town of Lostine. Most of the students had never been on a trip into the Eagle Caps and were awe-struck by the beauty. A couple of them were terrified by the trails, but their fear was quickly overcome when they realized they were riding good, sensible horses or mules and the trails were indeed safe.

The four included Bert Morris from the West Cascade chapter, Toby Countryman from the new Territorial Riders chapter in the Oregon City area, Cynthia Harris from the East Cascade chapter and Vicki Lovelace from the Eugene area Emerald Empire chapter. They all used their own horses or mules.

We spent two nights and three days beside North Minam Meadows. The students learned and put to practical use the seven principles of Leave No Trace, which included practicing high-lining, hobbling, choosing a camp site on durable ground and leaving it even better than found...*more on page 3.*



Group packing into Eagle Caps

### PURPOSES of BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN of OREGON

To **PERPETUATE** the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness areas.

To **WORK** to insure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.

To **ASSIST** the various government, state, and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resource.

To **EDUCATE**, encourage and solicit active participation in the use of the back country resource by stock users and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

TO **FOSTER** and encourage the formation of new state organizations and BCHA.

# BCHA National Board Meeting in Oregon

The BCHA National meeting will be held in Eugene, Oregon, April 24-29, 2012 at the Valley River Inn. A block of rooms are reserved at a reduced rate for the event. Oregon's BCH Board has established a committee, which will be responsible for setting up the event and providing a few volunteers to help run the front desk. BCHO is responsible for hosting a get together on Wednesday night after the start of the meeting. All BCHO active members are welcome to participate in all the National events and will be sent registration information upon request. This a great opportunity to observe the National Board at work and listen in on the latest issues, followed by guest speakers from several agencies. The National Board meeting committee members from Oregon are: Brenda Cordineer, Phil Hufstader and Del Orchard. If you want further information on how you can help or if you want pre-registration material, contact Del Orchard via the BCHO website or at (503) 705-4104.

Volunteers are needed to man the registration desk on April 24-25 to help distribute registration packets, directories and collect fees as the National directors come in for the meeting each day.

Local representatives from EEBCHO chapter will also be on sight to provide transportation, sight-seeing opportunities for the spouses and answer any questions about the local area.

## Web Update

The website has recently been updated; however search engines still frequently bring up an outdated version. By using the refresh button (a small circle arrows in the upper left corner of the webpage) it will load the current version. By *Del Orchard*

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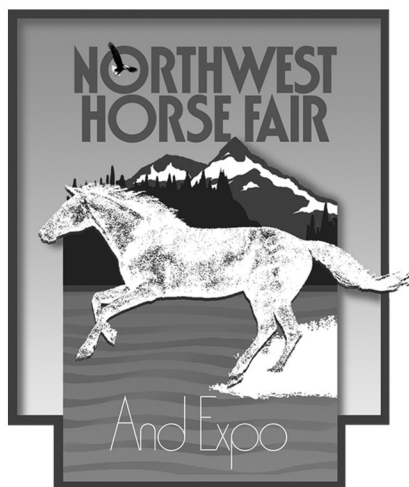
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*continued from page 1...* Each student was also assigned one of the principles of LNT, which they taught to the remaining students. There was even time for trail riding out of camp to see the beautiful surrounding area.

Our packer and cook Jerry Schmeltzer treated us all to three gourmet meals every day. We were also treated to visits from resident deer and elk every day and night.

Overall it was a great trip for hands-on learning with good company and in beautiful country.

The 2012 BCHO sponsored LNT – Train the Trainer course is June 22-24, 2012 at Sisters Cow Camp. This will be a trailhead only venue. For more information contact Becky Wolf at wolfdan@molalla.net or (503) 829-2694 or Jerry Bentz at mulepacker@canby.com or (971) 645-3593.

## Territorial Riders Update

Territorial Riders, the new BCHO chapter in the Oregon City area, is off to a great start with a New Year's Day Ride and Potluck. Thanks to Molly and Jerry Schmeltzer for organizing the ride and opening their home. Fifteen people made the ride and more showed for the potluck.

We are getting organized. As a new chapter there are many things to do such as putting together a calendar – but we got a great start on it at our December meeting. I'm sure though that it will be an ongoing project. We are also getting committees in place so that the old saying "many hands make light the work," might be our motto.

Stay tuned as Territorial goes into its first year with Backcountry Horsemen. And stay on the topside.

By Joanne



Members warming up by the fire



Group riding in line along the trail

# *Emerald Empire Joins Lane County Youth for Play in the Rain Day*



DeeDee Holst and Sparky with Friends.

