



# The Highline

APRIL 2025 ISSUE

## Back Country Horsemen of Oregon's Wilderness Skills Rendezvous

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\*\*\*\*\*Attention all Trail Riders\*\*\*\*\*

### Is May 30, 31 and June 1 at Sister's Cow Camp 2025

Put this on your calendar now and reserve the date!

You won't want to miss this special event.

Here is a list of what you can expect:

- Wilderness riding and camping using Light on The Land techniques.
- How to prep for those longer pack trips, going to Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming Wildernesses
- Spike Camp Examples, equipment and techniques
- Setting up wilderness camp using Light on The Land techniques
- Wilderness First Aid techniques for Horses and humans, with available Vets as speakers.
- Teaching Map and GPS techniques with Practice.
- Bring your own stock Corrals and highlining available
- Large animal Rescue techniques
- Leather and Saddle Repair kits
- Lightweight Horse riding and packing
- Getting inexperienced stock in condition, enjoy our outdoors
- Find where trails are and where it's safe to go
- How to rescue yourself in the face of emergencies
- How to find grazing and feed in the Mountains
- Cross cut saw demonstrations and best practices
- Trailering, backing, needed maintenance and equipment
- Get your pictures taken with a Western flair by a professional
- Enjoy Western Music by: Beth Wood
- Poetry by Award winning Tom Swearingen
- scheduled riding times will be available



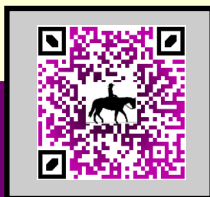
Friendly dogs are welcome but must be kept on a leash and with a person

For registration and information, please contact Becky Hope at [6fhope@gmail.com](mailto:6fhope@gmail.com)

Please provide your name, number of people and stock and an email so we can send event schedule

Come and explore what it takes to  
adventure in the wilderness  
with a healthy dose of FUN!!!!

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Please feel free to contact our officers or staff if you need any assistance or have a question pertaining to BCHO.

## **Come To A Meeting And Make A Difference**

### **Columbia Gorge Chapter**

When: The 3rd Wednesday of the month

Where: Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr., Hood River, OR 97031

6:00pm—8:30pm Please confirm meeting with Joy Senger, columbiagorge@bcho.org

### **East Cascades Chapter**

When: Monthly on the second Monday,

Where: Abby's Legendary Pizza 1938 S Hwy 97, Redmond, OR 97756

6:30pm—8:30pm Please confirm meeting with Rhonda Marquis, eastcascades@bcho.com

### **Emerald Empire Chapter**

When: the 2nd Wednesday of each month

Where: Emerald People's Utility District, 33733 Seavey Loop Rd., Eugene, OR 97405 6:30pm—

8:30pm Please confirm meeting with Barbara Dumsenil, emeraldempire@bcho.org

### **High Country Wilderness Packers**

When: Held by conference call as needed ~ Please confirm meeting with contact

Contact: Mat Wooley, hcwp@bcho.org

### **High Desert Trail Riders Chapter**

When: The 3rd Tuesday of each month

Where: Waffle Hut 106 Main St, Klamath Falls, OR 97601

6:30pm Please confirm meeting with Betty Applebaker, hhdr@bcho.org

### **Sourdough Chapter**

When: Monthly on the second Monday,

Where: Foots Creek Chapel, 913 Foots Creek Rd, Gold Hill, OR 97525

6:00pm—8:00pm Please confirm meeting with David Browne, sourdough@bcho.org

### **Steens Chapter**

When: Held as needed ~ Please confirm meeting with contact

Contact: SteensBCH@gmail.com

### **Territorial Riders Chapter**

When: The 2nd Tuesday of every month

Where: Beavercreek Fire Dept., 22310 South Beavercreek Rd., Beavercreek, OR 97004 7:00pm-

9:00pm Please confirm meeting with Dan Dahlke, territorialriders@bcho.org

### **West Cascades Chapter**

When: The 1st Wednesday of each month

Where: Elmer's Restaurant, 3950 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Dinner at 6:pm Meeting at 7:pm

Please confirm with contact Arden Corey, westcascades-pres@bcho.org



## BCHO AT THE PNER

BCHO had a display at the Pacific Northwest Endurance Rides Convention which was held at Eagle Crest in February. The booth featured lots of pictures, brochures and we played our "Hoofin' It" video on loop. We had the chance to talk to lots of people from Washington, Oregon and Idaho and encouraged them to connect with their Back Country Horsemen friends to talk about projects that they might partner on.

Thanks to Rachel Herrick and Lisa Rodriguez for making this outreach possible.



## ~ NEW! BCHO Cookbook ~ Calling all camp cooks...

BCHO wants your camp recipes for favorite Dutch oven, camp cooking and or what you snack on while out on the trail.....I like to call them Saddle Snacks. We are also looking for any cast iron tips, tricks or food related hacks that could be helpful for a beginner or an experienced person alike, let's face it, we can all use some helpful tips when out in the woods. Like what is a Charmin Lilly? And why do I not want to smell it. ... OK perhaps not that sort of tip.

What is this for? you ask. You mean besides bragging to your family and friends that you are in a published book and are now famous. Well it's also a fundraiser for BCHO and we want you to be a part of it. I really think that our BCHO Family have a wealth of information to help anyone just starting out on the camping adventure. And to share the knowledge with experienced ones, we can all learn something new. I also think that it's the right thing to do as a group, to help others have the best camping experience. We all know food is a big part of the camping equation and a big part of our Light on the Land and being prepared. So come on what do you say ... jump on the ol' chuckwagon!!!

What you need to do, email [cookbook@bcho.org](mailto:cookbook@bcho.org) your recipe along with your name and chapter.

Please send us 1 or 127, We are happy to put them in.





## Baker Beach Clean up Emerald Empire Chapter

By: Sonya Margerum

### On March 1st 2025

Forest Service absent-due to funding freeze

Therefore, No Volunteer Agreement

Volunteers assembled regardless

19 Horses

17 Riders

(One pack horse Another pack horse, in training)

Three groups

Boots in the stirrup at 9am

Safety briefing

First group head out

Three quarters of the way to Sutton Creek group splits

One group picks up trash moving south

Other group rides south to Sutton Creek cleans northward

Two groups meet...

Well that was what was supposed to happen.

