



The Highline

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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, hdtr@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: Beaver Creek Fire Dept., 22310 South Beaver Creek Rd., Beaver Creek, 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



The Montana Mules attend the Senger Campout

By Joy Senger, Columbia Gorge Chapter

In the spring of 2022, I received a phone call from a young man who got my number from the BCHO website as the contact for The Columbia Gorge Chapter. I detected a slight Southern accent. He was asking questions about riding and packing. I had the impression that he was looking for someone to take him on trail rides. I explained that we are a volunteer group maintaining trails, however as we talked, I began to realize that I had misunderstood him. He was wanting to



learn to PACK! My (slightly slow) brain started hearing all of the talk from our board meetings about mentoring and bringing in new young people. Then it hit me - he needed to talk to Jim and Sue Forsman. He and his partner had recently relocated to the gorge area from Florida and Georgia and wanted to settle here. He had trail work experience on the Appalachian Trail as well as woodland firefighting.

Meet Zachary Phillips and Lauren Boudreau. These two have been such a treat for our group. Zack and Lauren wasted no time in contacting Jim & Sue. Lauren sought out a riding instructor and both started taking riding lessons. Zack had taken a job as a firefighter in Washington. Lauren is an architect and is able to work remotely. By late June 2022 at the time of our annual Senger campout Lauren was telling me that Zack was looking into a packer's school in Kalispell, MT. We were thrilled to hear it, but sad to think of them leaving us. And my old, homebody soul marveled at the idea of following a dream by pulling up stakes and going for it. Go for it they did. They found a place to rent while Zack went to Packer's school and Lauren continued her riding lessons there. They managed to travel back around to see us in 2023 in time to join us for a work party at Gibson Prairie Horse Camp. Neither are afraid of hard work.

Another year has passed. Jim & Sue have decided to take a well-deserved retirement. The mules - Jackson, Patsy and Katie, as well as Sue's horse, Sonny, and mule, Snickers (both gone now) have faithfully served Jim & Sue and have logged countless hours and miles of valuable trail work and provided pack support for the USFS and PCTA over the years. Zack & Lauren have practiced packing with the mules and have "mule sat" for Jim & Sue so that they could take vacations. In doing so they became

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Reece Lake Pack Trip

This past summer, I (Erika Dunning) was lucky enough to be invited to join Lisa Rodriguez and Christine on a pack trip up to Reece Lake and the Obsidian Limited Entry Area in the 3 Sisters Wilderness. We were joined by our horses Reed, Johnny Cash, and Rhea. My horse, Rhea, took everything in stride, and it is wonderful to have her as my trail partner. I've never trusted a horse more than her, and I love her (and all her attitude) with all my heart.

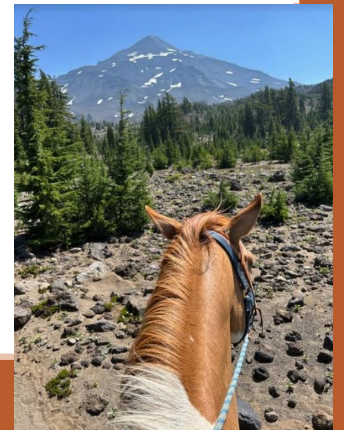
While I have led several overnights when I worked as a trail guide, this was my first time doing so without having the support of someone to transport all the gear and hay for the horses to the end location. It was an amazing experience and one I hope to replicate many times over the coming decades.

We left from the Devil's Lake Trailhead and rode through Wickiup Plains on the La Conte Crater Trail before joining up with the PCT. The trail was in good condition until we got into a burn scar once you cross Mesa Creek. The trail was blocked by numerous deadfalls over a steep and unstable hillside. We tried to cross some of them but as Rhea Potato was not keen on jumping a 2.5 ft log, we descended back down the trail and rode up a gulley to meet back with the trail.

The grazing and water at Reece Lake was excellent, and it was a wonderful base camp. The next morning, we rode up the PCT to get to the Obsidian Limited Entry Area where we passed Obsidian Falls to have lunch up on the plains with bubbling springs and scree-blanketed hills. The trail was in great condition, and the wildflowers were in bloom. We rode back to Reece Lake before heading back to Devil's Lake the next morning.