Over 1,000 Lane County children and youth enjoyed a sunny – not rainy – day of fun at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum on Saturday, November 12, 2011. The event is put on by the Youth in Nature Partnership, a collaboration of non-profit and government organizations committed to increasing opportunities for youth to spend time in nature.

To fill our commitment to youth, eight members and friends of the Emerald Empire BCHO spent the day introducing young people to horses, packing and LNT ethics. This is the fourth consecutive Play in the Rain Day and our chapter has been invited back every year. It is always great fun.

The stars of our demonstrations were Tasha and Sparky, two splendid ponies who stood still (mostly) for five hours while children and parents scratched their noses,

stroked their manes and asked countless questions. Matt and DeeDee Holst had Sparky decked out in panniers and manties. CJ Croce and Phred Weinert provided Tasha once again. Tasha has come close to being our chapter mascot. She loves the attention and in a non-threatening way introduces city folk to the world of horses.

After meeting the ponies, children and parents were directed to an LNT demonstration, which Vicki Lovelace and Jean Clancey led. They incorporated information about how long it takes materials to break down when they are left behind in nature.

Just how long would it take before a discarded plastic bottle to decompose? – 25 years. Or a glass bottle? – One million years!

Both Vicki and Jean, as well as many of the Emerald Empire members, have completed LNT Train the Trainer courses through BCHO. They are well prepared with information and techniques to pass on the LNT principles.

Tasha and Sparky were appropriately tied to highlines with tree savers. We were additionally able to show how stock users employ low-impact techniques, which impressed many of the adults in attendance.

Each child that visited the BCHO booth received a small plastic horse as a souvenir - they were so excited! Along with a farewell wish: "May you someday be able to ride a horse into the beautiful backcountry!"

Thank you DeeDee Holst for pulling this together and to all the members who gave their time to make it such a success. In addition to those mentioned above were Emily Elias, Lauren Clancey and Lauren's friendly Yellow Lab Cheyenne.

*By Jean Clancey*

## **10 Packing Essentials for Trail Riding**

Many trail riders recommend what they call the 10 essentials for packing. Here I expand on that list with items to not forget before hitting the trail.

1. Compass. Bring one along and know how to use it.
2. Topographic map of the area
3. Water and purification tablets or water filter
4. Sharp knife
5. Whistle. In case you are lost or hurt, a whistle can be heard a lot further away than your voices.
6. Space blanket
7. Matches in a water proof container
8. Fire starting material such as fire paste or fire sticks
9. First aid kit for both humans and horses
10. Extra food. Make sure to pack a lunch if you will be out for more than a few hours and also extra emergency foods on top of that. (Make sure the extra food doesn't taste too good or it won't be there when you need it!)

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# Adventures of Janet and Loyce

Where to start? First of all, the snow level did not cooperate this year.

We had our normal week of camp hosting at Kelsay Valley the third week of July, Sunday to Sunday. Sunday morning it was pouring before I even loaded the trailer. If we had not been obligated to be camp hosts, Janet and I agreed that we would have aborted. It took forever to load our stuff in the trailer and who wants to do that – or anything – in the rain? Yet Kristen and a friend, Eileen Anderson, also went with us. It rained for two more days and to think it was almost the end of July. We were a dreary sight.

And the rain-caused troubles didn't end there. Kristen and Eileen's tent leaked. Plus we couldn't have a fire because that would necessitate standing in the pouring rain and what would be the point of that? So we were cold.

Eileen decided to drive home to do some stuff so I went with her and we stopped at my house for: a new tent, long underwear, wool sweaters, insulated boots, and hot chocolate. You get the picture. The stalls were nasty because the tarp leaked. The horses wore their blankets for several days, so you know what they were like too.

By Tuesday afternoon, we decided to try to ride between the rain showers. Knowing that the trails were being cleared simultaneously with our ride, we attempted the Tenas Peak loop. We met the trail crew, working hard in raingear. We told them we loved them (not really). We made it around Tenas Peak but there was too much snow at the saddle that the trail was not visible forcing us to ride high on the left side to get around. It's nice when you have ridden a trail so much that bushwhacking is not a problem. Then we rode to Calamut Lake, Maidu Lake and Windigo Lakes.

Later in the summer – the fourth week of August, we spent a second week at Kelsay Valley. This time it was much nicer weather and the trails were clear. We rode those horses' tails off. Captain did about 120 miles for the week. Now that's more like it! We rode all our favorite trails. While riding around Happy Rock, it hailed the size of small grapes. One hit my hand and it bruised. The horses were not amused.

But our biggest adventure was the day we rode the loop past Darlene and Suzanne Lakes to the PCT and back past Cowhorn and down to Kelsay.