Large swell moved in in front of the tidal time and caught us all by surprise! The ocean proceeded to make its way up over the beach towards Sutton Creek cutting our path. Our Northward bound group decided to gather trash bags, quickly shove them on the pack horse, mount and ride north through the water.

The group working south had one member get knocked off her feet, taken out with the wave and ended up swimming back in on the next wave! Thankfully she was only shaken and cold from the shock of the experience!

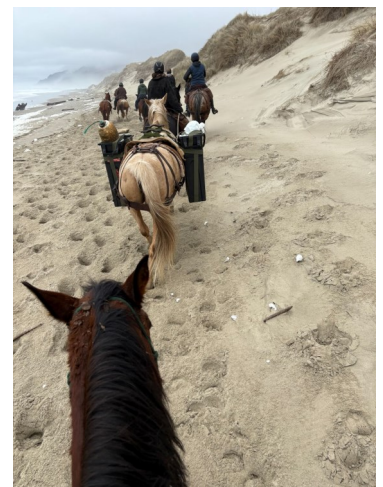
The same wave messed with the third group. Two experienced riders came off their horses and got wet, "dumping tons of sand out of my helmet". Trash collecting was abandoned as it was more important to make our way back to dry clothes and lunch.

However, on the way another powerful wave hit the beach and another rider came off her horse and got her foot stuck, fortunately her horse stood still while she worked on getting it unstuck!

We collected two trash bins full

We took it home with us, usually the Forest Service takes care of the trash

Yet again this was a unique time at Baker Beach... I wonder what adventures we will have next year!



## Emerald Empire BCHO Members Attend Trails Day at The Capitol

Submitted by Jean Clancey, Kim Zemek and Sonya Margerum



It was exciting to join a hundred or more trail enthusiasts from throughout Oregon who all participated in the “Trails Day at the Capitol” in Salem on March 10. The annual event, under leadership of Steph Noll and the Oregon Trails Coalition, creates opportunities for trail volunteers to meet directly with State Senators and Representatives to express concerns about trails and lobby for bills that affect them.

This year’s issues included:

- SB 179 which seeks a permanent solution to recreational immunity to keep our trails open
- HB 3140 to address liability waiver reform for outdoor program providers
- Support for safe alternatives to walk, bike or run on high traffic roadways by funding ODOT’s Oregon Community Paths program
- Moving forward Oregon’s Signature Trails projects, including the Salmonberry and Oregon Coast trails. The Salmonberry is looking for input from equestrians regarding sections that they want to open to horses. The Exec Dir, Caroline Fitchett, can be contacted at [Caroline@salmonberrytrail.org](mailto:Caroline@salmonberrytrail.org) regarding this.

Our BCHO contingent included Kim Zemek, Sonya Margerum, and Jean Clancey. By day’s end, we had met with Senator Floyd Prozanski (District 4 Springfield-Eugene) and Representatives John Lively (District 7 Springfield) and Rick Lewis (District 18 Silverton). We met with Staff Representatives of Senator Dick Anderson (District 5 Lincoln City), Representative Lisa Fragala (District 8 Eugene) and Representative Paul Evans (District 20 Monmouth).

Those of us who attended this event got a lot of positive feedback from the legislators that we met with. EEBCHO recommends to all other chapters and friends to participate in this event in the future. This is an effective way to make a difference in protecting our public lands and trails.

## Tech Corner — Stay on Schedule with BCHO Calendars on Your iPhone

~Marty DeVall

In our previous issue, we covered adding events on BCHO Calendars. This week, we'll show you how to access your BCHO Calendars (Google Calendars) on your iPhone, iPad or Mac computer using the standard iPhone Calendar app.

We'll proceed under the assumption that you've already created a Google Account using your BCHO registered email address like name@icloud.com or name@msn.com. If your registered email address is already a Gmail address (name@gmail.com), that works too!

Don't worry, you don't need Gmail! It's a common misconception that creating a Google Account requires using Gmail. A Google Account is your key to BCHO Cloud Services and many other free apps and services, Gmail is just one of them. You get to choose which apps you want to use! Now that we've cleared that up, let's move on to integrating your BCHO Calendars with your iPhone, iPad or Mac.

### Add the Google Account to Your iPhone

This will give you the ability to view (or even edit), BCHO Calendar events directly on your iPhone with the most ease of use. To add a Google account to an iPhone, do the following:

1. Open Settings
2. Tap Mail
3. Tap Add Account
4. If you've already linked other accounts, tap Accounts
5. Tap Add Account
6. Tap Google
7. Enter your email address registered with BCHO set up as a Google Account (see the May Issue article)
8. Tap Next
9. Enter your password
10. Tap Next
11. Enable the Google Calendar sync setting. This enables full use Google Calendars inside the iPhone Calendar. You can choose to sync other Google apps with your iPhone; Mail, Contacts, Calendars, and Notes. You can update these settings at any time. Only choose to sync Mail, if

you're adding a name@gmail.com account.

You can do the same on your iPad or MAC.

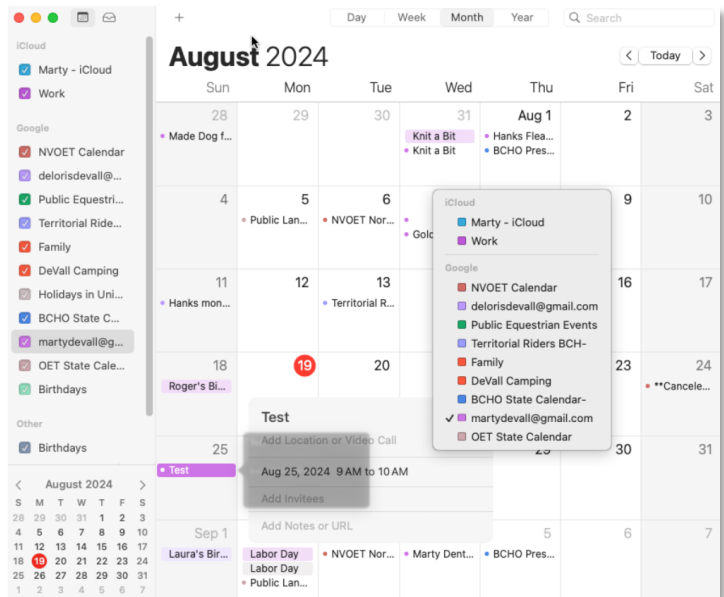
### Hide/Show Calendars on your iPhone

Your iPhone Calendar can display all calendars linked to your Google account. This includes any subscribed BCHO Calendars it has access to. To show or hide specific calendars:

1. Open the Calendar app on your iPhone.
2. Tap "Calendars" at the bottom left.
3. Check or uncheck the boxes next to the calendars you want to see or hide.