On the return journey, we all bushwhacked a trail through the burn scar to more safely get out the burn area. This part of the trail definitely needs a bunch of trail work to get it back into tip-top shape.

Here are some pictures of our ride featuring Rhea Potato, and I hope to get back onto the trails with Lisa and Christine soon.



BCHO Tech Corner — Keeping Chapter's Scheduled with Online Calendars

BCHO utilizes the Google Calendar app, as part of BCHO's Cloud Services, to ensure events are seamlessly integrated into the Highline newsletter and instantly shown on the our web-site. This will guide you through accessing and adding events to BCHO Google Calendars on any of your devices.

Getting Access to BCHO's Calendars

To manage chapter events, chapter leaders will use the Google Calendar app. This requires a Google account linked to the email address from your BCHO membership's application. If you haven't set up this email address as a Google account, follow the steps in the April 2024 Highline Newsletter, Page 5 or scan the QR code below. Once your Google account is active, you will use it to log in and open the Google Calendar app. It is this account if not already a Google account must be setup as one to continue. As an option you can also use the assigned Chapter BCHO Cloud account too.

Open The Calendar App

Smartphones, tablets:

1. Get the Google Calendar App: This app is available to download from the Google Play or Apple App Store. Search for "Google Calendar" in your device's app store and download it. Generic Android smartphones include this app by default.
2. Add Your Email Registered with BCHO: Under the Settings App on your device add your BCHO-assigned email as a "Google Account". This account will then be used to access any BCHO Cloud Apps.
3. Add the Google Calendar App to your device's home screen, touch to open.

PC's, Chromebooks or MacBook's:

1. Open Your Web Browser Application Window: From the window go to web address <https://www.google.com>. Chrome is the recommended web browser, but most others will work.
2. Sign in with Your BCHO Email: Use the Google account set up with your BCHO-assigned email to sign in to your Google Account.
3. Start the Google Calendar App on PCs or MacBook: Locate and launch the Google Calendar App on your device. Refer to the November 2024 Highline newsletter or scan the QR code on logging in and using the Google Launcher to start the calendar app.

Adding Events to the BCHO Calendars

1. For Tablet and Smartphone users simply Tap the "+" Button: Look for a prominent "+" button at the bottom right corner of the

app screen. Tapping this button will initiate the event creation process.

2. On your PC, Chromebook or Mac-book just double click: on day you want to add the event. Ensure you are seeing the Month view, its the easiest view.

3. Fill in the Event Details:

- Title: Enter the chapter abbreviation with a clear and concise title for your event (e.g., "CGBCH Trail Ride" or "TRBCHO Campout").

- Description: First add the contact's name and number or email, followed by the description of the event.

- Date and Time: - If the event is not multiple days in a row, uncheck "All Day Event" and enter the start and end times.

- Location of event: - Make sure the Google Map location is included. This will allow smartphone users to pick the location from the calendar event and get driving directions directly on their smartphone.

4. Assign the Calendar: Select the appropriate BCHO calendar for your event. Choose the calendar for your specific chapter. Based on account permissions, you may not see any or all calendars. Only use one of these names:

BCHO State Calendar • Columbia Gorge BCH- • East Cascades BCH-
 • Emerald Empire BCH- • High Country Wilderness Packers BCH
 • High Desert Trail Riders Back Country Horsemen • Sourdough
 BCH- • Steens BCH- • Territorial Riders BCH- • West Cascade BCH-
 • Public Equestrian Events Calendar

5. Save the Event: Once you've filled in all the fields, tap the "Save" button. This will finalize your event creation and add it to the chosen BCHO calendar.

Additional Tips

- Verify your events: The BCHO website displays your events instantly. Open the Calendar web page <https://bcho.org/calendar-and-events/> to see your events are listed.

- Getting Help: If you encounter any difficulties using the app or have questions about seeing your calendar listed, don't hesitate to contact Marty, web@bcho.org. Also refer to this web page <https://www.bcho.org/bcho-cloud-services/> for the full help document "Managing the Chapters Online Calendar".

By effectively utilizing the Google Calendar app, chapter leaders can efficiently manage their chapter's events, ensuring that members are well-informed and can participate in the activities they enjoy.