Mistake #1—we left late (11 a.m. -ish); Mistake #2—we lollygagged; Mistake #3—we stopped for lunch and swimming at Suzanne (at 5 p.m.); Mistake #4—we lost the trail.

Mind you both Janet and I have done this ride numerous times. Once you leave the Windy Lakes, you take a westerly bearing and ride about 20 minutes and



then you hit the PCT. Piece of cake, right?

Well apparently the sun did not set in the West on that evening because we wound all over the woods for two hours. I was praying because it was getting quite dark and we needed to get out before we could no longer see to go around the trees. Luckily just at sunset we found the PCT. Janet was very relieved. She had finally just said, "Jesus, take the reins." It wasn't but a couple of minutes later that we hit the PCT. Why do we think, "Oh, I won't bother God about this – I can do it."

Now it's dark. Fortunately, horses can see in the dark. Just before Cowhorn at Windy Pass, I was afraid that there would be a steep drift to cross with no way to get around with a horse. So we got off. I made it no problem, however, Janet is not a fan of going over deep snow. She started to proceed and Flint made a mighty leap up in to the boulders (gasp and some interesting words) and then leaped down right behind Captain.

In the interest of brevity, the ride back to Kelsay was uneventful. It is absolutely amazing how horses can see in the dark. And by the way it was so dark that I could not see the ears of the black horse I was riding. 'Nuff said. We got back to camp a little past midnight. Awesome ride!

The following week, I returned determined to find the correct trail and flag the heck out of it, so we would not ever play that little game again. When I got to Windy Pass, I was amazed that where Flint had leapt over the drift, he had landed in the one flat open spot on the bank between the boulders. It still makes me cry. Sorry if this sounds religious, but God takes care of us even when we don't even think of asking. So, all in all, it was a decent riding summer.

*By Loyce Krogel*

# Horse Packing with Pride

A quarter century ago, I was packing across Arizona with a friend and ran into multiple ranchers that just couldn't understand packing for the purpose of fun. Packing salt blocks made sense. Packing supplies to a line shack was necessary. But two young ladies packing for months at a time for no reason other than for the experience made absolutely no sense to anyone else we ran into. I, on the other hand, couldn't imagine not doing it. I soon moved to Oregon and continued recreational horse packing. Then in the spring six years ago, I decided to keep a pack string "fit, shod, and ready" in case something came up. I didn't know what that something would



Kate leading Duncan and Mocha hauling culverts

be; I just felt the need to be ready. Two months later I received a call out of the blue for a contract to pack supplies on several forest fires. My horses and equipment were ready and off we went. Little did I know that my recreational packing days were over.

Oddly, I've been packing for various work projects so much that I haven't packed for fun in years. I'm not sure I'd enjoy it anymore, but I hope I would.

In the last few years, my horses have built an intriguing resume. They've quietly and competently carried backpacks, trail crew tools, camp food and supplies, live fish, chainsaws, gasoline, dirt, gravel, toilet paper, hot food for firefighters, raft and oars for search and rescue, a 30-foot antenna, Smoke Jumper packs, sign posts, water, garbage, 8-foot culverts, barbed wire and T-posts. There's a point at which the horse no longer cares what is strapped onto its back. If the horse does care, he washes out of the program.

I can claim that the horse "has packed," but I won't call that animal a "pack horse."

To me, being called a pack horse is a badge of honor. To many, a horse that isn't good enough to ride is relegated to being a pack horse. Not in my world.

My very best horses are in my pack string. I can get away with a lot of inconsistencies or fearfulness in saddle horses, but my pack horses simply must be solid. At one point on the Lake George Fire a few years ago, I looked behind me at my string and realized every single horse with me was a riding or driving champion. I don't know which necessarily comes first: all the other training desensitizes them and packing is easy; or packing so much desensitizes them so that their other training is easy. Either way, I fully realize how fortunate I am to have such wonderful animals in my life.

My horses have packed for the United States Forest Service (Willamette, Deschutes, and Ochoco Forests), the Bureau of Land Management (Prineville and Three Rivers Districts), the Pacific Crest Trail Association, the Friends of the Oregon Badlands, Oregon Natural Desert Association, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and a few other agencies and organizations. For the vast majority, I volunteer my time, but occasionally I actually have a paying contract. It definitely costs me a pretty penny to keep my horses fit and ready, but somehow it seems to be what I feel I need to do. My string for my first packing contract in Oregon was made entirely of Chestnut Haflinger horses. I am not very tall and I do not understand the Forest Service's fascination with 16 hand mules. Fourteen hands is ideal to me; short and strong. Most of the horses on that first string ended up sold by the end of the season, leaving me room for expansion. My contract string has now evolved into all short, squat Bay Mustangs. Having been formerly wild, these horses have proven to be exquisitely sure-footed and sensible in all trail conditions. Most of them are under 15 hands and since I get on and off dozens of times every day and I usually do all the loading myself, I think they are tall enough. I run all my horses barefoot now, shoeing only when necessary, which hasn't happened in five years. I am regularly amazed to realize that my string has been across the lava and obsidian flows for weeks at a time and are still comfortable and sound.