Below in this example of the iCalendar App on a Mac Pro, very similar on the iPhone or iPad.

- Left Side – Shows the list of calendars. Top shows two iCloud Account Calendars, next down shows the Google Account Calendars. Here is where you choose which calendars are visible on your iPhone Calendar's main view.
- Middle – The event named "Test" is open for editing, the cal-list icon clicked, showing a list of calendars to assign the open event to. This list shows calendars you can add/edit events on



### Adding Notes

You can Subscribe to BCHO (Google) Calendars from the iCalendar App, but this method doesn't allow for adding or editing of events. This only offers the ability to show the events

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of the calendars you choose. To edit Calendar events would require the installation and use of the Google Calendar app directly on your Apple device, or just use our recommendation.

### Conclusion

The iPhone, MAC or iPad all provide a common built in Calendar App. Linking this to your Google Account with the same username associated with your registered BCHO email address provides the easiest way to manage your BCHO

schedules within the Apple ecosystem. You'll enjoy the same full access to your BCHO calendars as you would with the Google Calendar app itself.

If your an iPhone user with a Gmail email address, you most likely have already done this, just enable Calendar Sync!

## Tech Corner—Enable Autofill for Online Forms

~Marty DeVall

BCHO now wants us to complete the membership form and submit payment directly on their website. Do you often find yourself repeatedly typing the same personal information? In today's digital world, we frequently encounter online forms, and repeatedly entering the same information can be both time-consuming and tedious. Thankfully, most modern browsers provide powerful autofill features that simplify this process. In this guide, we'll show you how to enable and use autofill for your email, name, address, phone number, and even credit card details across different platforms—helping you save time and effort.

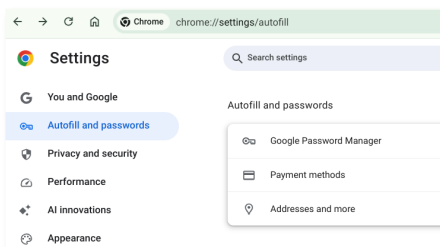
### Understanding Autofill

Autofill is a browser or device function that automatically suggests and fills in frequently used information, such as your name, address, and payment details, when you encounter online forms, touch or click to have it autofill your info. This will save you time and reduce the risk of errors that can occur when manually entering information.

### Enabling and Using Autofill on Different Platforms

#### On PCs with Google Chrome, Enable Autofill:

1. Open Chrome and click on the three vertical dots in the top right corner.
2. Select "Settings" and then "Autofill."



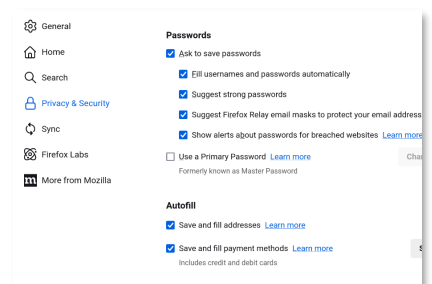
3. Enable "Addresses and more" and "Payment methods."
4. Click "Add" to save your address, phone number, and credit card information.

#### On PCs with Microsoft Edge, Enable Autofill:

1. Open Edge and click on the three horizontal dots in the top right corner.
2. Select "Settings" and then "Profiles."
3. Click on "Addresses and more" or "Payment methods."
4. Click "Add" to save your information.

#### On PCs with Mozilla Firefox Enable Autofill:

1. Open Firefox and click on the three horizontal lines in the top right corner.
2. Select "Settings" and Go to "Privacy & Security"
3. Find the "Autofill and Passwords" section and enable "Autofill". Set your address addresses and payment methods.



#### On Apple MACs with Safari Enable Autofill:

1. Open Safari and go to "Safari" > "Preferences."
2. Select the "AutoFill" tab.

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# Guidebooks!



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Let's  
Ride!!

**West Cascade Back Country Horsemen of Oregon**

**9th Annual**

***POKER RIDE* at Silver**

**Falls State Park, Oregon (rain or shine)**

Saturday June 14, 2025 Start time 9 A.M. Last rider **MUST** ride out at 11 A.M. to be back in time for drawings and prizes @ 1:30PM!!!!  
No dogs (state park rules), no foals, no stallions.

**\$100 to first place. Prizes to top hands. Drawings for youth and adults.**

**\*\*\*\$10 entry fee Each hand \$5 Five hands for \$20.**

Coffee in morning some muffins. Lunch served, donation only. Bring your chairs

This is a fundraiser and proceeds go to maintain trail systems on federal lands, Big Meadows Horse Camp and BCHO educational booth at NW Horse Fair.

Directions: I-5 Exit 253 Take Hwy 22 East towards Detroit Lake/Bend.

Turnoff of Hwy 22 at Exit 7, OR-214 to Silver Falls Hwy

Stay on Hwy 214 to Silver Falls State Park. Approximately 26 miles from Salem. Watch for Poker ride signs. Go through park check in station and they will direct you to Howard Creek Horse Camp parking.

contact: Jennifer Paulson - Chairperson [wascade29@gmail.com](mailto:wascade29@gmail.com) 541-619-5115

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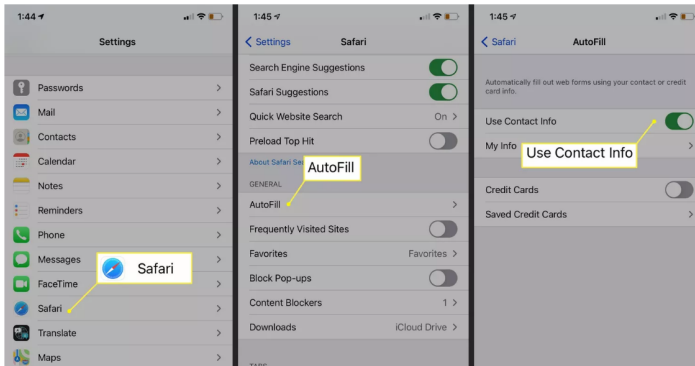
4. Click "OK" to save the changes.