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attached to the trio and, in turn, the mules to them. By mutual agreement Jackson, Patsy and Katie are now Montana mules.

The timing was perfect for Zack, Lauren and the Montana mules to attend the 2024 Senger campout. It was the FIRST campout and ride for them as a family. Lauren was beside herself with excitement. We were thrilled to be able to spend more time with them and see them out on the trail. For having only started riding a short 2 years ago these two looked right at home in the saddle. Zack hinted they just might come back to see us again; we are hoping so. Blessings and best wishes for the future. A huge Thank You to Jim & Sue for taking these two under their wings and passing on all of their knowledge and experience in order to keep the art of back country packing alive.

God bless you both,
Joy Senger
Columbia Gorge BCHO



BCHO Tech Corner — Accessing Cloud Services Using Google Launcher — Part 2

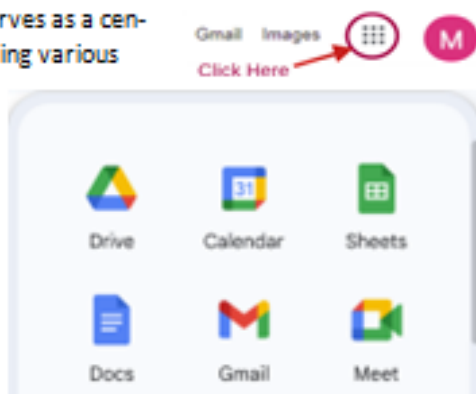
In the July 2024 Highline Newsletter, part 1 we explored navigating the internet, logging in and switching between accounts to access BCHO Cloud resources through the Google Bar. I encourage you to review the Part 1 or scan the QR code to have a better understanding of using the Google Bar. Now, let's delve deeper into using the Google Launcher to access the specific BCHO Cloud services apps currently being used.

Introducing The Google Launcher

The Google Bar serves as a central hub for accessing various Google services.

Nestled within the bar is the Google Launcher, represented by a grid icon of nine squares (or dots) on the left-hand side. Clicking this icon opens a

menu showcasing all your available Google apps, including those integral to BCHO Cloud services.



The Launcher Window shows a menu of Apps

Accessing BCHO Cloud Apps Through the Launcher

As mentioned earlier, BCHO Cloud utilizes several Google Workspace apps. Here's how to access them using the Launcher:

1. From your favorite web browser go to www.google.com and look for the Google Bar in the upper right corner. Make sure you are logged in and the correct account is selected, (see part 1, or scan the QR code).
2. Locate the Launcher: Look for the grid icon on the left side of the Google Bar. Click on it.
3. Explore the Apps: The Launcher menu will display all your Google apps. You should see icons for:
 - **Google Drive:** A blue, green & yellow triangle representing cloud storage, allows you to access the BCHO Shared Drive.
 - **Google Sheets:** A green grid symbolizing spreadsheets, to report Volunteer Hours.
 - **Google Calendar:** A blue, green, yellow and red square with a date, used to have your chapter events listed in the Highline Newsletter and on the website.
 - **Google Meet:** A blue, yellow, green & red Camera used for on-line video meetings or conference calls.

- **Google Docs:** A blue document icon for creating and editing text documents.

4. Launch the App: Click on the icon for the desired BCHO Cloud service. This will launch the app in a new browser tab, allowing you to access your files, create documents, or manage your schedule within the familiar Google Workspace interface.

Launcher Features

The Google Launcher offers several advantages when accessing BCHO Cloud services:

- **Centralized Location:** Having all your Google apps, including BCHO Cloud essentials, in one place.
- **Quick Access:** The Launcher provides a single click solution for opening your BCHO Cloud tools.
- **Visual Cues:** The app icons act as visual cues, making it easy to identify the tool you need at a glance.