I run a small horse rescue program and frequently put my rescues on the string. I've found that starting





new horses as the caboose on my pack string is a great way to bring a new horse along. By the end of the season, they've worked their way up the string and I'm usually riding them. For those that are available to new homes, this is a great way to show prospective adopters how 'their' horse really performs. There is something about packing that helps every horse become a better horse. I call it "trail magic," and I can't explain it, but it's got something to do with quiet handling and long hours of low-intensity work that makes the horses just put their head down and work. I believe every horse would benefit from this sort of work. Of course, I do not bring green horses on trips where I'm packing any hazardous material.

Packing work is not always rainbows and sunshine. It is nearly always hard work, even when everything goes well and quietly. Some assignments are downright dangerous and frustrating. These assignments became exercise in minimizing risk and keeping the string quiet. Picture strapping hazardous material on your ground-tied beloved animal, hanging on to the lash line because if you let go you'll fall over the cliff... breathing hard because you only have half your load secured yet you must hurry (quietly), except you can't see where you're going well because of the heavy rain... and each time you grab your lash line the stickers from the only shrubbery nearby get driven into your cold hands through the holes in your new gloves. But it's all good because you know you've got an energy bar in your pommel bags that you might be able to eat soon if all goes well down the trail and you don't run into bees. Dang, I love packing!

I put considerable expense into maintaining a top-notch pack string. But I know many of us can do it on a smaller scale for little or no extra expense. If you have a solid saddle horse and one or two other reliable horses that have packed some and have proven to be quiet, you may consider responding to some of the requests in our community for packing support for summer projects. If you are unsure, start with something simple like hauling personal gear for a PCTA work crew, where everything is easily weighed and it all fits into standard panniers. Perhaps you'll move up to trail tools and awkward loads later in the season. I'd suggest putting off things like dirt, gravel, barbed wire and posts until another season. Riding as a "drag rider" for an experienced packer certainly gives you experience, but it does not train your horses, which really need

the exposure.

I don't know what 2012 holds in store for me and my string, yet I know we're ready. I can hardly wait for those moments on the trail when I relax enough to turn around and look at my furry friends quietly and competently serving their community by carrying their crazy loads and giving me pack loads of pride.

*By Kate Beardsley*



**Right:** Kate's Mustang Otter hauling an 8 foot culvert in Jefferson Wilderness

**Right:** Kate with her string of haflingers packing for ODF&W





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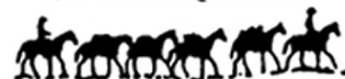
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*Rene Ogan*



# This Old Mule

Don't worry about the mule  
You guys just load the wagon  
It's your job to load it up  
It's mine to do the draggin'.

So you guys just load the wagon  
Load her wide and load her tall  
When this old mule can't pull her  
I'll tell you one and all.

I'm getting old I know  
I feel it in my bones  
Especially when it's late at night  
And I am all alone.

When it comes tomorrow morning  
I'll be standing in the traces  
Waiting for my wagon load  
Got apples by the cases.

Take the slack out of the trace chains  
Lean your weight into the collar  
When the boss man say it's time  
to go  
She'll move I'll bet  
a dollar.

The young ones they  
just snicker  
Say he can't pull his  
share  
But when they start  
to fallin'  
I'll just leave them  
laying there.

May stop a while to give  
a hand  
Maybe get them on their  
feet  
But I can't tarry, got to go  
I've got a schedule to  
meet.