#### Mobile Devices, iOS (iPhone/iPad) Enable AutoFill:

1. Go to "Settings" > "Safari".
2. Select "AutoFill" & enable "Use Contact Info".
3. Enable "Use Safari & App Passwords" and "Allow Websites to AutoFill"

#### Mobile Devices Android Enable AutoFill:

1. Go to "Settings" > "Security & Privacy" > "More Security."
2. Select "Autofill from Google" or a third-party autofill service.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to set up and enable autofill.



#### How to Use Autofill

1. When filling out a form, simply tap, click with a mouse on a form field and wait a second or two.
2. A suggest matching entries from your saved data will appear in a window.
3. Next select the correct information to autofill the form.

#### Tips:

- **Security:** Always prioritize security when using autofill.
- **Accuracy:** Regularly review and update your saved information to ensure accuracy.
- **Privacy:** Be mindful of the information you choose to save using autofill, especially sensitive data like credit card numbers.
- **Use a Password Manager:** Consider using a password manager for added security and convenience when managing your online credentials.

By following these steps, you can harness the power of autofill to simplify your online experience and save valuable time.



## LOCATION:

Washington County  
Sheriff's Office PSTC  
600 SW Walnut St  
Hillsboro, OR  
97123

## Emergency Planning & Response for Animal Related Disasters

Hillsboro, OR  
May 16-17, 2025

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## Featured Presenters:

- **Tracey Stevens** – Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium/UC Davis SVM. Tracey has collaborated with many statewide agencies to incorporate emergency preparedness related to animals into community disaster planning programs.
- **Dr. Ryan Scholz** - Oregon State Veterinarian. Dr. Scholz provides leadership in addressing Oregon's animal health concerns and serves as Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

## Schedule:

Friday May 16<sup>th</sup>

- 5pm – Registration/Check-in
- 6pm - Evening reception and presentation by Dr Ryan Scholz – Oregon State Veterinarian

Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>

- 7am – Doors open
- 8:00am – 5pm Full day instructor-led course (MGT-448)
  - Planning for and Responding to Animal-related Disasters.
  - Building out Command Leadership
  - Includes presentation, case studies and group activities
  - Lunch provided

## REGISTRATION COST \$25

- Pre-registration is required to attend this event
- Dry camping available onsite
- Hotels nearby

## LOCATION:

Washington County  
Sheriff's Office PCSO  
600 SW Walnut St  
Hillsboro, OR  
97123

## REGISTRATION DETAILS Emergency Planning & Response for Animal Related Disasters

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## REGISTRATION FOR THIS EVENT:

1. COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE ADDRESS BELOW.
2. A FEMA STUDENT ID is necessary to attend the NO COST DHS training. Obtain your FEMA Student Identification Number by visiting <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>

## Registration DEADLINE is May 1, 2025

For General Questions, contact:

(503) 330-0753 *or*

(503) 307-1263

For Registration Questions, contact:

[luxfarm@comcast.net](mailto:luxfarm@comcast.net)

**Dry camping available onsite**

**Hotels near by**

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN: ☐ YES ☐ NO FEMA SID #: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

## EMPLOYMENT INFO

AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

JOB TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY: \_\_\_\_\_

## OAMP MEMBERS

COUNTY TO PAY COSTS? ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ **REGISTRATION = \$25.00**  
(COVERS MEALS AND NON-DHS CLASSES)  
**ONSITE DRY CAMPING (NO COST)**

☐ NONE ☐ FRI ☐ SAT

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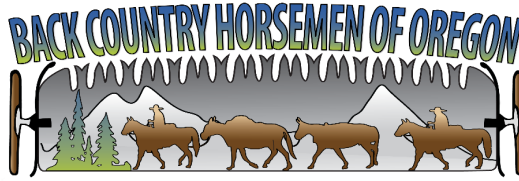
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## **Schedule for Wilderness Skills Rendezvous**

### **5/30/25 Friday**

**08-12am Check in Camp Set up**  
**12pm-2pm Afternoon Presentations**  
**2pm-5pm Trail riding Escorts available if needed**  
**5pm-7pm Potluck Dinner-Dutch Oven as able**  
**7pm-Dark Cowboy Poetry, Tom Swearingen**  
**Dark: Hoofin' It, Packing with BCHO videos**



### **5/31/24 Saturday**

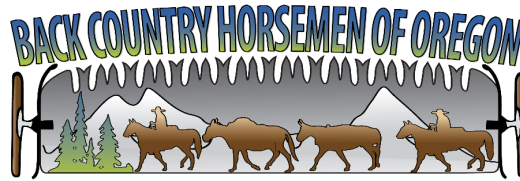
**0800-10:30 Presentations with addition of GPS and Working to unite for Safer Emergencies**  
**10:30am-12PM Brunch (on your Own)**  
**12PM-2pm Presentations**  
**2PM-5PM Trail Riding, Escorts available if needed**  
**5pm-7pm Potluck Dinner Dutch oven as able**  
**7pm-8pm Musician Beth Wood**

### **6/1/25 Sunday**

**9:00am-12 noon Presentations with the Addition of 'Explore Ultralight Horse Packing Overnight in the backcountry with just your Saddle Horse' with Terraka Mishler**  
**Afternoon Riding. Let us know if you need escorts.**

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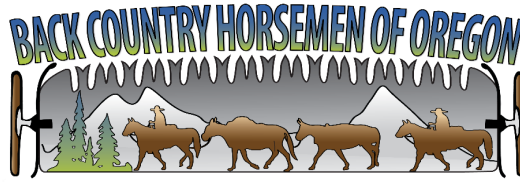
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## **Event guidelines for Wilderness Skills Rendezvous**

**To have a safe and focused LNT BCHO event we ask that you follow the event guidelines noted below so that everyone can camp, learn and enjoy responsibly.**

- ◆ There will be two sources of water, but bring your own water if you can, and bring your own buckets.
- ◆ Will need Weed Free Feed. Find more details at <https://www.fs.usda.gov>
- ◆ There are corrals but limited amount first come first serve, come prepared to highline. (Tree saver Straps, rope, some kind of knot or Swivel that will turn) People will be available to help put up safely.
- ◆ Bring a wheelbarrow, shovel, and manure fork and be prepared to pack out manure and extra hay home with you. The Heavy-duty black plastic contractor trash bags work well to bag waste.
- ◆ Will be practicing Light on the Land Techniques (LNT). Take home all your trash and belongings.
- ◆ Please do not tie to any fences or using fences as part of your Corral.
- ◆ Dogs are welcome but must be on leash in camp and under control while out riding.
- ◆ Please bring your own GPS if you are planning on taking the GPS class.
- ◆ Donations at the event would be much appreciated to help offset costs for entertainers, extra toilets, extra water, presenters' cost, insurance and more.
- ◆ We are also looking for Raffle or Silent Auctions items.