Customizing the Launcher

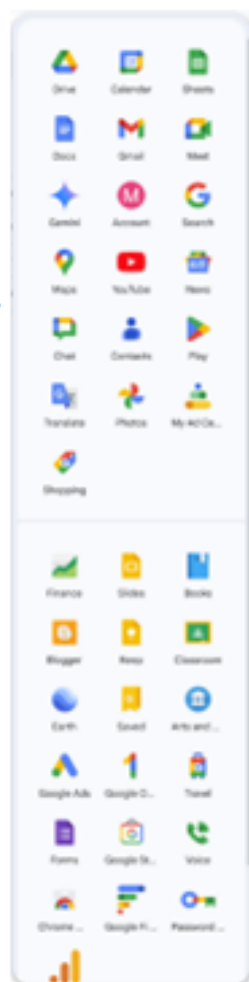
The Google Launcher allows some degree of personalization. Here's how to adjust it for your convenience:

1. **Pin Frequently Used Apps:** Click and hold on the icon of an app you use often. Drag it to the top row of the Launcher menu. This pins the app for easier access.
2. **Unpin Unused Apps:** Hold down an app icon you rarely use and drag it out of the Launcher menu. This removes it from your view, decluttering your app list.

Pinning and unpinning only affects the Launcher's view. All your Google apps remain accessible, even if not pinned.

Conclusion

By mastering the Google Bar and its Launcher, you can efficiently navigate BCHO Cloud services. This two-part guide has equipped you with the knowledge to explore the internet, access Google services, manage multiple accounts, and leverage the Google Launcher for a streamlined BCHO Cloud experience. Happy collaborating!





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White Fish Teamwork

By: Becky Hope

In the fall of last year, Pat Marquis BCH and OET member contacted the Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, hoping to get a crew of men to help log out the trails around White Fish Horse camp a very nice horse camp with nowhere to ride due to the trail no being open. They had not been substantially cleared for over 5 years. Upon gathering information, we found out that some of the trails might have over 200 hundred trees down on them. It became clear that this was not going to be a one person or one group fix to do this work. It was agreed that the Local Central OET chapter, East Cascade BCHO chapter and Emerald Empire BCHO chapter (West side chapter) would take this on as a joint project for the summer of 2024. With this much energy, the Forest Service also got energized and started working on the trails that they could get to as the snow melted.



Picture of: Patrick Ahern

We set up three different project dates with three days each. We were able to utilize the horse camp for free thanks to the concessionaires and arrangements by the Forest Service. We went out logging trails in every direction. The first ones worked closer from the camp; the later ones had to ride further before starting to log trails out. But in the end, we not only got two big loops opened out but we were able to log the trail from White Fish over to Pengra Pass (Trapper Creek trail) to the PCT. Finished while Emerald chapter was logging out the PCT trails later in July. These are all the trails we got logged out; Whitefish (Trapper Creek) 3842, Metolius-Windigo (99), Pretty Lake (3848), Fawn Lake (3844), Crater Butte (3844), Windy Lakes (3850), Summit Lake (3846), Oldenburg

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Lake (3845) this last year. The great news is there are even more trails from this area that need opening. This took over four separate projects (minimum 3 days) each by each group to get this accomplished.

BCHO wants to thank the members of Emerald Empire Chapter of BCHO, East Cascade of BCHO, Central Oregon chapter of Oregon Equestrians Trails for their hard work. Patrick Ahern did a lot of work in addition to being a great Ambassador for the Forest Service.



While we tackled the log outs, Patrick was able to join us for some rides on our stock. Thanks to Erick Amstad for his

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BCHO's Wilderness Skills Rendezvous

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

*****Attention all Members*****

Join the Brainstorming Session to Shape Our Best Event Yet!!!

The committee is just getting started with the Ideas and how to implement them, but we really need your help and engagement to make the event an over-the-top success!!!

Please put this on your agenda for the next Chapter meeting then email a committee member with your chapter's thoughts and ideas. Perhaps there is a skill you would like to share and or demonstrate as a person or as a chapter at the Rendezvous. We are also looking for ideas of something you would like to learn as well as trainers, vendors, and entertainment ideas.

The committee's Ideas so far:

- Setting up wilderness camp using Light on The Land techniques, find this camp using map and GPS techniques.
- Wilderness First Aid techniques for Horses and humans, with available Vets as speakers.
- Hunting camp examples
- Teaching Map and GPS techniques with Practice.
- Bring your own stock Corrals and highlining available
- Large animal Rescue techniques
- Leather and Saddle Repair kits
- Drone and Mountain-E bikes exposure
- Lightweight Horse packing
- Trail Books

Please email any of the committee members.