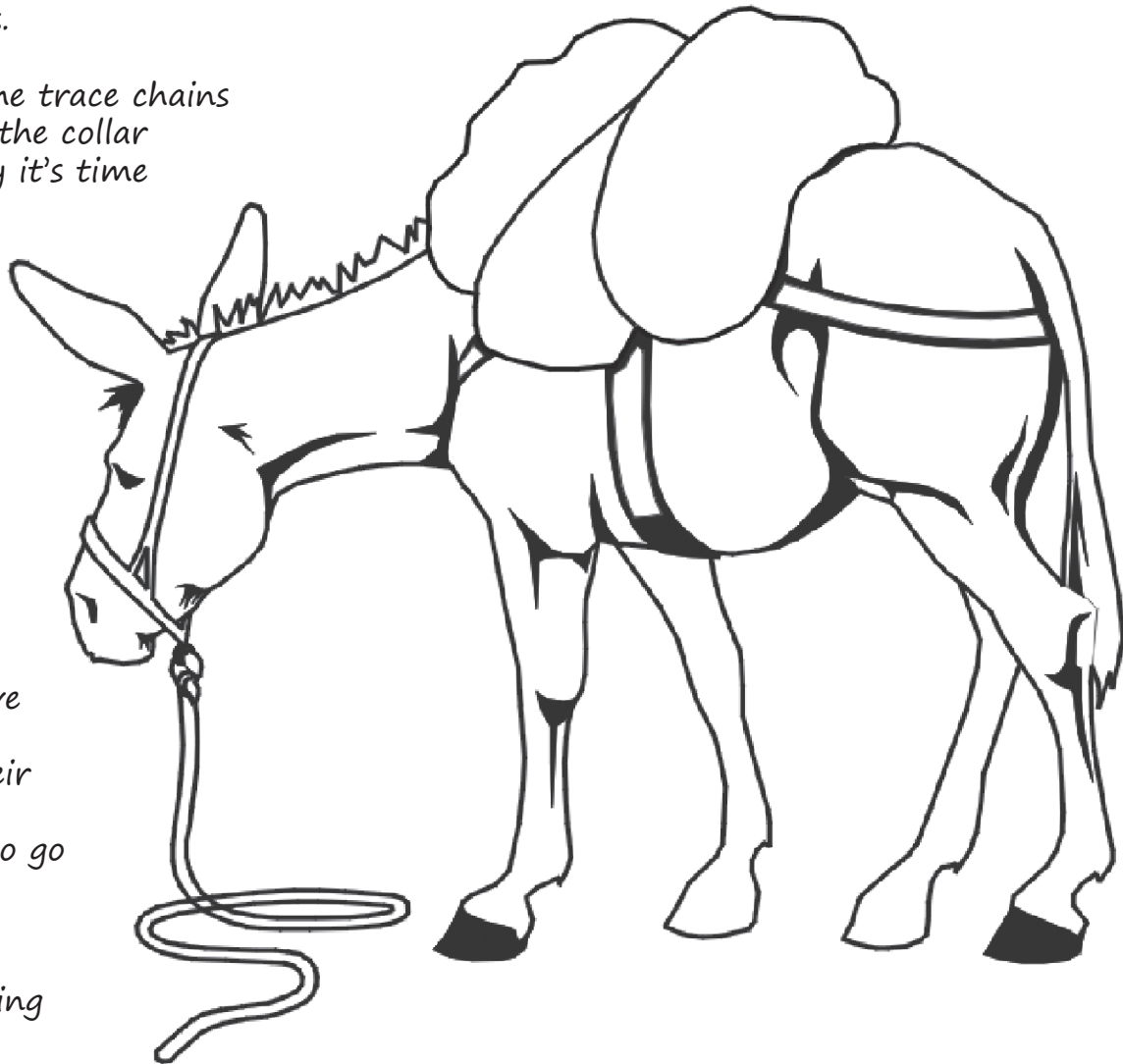
The boss is on the landing  
He's just fussin' and a  
fumin'  
Say's where's my trucks I need them now

This fruit is going to ruin.  
There's three hour's gone on a six hour run  
The boss he starts to callin'  
Where you at I've got your load  
Its fruit we must be haulin'.

The seasons gone, the work is done  
The fun it all be over  
I'm waiting for another year  
But I'll be one year older.

I hope the farm has another good year  
And the boss I hope is callin'  
So I can work another year  
I think haulin' is my callin'.

By Elton L. Martin



# Box Canyon Horse Camp

Box Canyon Horse Camp offers several trailheads with a variety of riding and skill level options. Below I outline a few of the exceptional trails.

## Directions:

Box Canyon Horse Camp is located off of Forest Service (FS) Road 19 also known as the Aufderheide. You can reach FS 19 by either Highway 126 or Highway 58. Box Canyon is almost exactly halfway between the two roads. If you go by Hwy 126 you will have to wind around Cougar reservoir and if you go around Hwy 58 you will follow the North Fork of the Willamette River. Continue along FS 19 until you see the sign that says Box Canyon Horse Camp. There is day parking for horses at the Box Canyon Camping area and nine back-into camping spots with picnic tables and fire rings. The site also has non-potable water for horses and outhouses. Plus two and four horse corrals at each spot; however you will need to either pack manure home or move across the road to dump.