## **Presentations for Wilderness Skills Rendezvous**

Most of these will be going on at the same time, offered four different times:

- ◆ How to plan your next stock camping trip. Betty Applebaker, retired FS Stock Packer
- ◆ Casey Hufstader-High Country Wilderness Packers will be presenting how to carry tools for wilderness trail maintenance and how to carry unusual loads into the back country. We will also have a Light on the Land spike camp set up for demonstration and display.
- ◆ Emergencies in the Back Country Trail Meister Robert Eversole
- ◆ Working to unite for Safer Emergencies Oregon Livestock Council Karla and Ron Hoggan
- ◆ Map, Compass hands on practice with Leonard Smith
- ◆ Sunday Am Only Explore Ultralight Horse Packing Overnight in the backcountry with just your Saddle Horse with Terraka Mishler
- ◆ Nick Swagger Ochocos FS GPS Training We will go back and forth from classroom to field training. This is a 4 hour class. Course description should be shared with students as they will want to bring a Garmin GPS unit or what they are using.
- ◆ Light on the Land Education. George Johnson, Jean Clancey
- ◆ Practice Hitches on Barrels, Ron Stewart, Ed Contreras
- ◆ Food Preparation Comparing Fresh Food, Dehydrated, Freeze Dried Foods. Correna Cleland
- ◆ Crosscut Secrets, Tricks. Arden Corey Bert Morris
- ◆ Emergency Leather Repair Kits, Samples of Emergency First Aid Kits for Horses and Humans by Emerald Empire BCHO
- ◆ Pictures with or without your horse dressed up by Pam Lehto
- ◆ Outfitters Packstation: Wade Maul
- ◆ Western/Reinactment Clothing Gale Johnston
- ◆ Knives by John Wainwright





## NW Horse Fair Albany Oregon

### Story by: Jennifer Paulson, Chair WCBCHO

Back Country Horsemen of Oregon was represented by three chapters again this year. Emerald Empire BCHO, Territorial Riders BCHO, and West Cascade BCHO have a huge booth in the horse barn (four stalls with stall fronts and dividers removed) for this yearly BCHO event.

The booth was decorated on Thursday. Logs and sawbuck come in early, then tables with fold outs and BCHO information and pack equipment for the two demos that are given. Trees, greenery, banners and lights. Lots of BCHO people there too.

The booth is very popular is because we have the BCHO Hot Shot Saw team and other BCHO sawyers at booth to demonstrate and teach youth and adults how to saw. The kids love to saw. So do adults and parents. We give the kids prizes for sawing. Compasses, space blankets, whistles, small flash lights etc. and card with lanyard for them to wear and show that they sawed. Children or Sawyers also take the rounds that they sawed off logs. Back Country Horsemen of America gave us a Grant this year that covered the cost of prizes, different size leather gloves, etc. BCHO also gave us grant that also covered expenses. \$700+ for space rent, passes for workers and Insurance.

Emily Elias of Emerald Empire BCHO gave a packing demonstration in arena for one hour on Friday. Their presentation was about what you do when you arrive at camp. Proper distance from water, highline, hobbling, unloading pack horses with supplies, also being prepared to clean some trail if necessary. West cascade supported other pack animals and help.

On Saturday George Johnson and Bert Morris talked at presentation explaining and giving history of Crosscut saw.

West Cascade had a sawing demonstration on where they had a competition between a new 2025 Styl chain saw with Rick Grass operator and Arden Corey and Eric Dahl sawing with cross cut saw. The Cross cut sawyers won even with a hang up on log. They barely won. It was exciting!

We had two pack strings West Cascade and Emerald Empire in arena showing their saw tools off and how to pack saws and equipment for moving logs.



We had youth members with their own smaller cross cut saw sawing a log and they shared the sawing with two other youth in BCHO. Lots of good questions from audience for both presentations. We got some new on spot members and several people picked up information.

This was FUN and EDUCATIONAL event and Horse Fair likes us.

We are already planning for next year!!

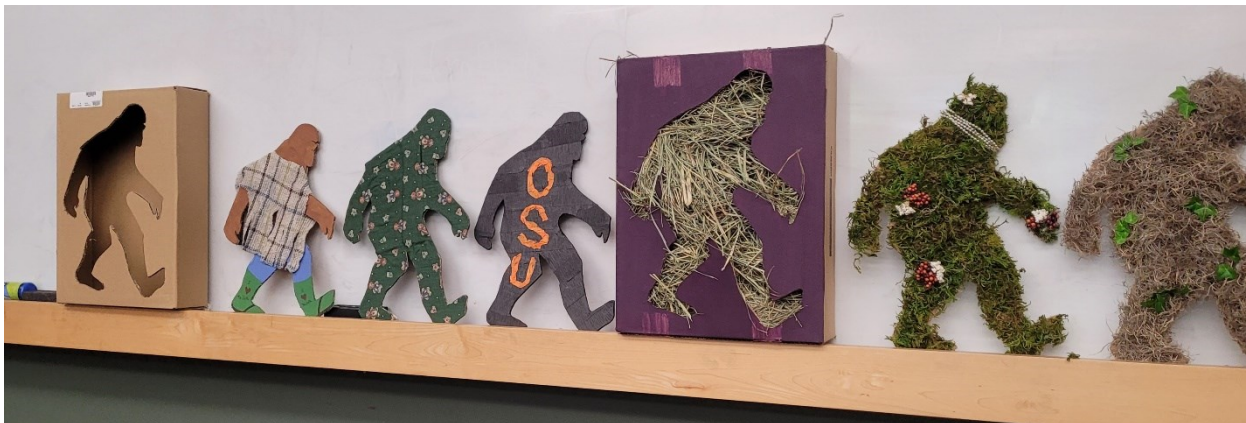


# The Search for Bigfoot

From TRBCHO



Bigfoot sightings in the Pacific Northwest have routinely reported over the years. Last year there were numerous sightings at the Horning Seed Orchard in Colton, Oregon. Riders reported seeing numerous Bigfoot around the property during a two hour plus ride. Unlike the usual reports of how bigfoot looked, riders reported see the numerous Bigfoot dressed in different clothing. Some of the examples are seen here.