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Becky Hope , 6fhope@gmail.com



*Whether you're bursting with fresh ideas
or just want to lend a hand,
your input is invaluable.*

Let's make this a trailblazing success!

BCHO HIGHLIGHTS OUR HISTORY AND SUPPORTS THE PROCESS OF MAINTAINING THE SANTIAM WAGON ROAD

ON THE LAST SATURDAY IN SEPT 2024 OVER 10



MEMBERS OF BCHO WORKED WITH CASCADE VOLUNTEERS AND THE WILLAMETTE FOREST SERVICE HELPED PUT ON A SANTIAM WAGON ROAD EXHIBITION. SEV-



ERAL MEETINGS, LOTS OF PHONE CALLS, LOTS OF WALKING AND HARD WORK FROM THE VOLUNTEERS WITH CAS-

CADE VOLUNTEERS. WE GOT OVER 4 MILES OF SANTIAM WAGON ROAD LOGGED OUT. 153 PEOPLE CAME TO VIEW VINTAGE CARS, PACKING



DEMONSTRATIONS, NATIVE ARTISTRY, VINTAGE WAGONS WITH RIDES. THEY WERE ENTERTAINED BY ACTORS PORTRAYING OUR FIRST FOREST SERVICE PIONEERS, STORIES OF SWR. THEY GOT TO TOUR THE FISH LAKE PACKING REMOUNT STATION



IN HOW IT HAD BEEN UTILIZED. WE ALL GOT TO VIEW HOW BEAUTIFUL THE FISH LAKE MEADOWS ARE DURING THE FALL SEASON &



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coordinating efforts and William Kujawa for putting recreational staff on some of this project. This resulted in hundreds of hours of Volunteer effort. I am working on getting the total miles of wilderness trails we got open.

We also are working on a better working relationship with concessionaires with the efforts of the Forest Service staff. Please know that a lot was accomplished by the hard work of many folks and done safely. We had many good Crew leaders and cross cut saw Certified sawyers. A couple were even men. Hopefully we will be a better position next year to log out even more of this area this next year.



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VERY SPECIAL TIME YEAR. IT WAS QUITE THRILLING TO BE ABLE TO RIDE THIS SPECIAL PLACE. THERE IS A LOVELY DISPERSED CAMPING AREA WITH PLENTY OF ROOM TO HIGH-LINE/CAMP NEARBY. WANT TO THANK THE HARD WORK DONE BY PHIL HUFSTADER WHO HELPED BRING THIS TOGETHER BALANCING SAFETY, PROTECTION OF FISH



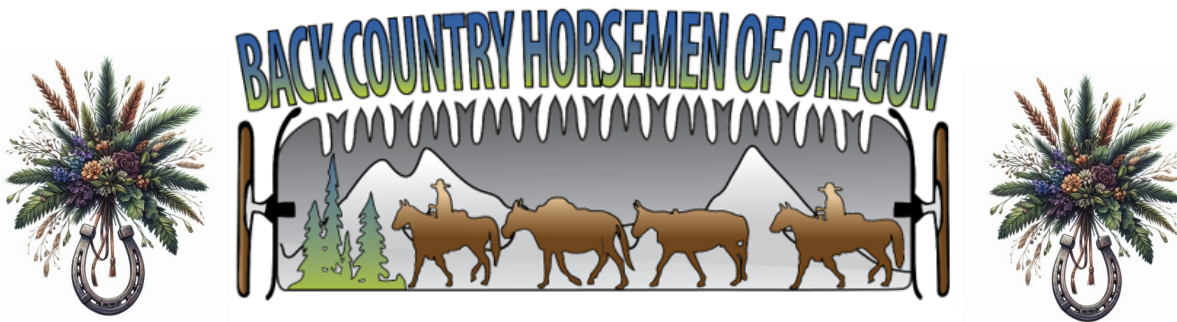
LAKE STATION, GETTING OUT THE NEED TO REHAB THE SAN-TIAM WAGON ROAD. THANKS TO CHIP COKER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CASCADE VOLUNTEERS FOR HIS VISION. THE HARD WORK DONE BY JOEY LAQUINTO, STACY RUDISILL AS CASCADE VOLUNTEERS STAFF MEMBERS. THE



MANY VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED PUT THIS ON. MANY OF US TAKING UP TO 3-5 FULL DAYS TO PULL THIS EVENT TOGETHER. SPECIAL THANK YOU OUT TO



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BCHO Activities Schedule 2024-2025

December 4-5 Oregon Outdoor Recreational Trails Summit hosted by Oregon Trails Coalition for agenda and subjects please follow this link. <https://www.oregontrailscoalition.org/summit> BCHO will be delivering a Video program on the importance of stock to our wilderness trail systems.