**Grasshopper Ridge Trail (FS 3569):** This route goes to the southeast from camp. Right at the beginning there is a tricky creek crossing. Not dangerous just tricky. The trail then wanders for several miles. It is questionable if it is open past the junction for Chucksney Mt. Loop trail.

**Chucksney Mountain Trail (FS 3306):** This trail starts behind the horse camp and goes to the north then swings all the way to the south and finally connecting to the Grasshopper Trail, making a 12-mile loop ride. The trail has some wonderful views and a couple of nice meadows near the top.

**Trail FS 3567:** Ride down Forest Service Road 19 for two miles to find this trail head at the bottom of the hill. It goes through some of the most spectacular old growth Doug Fir that you will find in the area. It is an out and back trail. How far you go depends on how full the creek is.

**McBee Trail (FS 3523):** A 5.1-mile trail to the Crossing Way Trail. It starts right across from the middle of the horse camp by the main sign. Go across the road to find the trail starting right at the end of the small wooden fence.

**The Crossing Way Trail (FS 3307):** Continue along FS 19 to just north of the campground then take the next road, FS 1958. Go up this road for three miles then turn right at the first trail head sign, which has a sign that says the Crossing Way TH. This is a circular trailhead

with pull outs. It does not have water but does have an outhouse and hitch rails. The trail goes up to hit the intersection with the Irish Mt. Trail and McBee Trail into Mink Lake Basin. This area is full of lakes and small hills with no large elevation gains. There are also meadows in this area. However, it is easy to get lost so pay attention to your topography maps and Forest Service maps in this area. A Loop can be made of McBee, Irish Mt. and Skookum Rd, but it totals 19.5 miles with significant elevation gain and loss involved.

**Skookum Trail Head (FS 1958) and the Erma Bell Lakes:** Just south of Box Canyon Campground find Skookum Road heading south off of FS 19. Go about three miles until you find a large trail head with bathrooms, picnic tables and water. The Campgrounds are not open to horses, but I have stayed in the parking area. Find multiple loops and don't forget to visit the Taylor Burn Guard Station. This is a high use area, so be aware of your presences and others. This is also the quickest access to Irish Mt., but also the steepest.

By *Becky Hope*

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# Cody's Corner

Hi, my name is Cody Casey and I just turned 8. If you have been following my adventures, you know I have a lot of fun for my age. The summer and fall of 2011 was great for me. I am now an official member of Grandpa and Dad's packing business, Sawbuck Packers, with a salary directly related to how many pop cans I can collect and recycle after each pack trip – and boy did I make a lot of money during Deer and Elk Season. My new title with the company is that of "Out Rider."

My lawyer (Grandpa) tries to keep me active so to keep us both out of trouble, especially lately. Yet just as things were going smooth, Grandma decided to retire and keep an eye on both of us. Man things went to double "H" in a hand basket. Grandpa said it was like having Warden around all the time checking up on us. Well the old coot now needs me sometimes to be his lawyer for the trouble he gets us into. Why the other day he came home from a road trip with a free colt and Grandma hit

the ceiling. It seems that he had forgot to tell her – funny she should have figured when we pulled out before daylight with a horse trailer attached. Oh well. Grandpa claims he thinks she is coming down with distemper or something like that. He swears he thought he told her about the colt ahead of time.

When we were discussing what to call the new colt, Grandma piped in "if the old coot pulls that stunt again the next one would be named Divorce." Funny, I don't think an animal would answer to that name. Well as usual, Grandpa was fast of feet and quickly gave the colt to Dad. He figured he can bank the extra stall for another animal and still be out from under the gun of the Warden.

Well for Christmas, Santa brought me a new 50 caliber muzzle loader and a double barrel 410 gauge shot gun. It seems my new position with the packing business requires me to ride shotgun over the ice cooler when Grandpa's Pepsi is on board. That in itself is a full time job. My duties will be to lead out the main string when we're packing, looking for any flatlanders or walkers coming at the string. And boy did I miss a golden opportunity to do my job my first time out last week.