On July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 the Territorial Riders BCHO chapter will sponsor the Search for Bigfoot again at the Horning Seed Orchard. Again, we will look to track the Bigfoot migration across the Seed Orchard. We invite everyone to come out and search for Bigfoot with us. We will have food and beverages available at the completion of the ride as well as numerous prizes.

The costs of the ride will be \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 12 or under. This will go to help support the more than 45 miles of trail we help clear each year on the Pacific Crest Trail as well as the Timothy Lake Area

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# 'The Hunt for Big Foot!'

## Horseback Scavenger Hunt

July 13, 2025

Three Ways to Win!

Sponsored by:

Territorial Riders Oregon City Chapter  
Of Backcountry Horsemen of Oregon

*"Better Than a Family Day at the Ballpark! Food, Fun, Prizes and Your Horse!"*

**Where:** Horning Seed Orchard

27004 S Sheckly Rd., Colton, OR 97017 (From Unger Road, off of Hwy. 211)

**What:** Bring your digital camera Or Smart Phone and Find BIG FOOT! From horseback, compete as an Individual OR Teams of 2 – 3!

Riders out 9 am to 11 am. Riders will ride an extended trail and leave in intervals, Ride Route is 2 – 2 1/2 Hours long. Finish by 2 pm. Intervals intended to control congestion on the trail and prevent a disclosure of a "Big Foot" find, remember, you are competing with those in front of you and behind you! Three Ways to Win! You will be given a raffle ticket at registration AND you will receive one Poker Chip Draw Card included with your registration. You may purchase up to 3 more hands for \$5 each.

Riders must return no later than 2 pm to turn in their results, Prizes awarded *after* 2 pm.

Shoes for horses recommended, Children are encouraged to wear helmets and dogs must be on a leash. (One player per horse.)

For Lunch, Enjoy a Taco Bar with all the necessary condiments as well as Street Corn and Refried Beans. Ice water, Pink Lemonade and treats provided, too!

**Entry Fees :** \$30 per Rider; Children 12 Years and Under, \$20; Cash or Check. Extra Poker Chip hands (maximum 3 extra), \$5 each.

**Prizes Awarded :** Prizes awarded for Individuals or Teams with the most points in the Hunt, for First, Second and Third Place. Judges decisions are final. We will also have Poker Chip draws for other wonderful prizes as well as raffle ticket prizes for the 3rd chance drawings if you don't win in the first two categories, you may still win a prize! He's out there, I swear!

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**Driving Directions:** From Molalla, head east on Hwy. 211, go thru Colton, turn left on Unger Rd., turn right on Sheckly. From Estacada, head southwest on Hwy. 211, turn right onto Unger Rd., turn right onto Sheckly.

Proceeds to benefit maintenance of trail systems on Federal & State Lands

For more info:

<https://TerritorialRidersBCHO.org/HuntforBigfoot.pdf>

Visit us at: [Facebook.com/TerritorialRidersBCHO](https://www.facebook.com/TerritorialRidersBCHO)







## LIGHT ON THE LAND ACTIONS & ETHICS

### Be Light on the Land!

*Light On The Land* is the Back Country Horsemen of America educational platform of ACTIONS and ETHICS to perpetuate the common-sense use of saddle and pack stock and encourages the wise and sustainable use and enjoyment on our public lands.

BCHA continues to support and partner with other educational programs. (i.e. Leave No Trace, Tread Lightly, etc.) *Light On The Land* is specific to stock use and contains so much before, so much in addition to, and so much beyond the content of other resource programs.

With over 50 years of knowledge and experience within BCHA, *Light On The Land* harnesses those best practices to compile a comprehensive platform of resources specific to stock use in the wilderness, back country, and front country. These resources can be accessed shared efficiently, practically, and free of charge to all BCHA members and the general public.

#### Plan Your Backcountry Trip

Preliminary preparation will provide the means to ensure safety and enhance the experience while minimizing the impact on natural and cultural resources.

Fundamentals:

- Know the regulations, special concerns and restrictions for the land resources you are using.
  - Check for required permits or restricted scheduling.
  - Verify health certificates required, pet restrictions, leash statues, etc.
- Communicate with others who have experience in your destination.
- Utilize maps
  - Download maps offline if using an electronic mapping device.
  - Identify land ownership/management of planned route.
  - Study maps to determine routes and amenities available.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use, if possible.
- Trailer and Vehicle preparedness.

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- Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.
  - Explore emergency communication options – cell service, satellite phone, two-way texter, etc.
  - Plan for extreme or changes in weather – excessive heat or cold, strong winds, unpredicted snow, flash floods, etc.
  - Pack your trailer with extra food, water, and emergency supplies for people and animals, especially if you will be starting from a remote trailhead far from emergency services.
- Plan for stock containment
  - Determine best option – hobbles, highline, portable fence, staking, etc.
  - Practice techniques to be used before heading out.
- Take only animals that are fit, calm, and experienced.
  - Practice riding with the group you are going with before the trip if possible.
  - Animals should be accustomed to performing in unfamiliar surroundings and on different types of terrain that could be encountered – rocky, steep, water crossings, etc.
  - Prepare your stock for other users and interactions on the trail - backpackers, kayakers, llamas, bicycles, etc.
  - Always use familiar tack and gear - ride with the gear you will be using for the trip - any extra ropes, saddle packs, etc. to get the stock used to the weight and feel of the equipment.
- Take only equipment you need to reduce the stock needed.
- Predetermine how you will feed stock – graze, pellets, hay, etc.
  - Introduce any new feeding method in the weeks before the trip.
  - Remember that stock will likely be eating more than normal as they are burning more calories than normal.
- Plan your menu.
  - Repackage human food to minimize waste.
  - Utilize bear resistant containers for food.
  - Pack extra light-weight meals in case of losing packs or unexpected delays.
  - Avoid cans, bottles, double packaging on dry goods, etc.

### **Trails Usage, Etiquette and Safety**

Responsible use of trails will allow travel through areas without detriment to resources, maintain consideration for others, and increase the overall experience.