March 15 BCHO state board meeting everybody welcome 10 am at Prineville Library

March 21-23 NW Horse Fair expo

<https://equinepromotions.net/northwest-horse-fair/event-details/>

Territorial Riders, West Cascade, and Emerald Empire chapters will be presenting what involved with going into the Wilderness with your horse and how to do it safely.

April 13-16 National BCHA meeting at Prescott Arizona <https://www.bcha.org/>

May 3rd BCHO state Board Meeting/Annual meeting everybody welcome 10 am at Prineville Library. This will be our annual membership meeting. With our Rendezvous being at a separate date.

May 30, 31 and June 1, 2025

Wilderness Skills Rendezvous. Bring your skills, your educational needs, share your favorite Vendors. Let us know your ideas and thoughts beforehand so we can tailor this to you. Already in the works, Wilderness camp, GPS and Map course, Wilderness first aid for humans and equines, light weight packing. Help us get the word out on this.

Location: Sister's Cow Camp Bring your horse and camp. Please contact the Rendezvous committee at 6fhope@gmail.com or 541-337-3138

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CASEY HUFSTADER, ERICA TALLERDAY, CODY HUFSTADER, LAURIE AND TOM MARQUETTE AND LINDA WALKER FOR THEIR TIME AND ENERGY HIGHLIGHTING HORSE PACKING AND WAGON DRIVING. MATT HOPE, SONYA MARGERUM, JEAN CLANCEY, JEANETTE BANDNER, FOR THEIR HARD WORK THREE DAYS RUNNING.



See You At The Summit By Dan Dahlke

See You At The Summit is a program developed by a Portland nurse to provide teenagers with cancer

the opportunity to experience the outdoors while dealing with their cancer. Many of the kids are actively receiving treatment during this time. This program requires dozens of volunteers to include doctors, nurses and specialists to ensure the kids are doing ok during this time. Other volunteers

provide logistical support. It is an 8 day program where kids get to hike and swim and camp in the outdoors in central Oregon with other kids with cancer. They staged themselves at Todd Lake for the adventure. The first days of hiking is to prepare them for the last big hike – up to No Name Lake near Broken Top for an overnight camp. The program organizer again came to us for pack support to minimize the amount of gear the kids had to carry. In previous years, we were asked to only pack the gear in, with the kids and staff bringing it back down with them. This year we were asked to pack the gear in and to bring it back down. Smoke from nearby fires put the kids climb in jeopardy as the Air Quality Index was getting into the higher levels in the days prior to their final climb. Fortunately the winds shifted, allowing the trip to take place. Members of the Territorial Riders that provided pack support included Darlyne Wells, William Jones and Dan Dahlke. In addition, equine trail friends Laura Stutesman and Sandi Imlay provided significant support for the pack trip.



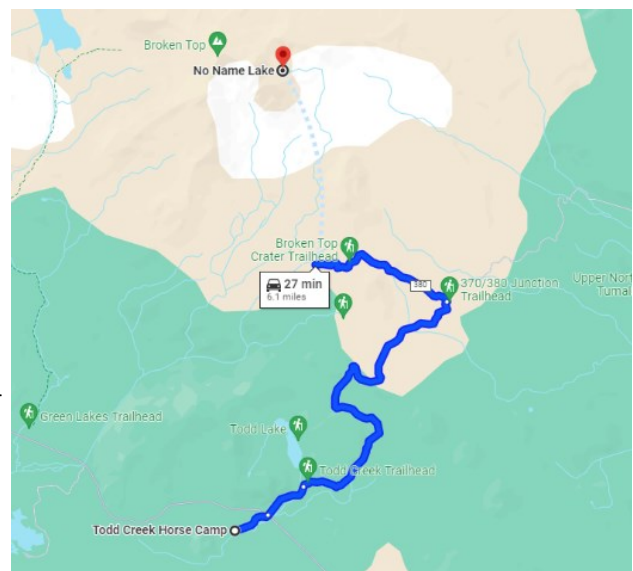
Dan, Laura and Sandi met at Todd Lake Horse Camp in the early morning of July 23 to pack to items to be taken up to the campsite.