There we were, Grandpa on a new mule, dad on a brand new green colt, Miss "J" on a new, older mule, and me and Grandma on our old trusty mules down on the beach for a New Year's ride. We were riding back in the dunes in a real brushy area with a small clump of trees ahead of us. Next in line was my lawyer followed by Dad and Miss "J." About the time Grandpa's animal passed the clump of trees, a woman jump up and a man fell off to the side. Katie bar the door, animals went to bucking. The woman went to screaming and Grandpa swears the man was giving the woman a Christmas goose, whatever that means. It took several minutes to get all the stock under control and back down the trail. Grandpa was still yelling at the people when they cleared the first dune. The woman was in the lead and moving fast for the parking lot and the guy was pleading with her to slow down. Dad and Grandpa laughed for hours over something I still haven't figured out. Now Grandpa wants to rename that clump of trees, but Grandma figures the Feds won't want to change any maps to his purposed new name.

Grandma keeps saying she can't take us anywhere without us causing trouble and Dad thinks

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that the old coot is like a magnet – trouble just seems to gravitate toward him. We ended the trip by having some flatlander come tearing down the trail yelling “endurance rider passing.” Boy that was a big mistake, the mules at the last minute wheeled (typical colts) and blocked the trail when they heard this screaming banshee tearing down the trail. The mules stayed put, but the flatlander went right straight over the dune into the swamp with a splash. Hell of a sight: Grandpa sitting with one leg over the saddle horn, Dad busting a gut when he got his colt under control and Grandma asking if the rider needed any help. Grandpa answered with a straight face “sorry but mules don’t speak endurance and damn sure colts don’t speak but only one language and that is barn talk.”

I figured that the rider was in trouble from the start because she was riding a saddle without a horn. Daaa – nothing to grab onto when you’re swimming. Go figure.

We went back and loaded up and got out of dodge before anything else could happen. Grandpa and dad were still laughing for hours after we got home. But why? Just because a man was trying to give his girl a Christmas goose and another woman went swimming. There seems a lot I don’t know about growing up.

Well until next time when I start my story about providing protection for the pack animals with my new double barrel shotgun. Shots fired, mules running in all directions and Grandpa waking up from his nap with a fist full of iron. What a mess!

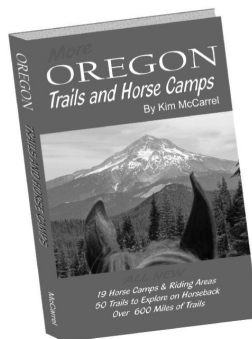
Until then keep your saddle straight, your powder dry and buy a saddle with a horn.

~Cody Casy

By *Phil Hufstader*



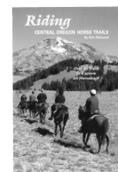
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## **February 18-19 (CO/R)**

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Territorial Riders  
Nehalem Bay HC  
Larry Gray - 503.550.6342  
lkgsike@yahoo.com

## **February 25 (R)**

West Cascade  
E. E. Wilson Wildlife Refuge  
11:00 a.m.  
Rich Labelle - 541.619.4219

## **March 9**

High Desert Trail Riders  
Pack Training  
Oregon Dept. Forestry  
6:30 p.m.  
Betty Applebaker - 541.798.5005  
mtnmules@centurytel.net

## **March 10 (WP/CO)**

Emerald Empire  
Pre-Solv Clean-up  
Baker Beach  
Florence, OR  
9:00 a.m.  
BJ Keele - 541.747.3916  
bjkeele@epud.net

## **March 16**

High Desert Trail Riders  
Pack Training  
6:30 p.m.  
Betty Applebaker - 541.798.5005  
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## **March 17-18 (CO/R)**

West Cascade  
Badlands  
Arden Corey - 503.897.3291  
coreys@wvi.com

## **March 25 (R)**

West Cascade  
Territorial Riders  
Bob Straub State Park  
Pacific City  
11:00 a.m.  
Larry Gray - 503.550.6342  
lkgsike@yahoo.com

## **March 28-29**

High Desert Trail Riders  
First Aid/CPR Certification  
Oregon Dept. Forestry  
Carole Hopkins - 541.850.9712  
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## **March 31 (R)**

West Cascade  
Silver Falls State Park  
10:00 a.m.  
Michelle Morin - 503.910.6780  
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## **April 6**

High Desert Trail Riders  
Pack Training  
Oregon Dept. Forestry  
6:30 p.m.  
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## **April 14-15 (CO/R)**

West Cascade  
Territorial Riders  
Graham Corral HC  
Sisters, OR  
Larry Gray - 503.550.6342  
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## **April 14**

High Desert Trail Riders  
Spring Tune Up & Saddle Fit Clinic  
K E Center  
Brenda Cordonnier - 541.591.4049

## **April 21 (R)**

West Cascade  
McDonald Forest  
Corvallis, OR  
10:00 a.m.  
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## **May 4-6**

High Desert Trail Riders  
Wilderness Skills Clinic  
Klamath Falls Fairground  
8:00 a.m.  
Les Hathorn - 541.810.3665