Fundamentals:

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## Calendar Of Events to Join in on

Date	Time	Chapter Cal.	Event Title	Location	Description
<b>May</b>					
May 3-5		Hight Desert Trail Riders	FS Saw Training (for HDTR)		5/3 classroom day 5/4 field day Up to 16 students
May 3	10:00AM - 03:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO Membership/Board Meeting	Crook County Library, 175 NW Meadow Lakes Dr, Prineville, OR 97754	
May 19-24		Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge/Cyrus HC campout & work party	Cyrus Horse Campground, Prineville, OR 97754	
May 21	06:00PM - 07:00PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge mtg	Cyrus Horse Campground, Prineville, OR 97754	
May 31-1	09:00AM - 04:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO Rendezvous	Sisters Cow Camp, Forest Service Rd 15, Sisters, OR 97759	Becky Hope 6fhope@gmail.com
<b>June</b>					
Jun 14-15		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Four Mile Horse Camp Corral install work project	Fourmile Lake Fort Klamath, OR	
Jun 20-23		Emerald Empire BCH Chapter	Kelsey Valley project		
Jun 27-30		Emerald Empire BCH Chapter	Robinson Lk		
Jun 28-30		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Rye Spur trail clearing	Rye Spur Trail Klamath County, OR	
Jun 28	06:00PM - 07:00PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge mtg	Neil & Joy Senger's	
<b>July</b>					
Jul 5-6		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Fish Packing with	Blue Lake TH	
Jul 6-7		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Corral Creek campout & corral project	Corral Creek TH	
Jul 7-8		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support into Blue Lake (for Lakeview District, NYC crew)	Blue Lake TH	
Jul 12-14		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support into Lake Isherwood (Cold Springs TH)	Cold Springs Trailhead, Oregon	
Jul 17-18		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Varney Creek Bridge project	Varney Creek Trail Klamath County, OR	
Jul 18-19		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Out of Blue	Gearhart Wilderness	

**Please verify the event details with the listed contact.**



Date	Time	Chapter Cal.	Event Title	Location	Description
<b>August</b>					
Aug 9-11		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support for Siskiyou Mtn Club	7 Mile TH	
Aug 12-13		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Mountain Lakes Pack Support (into Harriet Lake)		
Aug 17-18		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support into Mountain Lakes Loop		
Aug 19-20		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support in from Clover Creek TH (Garbage Run!)	Clover Creek Trail Klamath County, OR	
Aug 23-24		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Cherry Creek bridge project	Cherry Creek National Recreation Trail Fort Klamath, OR 97626	
<b>September</b>					
Sep 13-14		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Chapter Picnic Potluck	Lonesome Duck 32955 US-97, Chiloquin, OR 97624	contact Jackie to RSVP by Friday Sept. 6th: 541-545-6628
Sep 15-20		Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge/Cyrus HC campout	Cyrus Horse Campground, Prineville, OR 97754	
Sep 17	06:00PM - 07:00PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge mtg	Cyrus Horse Campground, Prineville, OR 97754	
Sep 20	10:00AM - 03:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO Board Meeting	Pleasant Hill Community Center, 36386 OR-58, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455	
Sep 26-27		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support into Marguerette Lake from Cold Springs TH	Cold Springs TH	
Sep 30-1		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Pack Support out from Marguarette Lake, Cold Springs TH	Cold Springs TH	
<b>October</b>					
Oct 18	08:00AM - 01:30PM	Public Equestrian Events	Clackamas 4-H Tack Sale	694 NE 4th Ave, 694 Northeast 4th Avenue, Canby, OR 97013	The Clackamas County 4-H Tack Sale is a fundraiser for the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee.
<b>November</b>					
Nov 6-8		BCHO State Calendar	Oregon trails summit		
Nov 15	12:00PM - 03:30PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge calendar mtg	Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr, Hood River, OR 97031	Finger food potluck at noon, 2026 calendar mtg at 1pm
<b>December</b>					
Dec 7	02:00PM - 05:00PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	ColGorge Christmas party	Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr, Hood River, OR 97031	

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- Know trail designations of planned routes.
- Travel in small groups with the minimum number of animals necessary.
- Split larger parties into smaller groups.
- Concentrate use on existing trails, do not create or utilize social trails.
- Avoid muddy trails, if possible, especially on multi-use trails.
- Ride or walk single file in the middle of the trail, especially when wet or muddy.
- Do not cut corners or switchbacks.
- Do not ride around obstacles that need to be removed - it creates new impacts.
- In pristine areas, disperse use to prevent the creation of new trails.
- Carry a saw and clear obstacles especially those over 16 inches above trail tread.
- Human restroom stops should be done off trail and no signs (trail lilies) should be left.
- Scatter manure at all rest stops.
- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
  - When taking breaks or setting camp do so away from trails and other visitors.
  - Avoid loud voices and noises - let nature's sound prevail.
  - Be courteous. Just because you have the right of way does not mean you should always take the right of way.
  - Communicate and cooperate.
- Communicate and cooperate - some users are unfamiliar with stock. Generally, livestock have the right-of-way. Calmly and politely ask whoever you meet to step off the trail in plain view (preferably downhill side). This allows the stock to know they are there. You may experience someone who does not wish to follow standard etiquette. Stay safe and do not escalate the situation. Report a negative occurrence if necessary to local officials.

### **Camp Establishment and Usage**

Minimalizing camping impacts are challenging and careful consideration is required to multiple components.

Fundamentals:

- Camp Site Selection
  - Good campsites are found, not made.
  - Select established sites, if possible, or durable surfaces - rock, gravel, dry grasses, snow, etc. Avoid areas where impacts are just beginning. Choose a campsite that offers the least impact.
  - Pick a location with water, grass/feeding area, and a good containment location.

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- Observe camping setbacks from lakes, streams, trails, other campsites, and historic and cultural sites and structures.
- Pick a site for your latrine tent if using for longer stays.
- Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.
- Do not picket stock in wet meadows.
- Do not tie stock to trees, except for rest or loading and unloading.
- Tie stock so they cannot chew on the tree bark or eat the leaves of woody vegetation. A high line between trees is recommended. Use tree saver straps to protect trees.
- Fill in all holes and return all trampled areas to their natural state.
- **Disposing of Camp, Human and Stock Waste Properly**
  - Pack in, pack out.
  - Do not throw left over food into campfires. It won't burn completely and is an attractant to bears and other animals.
  - Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all unburnable trash.
  - Leftover food should be packed out or incinerated in a closed container such as a portable woodstove.
  - Deposit solid human waste in holes dug at least six inches deep at least 100 feet from water, camp, and trails (check regulations for distance). Cover and disguise/naturalize the hole when finished.
  - Strain dishwater and pack out or incinerate in closed container.
  - To wash yourself or your dishes, use small amounts of biodegradable soap.
  - Rake or scatter manure when breaking camp, especially around highline.
- **Minimize Campfire Impacts**
  - ALWAYS be aware of local fire restrictions.
  - Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the resources - do not have a campfire if you cannot control it.
  - Be aware of your surrounding area and make sure you have a safe location for your campfire.
  - Consider using a lightweight propane stove for cooking.
  - Use established fire rings or use a fire pan.
  - Build a mound fire using fire retardant material underneath (old fire shelter)
  - Keep fires small - use sticks that can be broken by hand when possible.
  - Sawing and splitting logs should be done in a manner that minimizes visual impacts to the other visitors.

