



President's Message

Fall 2023

As the leaves begin to fall, it is time to renew your membership in BCHW Peninsula Chapter. The past year has been one of many accomplishments including miles of trail maintenance, informative and entertaining programs, a successful fundraiser, the prize ride, the first youth trail clinic, plus many opportunities for member fellowship. It is a good time to remind all of us of the benefits of being part of the national (BCHA) and state (BCHW) organizations: 501C3 status, liability insurance, legislative lobbying, access to trail information and conditions, educational resources and services, financial and grant support, geographically diverse membership and much more. I asked this question last year and will ask again. So "What's in it for you?"

Here are a wide range of benefits available to you as a member:

- Make a lasting difference – save and keep trails open for all
- Give back, pay it forward – be part of a national and state movement
- Be part of a supportive group with a wealth of life and stock experience
- Be part of building new trails
- Learn the culinary secrets of delicious trail and camping food
- Help from a group of horsemen with hundreds of years of experience
- Access to resources for trails and riding
- Cultivating new friendships
- Lively and engaging programs – authors & clinicians
- Participate in annual BCHW Rendezvous
- Discounts at local stores
- Mentoring opportunities
- Connect with other organizations and individuals who are trail advocates and users
- Trail safety and Leave No Trace education
- Stock Disaster preparedness and emergency network resources
- Chapter-sponsored rides and campouts Other ??

In order for the Peninsula Chapter to continue its work, we need members and that means you. While I thank you for your past support, I urge you to renew and be part of a thriving organization that "Educates, Advocates, Recreates, and Moves Dirt." I look forward to personally welcoming you as a 2024 member and to sharing the trails with you next season, trails that we keep open!

Happy Trails,

Theresa
President

**(If you would be willing to "give it a try" and take on a small "job" get in touch with Theresa Percy or Kim Merrick. Thank you!)*