Part of the pack team ready to head out to the summit

Once everything was packed, we started out from Todd Lake Horse Camp on the Met-Win trail. We traveled a little

over 5 miles to get to the 380 junction and took the road over to the trail to get to the Broken Top Trailhead.

Unlike previous times on the trail, we ran into snow at the lower elevations along with some downed logs and large limbs we needed to negotiate around. We also ran into about 12 mountain bikers on the trail. All were very courteous and interested in what we were doing. Once we got to the Broken Top Trailhead, we headed up the final trail to get us to the No Name Lake area destination. We needed and received special permission from the Forest Service to



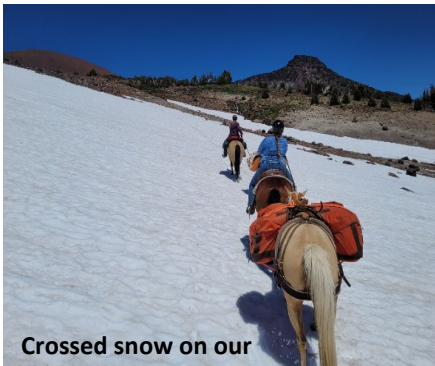
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take horses on this trail as it has a fragile ecosystem. The final trek is about 2 miles. Less than one mile up the final trail we sighted the kids hiking along the trail. We met up with them about a mile out from the destination. After talking with the kids and staff, we made our way up to the drop off site. Along the way, we ran into a large snow field to cross. Despite the depth of the snow in places, the horses had no issues getting across.



Seeing the kids in the dis-



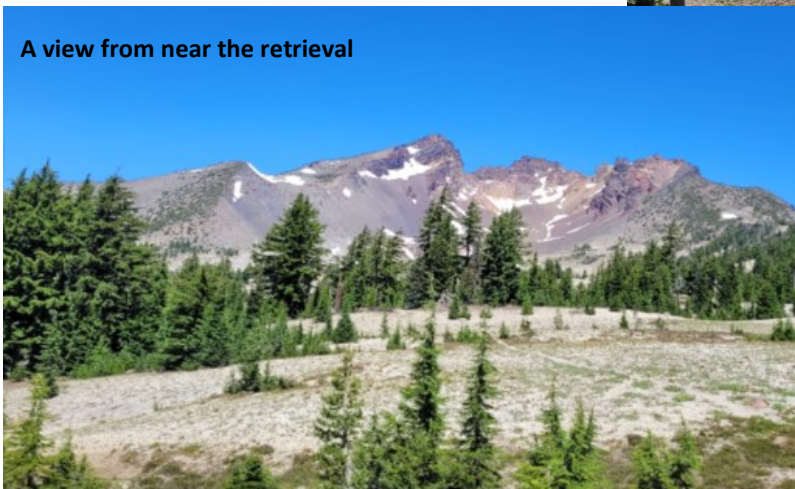
Crossed snow on our

We made our way to the site, which was about ¼ mile away from No Name Lake, where we were met by other support staff. After unpacking the supplies, we had lunch overlooking the area. At this time we had not sighted the kids and staff. Following lunch, we

packed up our gear for the return trip. We finished our descent back to Todd Lake Horse camp, getting back around 5 PM. In all, the round trip was about 17.5 miles with an 1800 ft elevation gain to the summit



A view from the campsite area



A view from near the retrieval

camp area. On the morning of the 24 th , Darlyne and William headed up the same route taken the previous day to retrieve the gear.

Fortunately the weather held. Once they got back to Todd Lake Horse camp, they contacted the summit crew to pick up the gear. As the pictures show, the days were beautiful for the pack rides and this help

make it a very successful pack trip.