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# Principles of BCHO

## The Purpose of Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

To PERPETUATE the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's backcountry and wilderness.

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

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To ASSIST the various government and private agencies in their maintenance and management of said resources.

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To EDUCATE, encourage and solicit active participation in the wise use of the backcountry resource by horsemen and the general public commensurate with our heritage.

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To FOSTER and encourage the formation of new BCHO chapter organizations.



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- Burn all wood and coals to ash and put out campfires completely. **DEAD OUT!**

### **Minimize Wildlife Conflicts**

#### **Fundamentals:**

- Observe wildlife from a distance - do not follow or approach.
- Become familiar with animal signs that could indicate which type of animal is in your area – tracks, scat, rubbings, etc.
- Be familiar with proper response when encountering an aggressive/predatory animal in different situations.
- Be prepared for encounters on the trail with dogs, moose, bear, deer, elk, snakes, etc.
- Carry bear spray when necessary and transport in a proper container - bear spray is considered the best deterrent in preventing an attack.
- Never feed wild animals - feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors (habituates), and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing/hanging rations, grain, and trash in approved bear-resistant methods - remember some personal hygiene items may be misinterpreted as food by some animals.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, winter, etc.

### **Preserve the Integrity of the Backcountry**

#### **Fundamentals:**

- Preserve the past: examine, but do not disturb cultural or historical structures and artifacts.
- Leave natural objects as you find them - check local regulations as removing these items may be illegal.
- Avoid introducing or transporting non-native plant species.
  - Clean seeds, etc. from tack and stock.
  - Use certified weed-seed free hay and grain, ideally 2 to 3 days before the trip begins.
- Check local weed-free public land requirements.

## From the Membership desk



### Membership Reminder

Fellow Back Country Horsemen of Oregon,

If you have not already renewed, it is that time again to renew our annual memberships for 2025. Please note, BCHO now encourages members to either join BCHO or renew your membership online at <https://www.bcho.org/membership-form/>. A Single Membership will be \$40, and a Family Membership will be \$50 for 2025. Still a bargain though for everything Back Country Horsemen does to keep riding accessible to our members!

If you would still like to join or renew for 2025, membership in a BCHO Chapter helps keep you in touch with folks who are doing rides and projects in your area. In addition, please know that we at the BCHO State level have plans for ongoing education, projects and opportunities to get together that make membership in BCHO so rewarding. Also asking that you take a moment and make what we want to do possible by considering making a Tax-Deductible donation through the Website.

[WWW.BCHO.ORG](http://WWW.BCHO.ORG)

If you find it easier, you can also still join or submit your renewal through your local chapter as well. Also, chapter specific dues will not be collected during the online registration process. If your local chapter has any chapter specific dues, that amount will still need to be paid to your local chapter in addition to dues paid online to BCHO.

Thank You, Tim Lagasse, BCHO Membership Coordinator

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Membership Reminder





# Membership Application

(you can now fill out your Membership On-line at [BCHO.ORG](http://BCHO.ORG))

## Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc.

Yes! I would like to help preserve Horsemen's rights to use stock on public lands.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

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(City) (State) (ZIP)

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(Telephone)

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(Email)

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New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_



### BCHO Membership Dues:

Single \$40 \_\_\_\_\_

Patron \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Family \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Benefactor \$250 \_\_\_\_\_

Sustaining \$500 \_\_\_\_\_

The membership dues collected here are paid to the State and National organizations

Please select the Chapter nearest to you, below.

Note: Some Chapters have additional dues, please pay them directly.

See Map of Chapters, [www.bcho.org/chapters/](http://www.bcho.org/chapters/)

\_\_\_ Columbia Gorge, Hood River

\_\_\_ Steens, South East Oregon

\_\_\_ East Cascades, Bend

\_\_\_ Sourdough, South West Oregon

\_\_\_ Emerald Empire, Eugene

\_\_\_ Territorial Riders, Oregon City

\_\_\_ High Country Wilderness Packers

\_\_\_ West Cascade BCH, Salem

\_\_\_ High Desert Trail Riders Falls area

\_\_\_ Member At Large

\_\_\_ Klamath Falls Area

Mail your application along with your check made out to BCHO, to:

**BCHO-Tim Lagasse, PO Box 488, Colton, OR 97017**

For questions email [membership@bcho.org](mailto:membership@bcho.org)

Our newsletter, the Highline, will be emailed to you at the address you entered above.

☐ Check here if you prefer to receive the newsletter by US mail.

☐ Check here if you prefer to exclude your email address from the information sent to BCHA.

(Please note, excluding your email address will prevent you from receiving three emailed BCHA newsletters per year)

Liability Release: Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident where ever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders and spectators, and also recognizing that Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc., including its chapters, officers, directors and /or members cannot know the condition of trails or the experience of riders or horses taking part in trail rides or other Back Country Horsemen of Oregon functions, I do hereby release Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc., its officers, directors and members from any claim or right for damages which might occur to me, my minor children or horses.

Some Dues maybe deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. Dues may be considered ordinary and necessary business deductions.

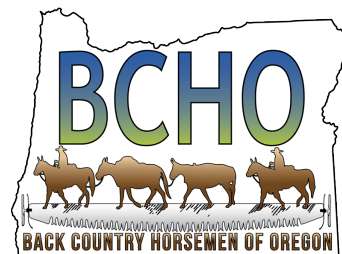
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\*Must be signed by chapter members 18 years and older.



Sign up online



BCHO website: [bcho.org/membership/](http://bcho.org/membership/)

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*Happy Spring!!*



# BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF OREGON