## **May 11-13**

High Desert Trail Riders  
Steve Edwards Clinic  
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## **May 11-13 (CO/R)**

West Cascade  
Territorial Riders  
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Gates, OR  
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## **Calendar Key:**

R - Ride  
P - Pack  
CO - Camp Out

WP - Work Party  
HC - Horse Camp

## **May 18-20**

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High Desert Trail Riders  
Wood River Wetlands  
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## **May 19-20 (CO/R)**

West Cascade  
Cyrus Springs  
Bert Morris - 541.968.5525  
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## **May 25-28 (CO)**

Territorial Riders  
Sheep Springs HC  
Camp Sherman, OR  
Tobbi Countryman - 503.632.7199  
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## **May 26-28 (CO/R)**

High Desert Trail Riders  
Sun Pass  
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## **June 1-3 (CO)**

Territorial Riders  
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## **June 1-3**

HCFV Training  
Allingham  
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## **June 2 (WP)**

Emerald Empire  
Middle Fork Trail  
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## **June 9 (R)**

High Desert Trail Riders  
Devils Garden  
10:00 a.m.  
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**June 15-24 (CO/R)**

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 Camp Sherman, OR  
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**June 16-17**

West Cascade  
 Trail Skills Clinic  
 Sheep Springs HC  
 Camp Sherman, OR  
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**June 16-17 (CO/WP)**

Territorial Riders  
 Joe Graham HC  
 Mt. Hood  
 Jerry Bentz - 971.645.3593  
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**June 17 (WP)**

High Desert Trail Riders  
 Gerber Trail Clearing  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Jim Icenbice - 541.892.2647  
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**June 20 (WP)**

High Desert Trail Riders  
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 9:00 a.m.  
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**June 24 (WP)**

High Desert Trail Riders  
 Gerber Rock Jacks  
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**June 25-July 1 (WP/CO/R)**

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**June 29-30 (WP)**

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**July 7 (WP)**

High Desert Trail Riders  
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**July 4-8 (CO/R)**

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**July 8**

High Desert Trail Riders  
 Trail Ride  
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**July 8 (R)**

Territorial Riders  
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**July 13-15 (WP)**

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**July 14 (R)**

Territorial Riders  
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 Mt. Hood  
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**July 14-15 (CO/R)**

West Cascade  
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**July 19-23 (P)**

West Cascade  
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 Cove, OR  
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**July 20-21 (WP/CO)**

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**July 22**

High Desert Trail Riders  
 Fish Packing  
 Blue Lake  
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**July 28-29 (CO/R)**

State Ride  
 Corral Flats - Ochoco  
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**February 18-19**

Washington Horse Expo  
 Clark Co. Fairground

**March 2-4**

BCHO Winter Convention  
 Redmond

**March 17**

Canby Tack Show  
 Clackamas Fairgrounds

**March 22-25**

NW Horse Fair/Expo  
 Albany Fairgrounds

**April 20-22**

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 Cascade Locks

**April 23-28**

BCHA National Board  
 Eugene

**May 4-6**

Wilderness Skills Clinic  
 Klamath Falls Fairground

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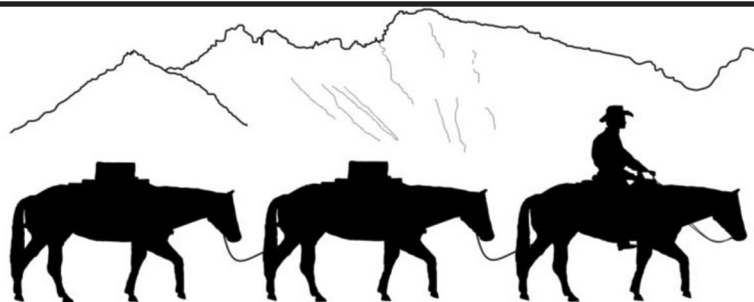
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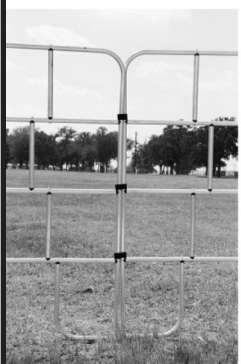
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## **April 23, 2012**

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For more information about the ride and to RSVP contact Becky and Matt Hope at [6fhope@gmail.com](mailto:6fhope@gmail.com) or (541) 746-4547.

Also come to Eugene during the day for the conference at the Valley River Center in Eugene, Oregon.

For more information about the conference contact Phil Hufstader at [sawbuck3h@aol.com](mailto:sawbuck3h@aol.com).