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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, kayaks, 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

October

Date	Time	Chapter Cal.	Event Title	Location	Description
Oct 26-27		Hight Desert Trail Riders	HDTR Fourmile Lake Corral build & gravel placement	Fourmile Lake Fort Klamath, OR	Fourmile Corrals Gravel project! We are in need of members to help build the final corral set up at Four Mile Lake, Please RSVP with Betty (541-891-8220).
Oct 27	09:00AM - 12:00PM	Public Equestrian Events	WP Public Hood River Family Man Staging Area wp	Family Man Staging Area, Riordan Hill Dr, Hood River, OR 97031	All you need is long pants, gloves and loppers ~ help get this new trail system going!!

December

Dec 8	02:00PM - 05:00PM	Columbia Gorge BCH Chapter	Columbia Gorge Christmas party	Hood River Saddle Club, 4384 Belmont Dr, Hood River, OR 97031	
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March

Mar 1	09:00AM - 03:00PM	Emerald Empire BCH Chapter	Emerald BCHO-Baker Beach	Baker Beach, Oregon 97439	
Mar 15	08:00AM - 01:30PM	Public Equestrian Events	Clackamas 4-H Tack Sale	694 NE 4th Ave, 694 Northeast 4th Avenue, Canby, OR 97013	The sale includes new and used tack as well as other horse-related items. Parking \$5, admission is \$1 per person.
Mar 15	09:00AM - 03:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO Board Meeting	Crook County Library, 175 NW Meadow Lakes Dr, Prineville, OR 97754	
Mar 21-24		BCHO State Calendar	BCHO NW Horse Fair and Expo	Linn County Fair, 3700 Knox Butte Rd E, Albany, OR 97322	

May

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 31-1	09:00AM - 04:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO Rendezvous	Sisters Cow Camp, Forest Service Rd 15, Sisters, OR 97759	

September

September 20	10:00AM - 03:00PM	BCHO State Calendar	BCHO Board Meeting	Pleasant Hill Community Center, 36386 OR-58, Pleasant Hill, OR 97455	
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October

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 sale includes new and used tack as well as other horse-related items. Parking \$5, admission is \$1 per person.
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Please verify the event details with the listed contact.

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This year, 6 kids were able to make the trip to the summit. In addition, at least another 12-15 medical professionals and volunteers give of their time to make this a great success.

Plans are already started for next year, with tentative dates of 14 and 15 July, 2025 for the next trip.

We will be there to provide support again.



Making snow angels at the summit



Picture of the kids at the summit



The kids and members of the support staff at No Name Lake

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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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The Purpose of Back Country Horsemen of Oregon

Back
Country
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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



“Dues have increased \$5”

Membership Reminder

Fellow Back Country Horsemen of Oregon,

It is that time again to renew our annual memberships. September 1 st marked the date when renewal began for the 2025 year! Please note, BCHO now encourages members to either join BCHO or renew your membership online at <https://www.bcho.org/membership-form/>. BCHA increased membership dues by \$5 per membership and BCHO is passing that increase to the membership, so due will be \$5 higher this year. 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 2024, your 2025 membership will be retroactive for 2024 too! 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

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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PO Box 488

Colton, OR 97017

membership@bcho.org, 503-314-7712(C)



Membership Application

(you can now fill out your Membership On-line at 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)

(City) (State) (ZIP)

(Telephone)

(Email)

(Please check one)

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/

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbia Gorge, Hood River | <input type="checkbox"/> Steens, South East Oregon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Cascades, Bend | <input type="checkbox"/> Sourdough, South West Oregon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emerald Empire, Eugene | <input type="checkbox"/> Territorial Riders, Oregon City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Country Wilderness Packers | <input type="checkbox"/> West Cascade BCH, Salem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Desert Trail Riders Falls area | <input type="checkbox"/> Member At Large |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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



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)

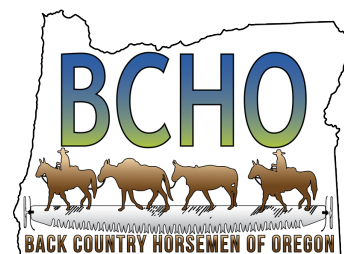
Liability Release: Recognizing the fact that there is a potential for an accident where ever horse use is involved, which can cause injuries to horses, riders and spectators, and also recognizing that Back Country Horsemen of Oregon, Inc., including its chapters, officers, directors and /or members cannot 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.

*Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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



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